



St. Michael's Church
Thuringia

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Newsletter of the Anglican-Episcopal Ministry in Thuringia

A Message from Father Scott:

*For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are
one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12*

In chapter 12 of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, he uses a wonderful image of the church as the Body of Christ. This image stresses that a congregation or "group" is more than the sum of a bunch of individuals. Instead, being the Body of Christ means being interconnected and interdependent on each other. It also stresses that the unique gifts each and every one of us possess is an essential and needed part of the entire body. Some gifts appear to be more important because they are so visible. It is easy to think that without a preacher, there would be no church. It is true that preaching and worship is something that distinguishes us from any other club. Yes, it is essential. This, however, isn't everything. Without others helping to plan, organize, keep lists, create newsletters, create music, manage our finances, engage in dialogue with other churches and institutions, etc., we could not be the St. Michael's we have become so far. If

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Happy New Year

2023!

Services in Weimar:

Kreuzkirche (W.-Shakespeare-Str. 13, 99423 Weimar)

Monday, 09 January	Evening Worship*	18:00h
Saturday, 28 January	Eucharist*	17:00h
Monday, 06 February	Evening Worship*	18:00h
with the Rev. Graeme Richardson		
Saturday, 25 February	Eucharist*	17:00h
Monday, 13 March	Evening Worship*	18:00h
Saturday, 25 March	Eucharist*	17:00h

*Please note: All services are subject to cancellation or change. Please check our website at: www.stmichaelschurch.de or our Facebook site at: [episcopal.anglican.church.thuringia.weimar.erfurt](https://www.facebook.com/episcopal.anglican.church.thuringia.weimar.erfurt) for the latest information.

Services in Erfurt:

Augustinerkirche (Augustinerstr. 10, 99084 Erfurt)

Every Thursday Evening Worship* 18:00h

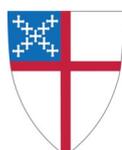
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Salvation Approaching

Awake, ye saints, and raise your eyes,
And raise your voices high;
Away, and praise that sov'reign love,
That shows salvation nigh.

On all the wings of time it flies,
Each moment brings it near;
Then welcome each declining day,
Welcome each closing year.

Ye wheels of nature, speed your course!
Ye mortal powers, decay!
Fast as ye bring the night of death,
Ye bring eternal day,

O Gather, here our hearts we raise
To Thee in heav'n above;
And at the year's swift close we praise
Thy providence and love.

-Philip Doddridge. First Publication, 1755-

The Old Catholic community of Thuringia, our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion, celebrate the Eucharist in German on a regular basis.

Please contact Moray Patterson for more information.

Services in the Kreuzkirche in Weimar:

Saturday, 21 January	17:00h
Saturday, 11 February	17:00h
Saturday, 11 March	17:00h

Services in the Michaeliskirche in Erfurt:

Sunday, 08 January	17:00h
Sunday, 26 February	17:00h
Sunday, 26 March	17:00h

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it were only someone preaching and some people gathering for worship, then it would be great but it would not be a full expression of all our gifts, which I believe God wants to encourage us to share for the needs of the world. I am thankful for our differences and look forward to getting to know your gifts and ideas for St. Michael's as we move into another calendar year together. I wish you a blessed 2023 as a member of the body of Christ and specifically a valued member of our community. - Fr. Scott+

Words from the Bishop's Committee:

Laurie Gibson, Senior Warden/Secretary

No one can do everything but everyone can do something! What a great motto for a small and growing community. Much like "it takes a village" the motto makes us aware of all the little things that go into an end result. Whether a person, an event, a project, or a product, when all is finished, we tend to forget how many small steps were responsible for the final outcome.

One of the most important lessons from my last term in the Bishop's Committee was that each of us is a small stepping stone in the road we are paving together. As such, you may be blessed with a talent which may seem irrelevant to you, but could be an incredible help in making the road a bit less rocky. In the new year, I would like to take a look at those hidden talents and explore how a small stepping stone can make a big difference in doing the work God has planned for us all. So, that little light of yours?...Let it shine!

Moray Patterson, Junior Warden

During the last two years, in which I have served St. Michael's Church as Senior Warden, I have found it rewarding to help build up and consolidate our English-speaking Christian community here in Thuringia. Following the difficulties caused by the Pandemic, we are now moving forward again; and it is exciting to welcome new faces and to offer different forms of worship. St. Michael's Church has become well known and respected in Thuringia through our ecumenical involvement with other churches. I would like to thank all those who, by their dedicated efforts, have contributed to this success. As St. Paul says, it takes many talents to make a Christian community thrive. Let us hope and pray that ours continues to do so in the future.

Jayne Obst, Treasurer

Living and learning: That is probably the best description of the last two years in the BC of St. Michael's. Not only did we have to learn the ropes of building up a community of people who want to worship and enjoy the company of others in English, we also had to navigate our way around the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, to which we now belong. This experience has been enriching for me because I was able to explore my own capabilities and those of the others in the BC, feel the trust invested in us by the Convocation, and deepen my own relationship with God. It wasn't always easy but growing never is. I am reminded of our last Annual General Meeting and Father Scott's comparison of our young mission with an infant that must learn how to talk, walk, go through adolescence, and one day mature to adulthood. My wish for 2023 is that more people are inspired to become involved in this exciting process of nurturing and fostering our young mission, so that we continue to grow and mature.

Mackenzie Lake, Member at Large

Mackenzie is doing her doctoral work at the University in Jena and works at the Buchenwald Memorial. We are very happy and grateful for her contributions to the the Bishop's Committee.

*No one
can whistle a symphony.
It takes a whole orchestra to play it.*

-Halford E. Luccock-

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