

NEUCHÂTEL CHURCH MAGAZINE – JULY/AUGUST 2009

SUMMER SERVICES

Services will be held as usual during July and on August 9th.

SUNDAY AUGUST 30th : ANNUAL PICNIC

Please reserve the date NOW and invite as many friends as you can, especially families!!! Plans are afoot to revitalise the Sunday School – a picnic party would be a great way to start it off!

The venue has not yet been finalised but will soon be announced in church and on the website.

NB There will be no evening service at Les Charmettes on August 30th

Thoughts from Roy and Mieke

First of all we hope and pray that you are enjoying a good summer break, with many opportunities to relax and be refreshed, just being able to take time to be and to be with the Sovereign Lord.

We have been greatly encouraged over these past few months by all the new people who have been coming to church and the desire of so many to learn how to put their faith into practice during their daily lives. It has also been great to see new children in the Junior Church and share in their enthusiasm. Long may all this continue.

Following up on our very productive 'Time to Think' on the 17th May, I have asked Jon Bright (LesBrights@SFR.fr) and Bill Packer (William.packer@lexmark.ch) to contact as many people as possible across the summer and to sound them out about the issues that arose from the day and come forward with a 1 page report in time for October.

The major areas that were identified can be broken down into broad groups relating to (1) the short to medium and (2) medium to long term.

Short to Medium Term (Bill Packer)

Survey of the potential congregation, events to attract people to find the church
Styles of worship and peoples' expectations

Time of the current services

Training of suitable local worship/ service leaders (see also the Long term)

Medium to Long term (Jon Bright)

Future leadership

Sources of income, could we have a 'House for Duty' minister?

Training of suitable local worship/ service leaders to assist future visiting Chaplain

Alternative venues for the services.

May I suggest that you think about these topics and feed back your thoughts to either Bill or Jon so that they can incorporate them into to their Action Plans. I hope and pray that the future of this church will be formed and owned by you and that together we discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to us about being church in Neuchâtel.

With all our love and prayers

Roy and Mieke

On June 14th, a good number of the congregation attended the 10.30 service at All Saints, Vevey, to celebrate the confirmation of Emma Packer by Bishop David.



It was a joyful and moving service in which about 15 people from Vevey and Lausanne pronounced with Emma their desire to live their lives with Jesus. We were all touched by Emma's testimony where she likened the Neuchâtel community to the family she had had to leave behind in England. Bishop David had an inspiring message for each of the candidates as he called them by name and, focussing on the meaning of their name, suggested a specific talent to develop for Jesus.

We could not come to Vevey without the traditional meal together at « our » restaurant, together with the Packer family complete with Grandad and Meg, Uncle John and other friends. Sadly, Karen's Mum was not well enough to make the journey. God bless her and Emma and all the family.

