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In Focus...

Ruth Halley B.D. (Hons.)



It was a pleasure for the congregation to have preaching on Sunday 18th July, Ruth Halley from the Church of Scotland. Ruth, the niece of Moira Kierlinger, and her husband, Ken, were on holidays and Ruth, had graciously accepted the invitation to preach the Sunday she was in Seeham. Ruth will spend 2010/11 doing her 'probation period' at Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh which is known to many because of the story of Greyfriars Bobby. After this Ruth will move to her own Parish in Scotland. We thank Ruth and Ken and ask God's blessing for their future.

Inspiring words

*Watch your thoughts, for they become words;
Watch your words, for they become actions;
Watch your actions, for they become character;
Watch your character, for it becomes destiny.*

SICC CALENDER

Weekly Events

- Sunday: **Worship** at 11am
followed by coffee time
- Wednesday: **Women's Bible Study**, 2.30pm,
Navisotschnig, Am Römerstein 10,
5071 Wals-Himmelreich, Bus 2
- Thursday: **„Sacred Space“** Lunch, 1pm,
at the Mozarteum Cafe

Events in July

Special TV programme: on the 28.7.2010 at 23.30 h ARD will show a documentary "Mission Impossible?" It will focus on Missionaries caught "in the cross fire." In this documentary, three projects in Cambodia will be presented. One of these projects is supported by "Bread for the Hungry" and is about former forced prostitutes (AFESIP Fair Fashion).

The final concert in our Benefit concert series will be held **Friday, July 30**, 7:00 pm in Christuskirche. Yvonne Douthat, mezzo-soprano, together with Esther Jane Hardenbergh, soprano (Univ. of Miami), Robert Dundas, tenor (Florida Internat'l Univ.), John Thomasson, bass (Florida Southern Univ.), and Thérèse Lindquist, piano (Univ. Mozarteum) present an evening of Schumann Lieder, duets and quartets.

Life at SICC

We have received word that Erla Björg Káradóttir and Kjartan Ólafsson have become



parents again following the birth of their second daughter Monday, 15th July at 21:35. Everything went well and all are very happy. Anna is really excited about her sister as you can note from the lovely photo. We rejoice with them and pray

for God's rich blessings for the family.



Hello to everyone, this is Stefan!

Right now I'm living in Hamm with my mum and family and I really enjoy the 'no stress'. In August I will participate in the 'Bayreuther Festspiele' as stipendiary (scholarship of Richard-Wagner Stipendienstiftung) and attend

different master classes. I will continue my studies at the Music University Cologne in October and, at least once a month, return to Salzburg for an additional week of studies there (courses in classical guitar, lute, modern music, chamber music, etc.) I'll finish my studies in Cologne June next year with two diplomas. I plan to study to achieve a Master of Music (M.M.) degree and maybe I will apply to the Fulbright Programm and study in the US.

I really enjoyed time in Salzburg and I'm deeply grateful for being part of the congregation. For me it was a change to live in Salzburg and through the



congregation I felt at home. It was and still is a great pleasure and also a gift to meet warmhearted and open-minded people, to feel welcome; to feel community; to become friends and to live faith together! Services were different in comparison to services I had attended before. I love the convivial and emotional character! Often I was deeply touched during the service and this was a wonderful experience.

I'm very thankful and I'm looking forward to see you at the end of September!

All the best!

Stefan

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Lutherans from around the world are converging on the German city of Stuttgart for the 11th Assembly of The Lutheran World Federation, where they will be addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. Archbishop Williams, is the spiritual leader of the 78-million-strong Anglican Communion. The Geneva-based LWF comprises 140 member churches in 79 countries, representing more than 70 million Christians, and it is expecting an estimated 1000 people, including 418 delegates from Lutheran churches, to participate in the Stuttgart assembly.



Jottings from the Pastor's Desk

What are we thankful for? Ponder this poem ...

'I'm Thankful'

I'm thankful now for so many things,
I cannot count them all,
I'm thankful for each season sent
With blessings great and small.



I'm thankful for the robin's song
Oh, how it cheers me so.
I'm thankful for the sacred text
That helps my faith to grow.

For home, family and friends,
For measure of good health.
I'm thankful for this freedom's land
That I treasure more than wealth.

For harvest yield year after year
Rich bounty from God's hand
For grain and fruit and vegetables
Sold at the country stand.



I'm thankful for the kindly folk
I meet along life's way
Who always find the time
To brighten someone's day.

So many things I'm thankful for
Too many to recall
I'm thankful to our God above,
The Giver of them all.



Kay Hoffman

God bless,

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