

NEUCHÂTEL CHURCH MAGAZINE – FEBRUARY 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Sunday April 18th after the (short) service

Important points will be discussed – make sure you're there!!

Do stay to a bring-and-share supper afterwards

BIBLE STUDY at Roy and Mieke's flat, 8 pm:
Tuesday April 20th
(No bible study on April 6th)

DEBATE @ EIGHT: at Roy and Mieke's flat, 8 pm
Sunday April 25th : **Fate, Destiny or Choice?**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Chapelle des Charmettes, Rue Varnoz 2

1st April at 7 pm: Maundy Thursday, Agape – a simple meal, shared in remembrance of the friends last supper with Jesus.

2nd April at 5 pm: Good Friday "Voices around the Cross"

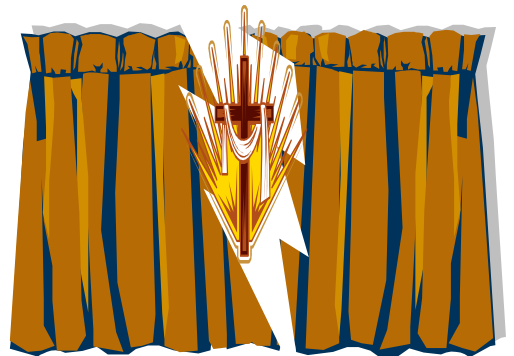
4th April at 10 am: EASTER FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

From Roy and Mieke

Matthew records one of the most beautiful verses in the gospel records concerning the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Chapter 27 verse 51 Matthew says, "*At that moment (the death of Jesus) the curtain of the temple was torn in two*

from top to bottom." That barrier between the creator and his created had been removed for all of eternity; the way to the presence of the Father was now completely open.

The joy of the Easter faith is that we can come directly to God through the victory of Jesus Christ. We need NO intermediary, no priest, no advocate, no



special dispensation, no special ritual; we can come to God as Father and stand joyously in his presence clothed in the love of Jesus.

What a freedom, what a privilege was won for us by the obedience of the Lord Jesus.

In our services at Easter we often cry out "*Christ is Risen---He is Risen indeed*". This is no mantra, this is the very heart of the great plan of salvation, and we again can run into the presence of the Father and be his children.

BUT this freedom demands our service and commitment to Him, you are not your own you have been bought with a price. The lives that we live day by day are to glorify and serve our risen Master, our aims, thoughts, motives and actions should be to tell this world what God has done for us.

Let us challenge this world about us; let us burn with the desire to spread the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom all around us.



We shall be gathering after church service on the 18th April to hold our *Annual General Meeting*.

Please make every effort to be there, to listen to the wonderful things God has been doing amongst us, to consider the future plans for the church, to pray about the future pattern of ministry.

Big changes must take place in the coming twelve months and we need to have all the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as to the direction the church should take.

ECHOS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met on March 4th where the future was our main pre-occupation. We may have to find new premises (depending on decisions taken by the Swiss church) and Roy will not be at Neuchâtel forever. These questions will be more fully discussed at the AGM.

The website is being overhauled and up-dated. I would welcome suggestions, especially from newcomers. What's missing on the site for you?

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