



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

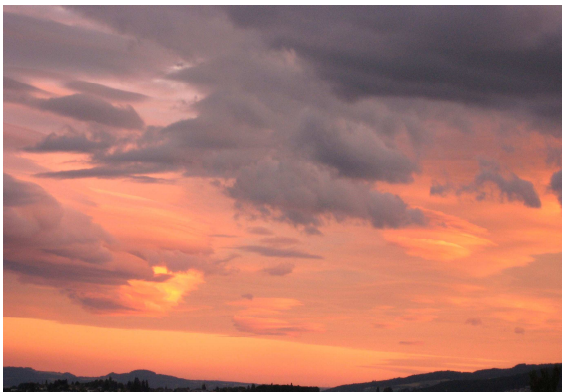


SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th at 5 pm

Our harvest gifts become ever more diversified and exciting each year extending far beyond the traditional fruit, vegetables, jams, wines, etc. Italian spaghetti, Cadbury's bars, mega-salamis, to name but a few. All is auctioned after the service and proceeds donated directly to Beryl Baker for her amazing work among the Indians in the Chaco region of Paraguay. Do come and join in the fun, and stay afterwards to a cheese and wine supper organised by the committee.

From Roy and Mieke

Last month I was thinking about the future life of our church in Neuchâtel and wondering what a future traveller might find here in a few years time.



But this month I have been surprised by joy by **ALL** that the Lord has been doing amongst us as a church.

The picture of the sky above Auvernier, which is so full of energy and movement, reminds me of the activity of the Lord amongst us.

There have been individual lives touched by the Holy Spirit in very deep and moving ways.

The Church Picnic at the end of August was a time of great celebration and great fun, especially for the kids and the poor innocent passers by who experienced the monkey story.

The discussion group 'Debate at Eight' has opened up a new way to explore our faith and the comments from the first group at the Alpha course about being the best approach since 'sliced bread' suggest that there is such energy and excitement in the church at this stage.

These events are all full expressions of being church, just as much as a service on a Sunday.

Our prayer is that this will continue as we grow and explore even more exciting ways of bringing the good news of the Kingdom to those around us.



Echos of the Church Council meeting held on September 9th

For some time, the council has been aware of the difficulties inherent to a service at 5pm for families with young children. As, for the present, we are fortunate in having a resident minister, we are seriously investigating the possibility of having one service a month at 10am. Junior Church would be organised during this service. If everything can be arranged with the other churches using the premises, we hope ring in the changes with the new year. **Watch this space!!!!!!**

To conform to the new Diocesan Child Protection policy, a document has been drawn up similar to that now in use at St Ursula's, Berne, which we were kindly permitted to use as a model. A Child Protection Officer will be elected to serve for a maximum of 3 years. Teachers and helpers are required to submit to the necessary checks and two people are always required to be present during the class. As the Junior Church team is still so small, a member of the congregation may often be asked to volunteer to accompany the children once in a while.