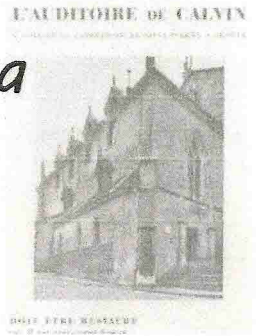




Church of Scotland Geneva

Auditoire de Calvin

Newsletter June 2017



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter- my first (and perhaps last!) as editor. A huge thank you to all the people who have contributed articles for the newsletter- all received by the appointed date. Just to whet your appetite we have news from the youth groups, news about former members and their families, notices of events coming up, fund-raising events and of course a word from our minister.

Lindy Twaddle

Letter from the Minister:

Going away on holiday is a pretty good feeling!
Coming home is even better!

A week in the Dordogne – with dear friends and cheap lunches - was a wonderful time, and France unfolded its charms with its usual flair. Pretty village followed pretty village, and each one had its own delights to share...not the least being the discovery that you could have a delicious three course lunch... for the price of a gin and tonic on the Grande Rue!

But the feeling of coming home was strong – and it was maybe surprising that after only a few months



Geneva should feel so much like home – and so good to come back to.

I had missed the church – its worship and its people, and it was no hardship at to drive back the long kilometres till that first sign for Grand Saconnex!

The first service back was the Sunday School and Youth Group celebration of their previous year of study and sharing – and there was a real buzz about the church that morning. Even the appearance of the guitar at the front – played with his usual brass neck by the minister, did not dampen the sense of joy in our togetherness – and our appreciation of the place of the children and the young folk within our church family. Nurturing them in the faith,

including them in the embrace of our love -and watching them grow – these are integral to our ministry here, and the Auditoire and its people will, we hope and pray, be very influential in shaping the lives and the faith of each new generation. This is our gift and our calling and we are glad to serve in this way.

At the same time, we seek to fulfil our shared ministry to all ages and stages – and not least to the newcomer, the visitor, the fragile and the hurting.

The Caring for others Group is keen to emphasise that this is a work we all share in – through the welcome we offer, the interest we take, the willingness we demonstrate - to include, watch out for and learn to love, the whole congregation, and all the people who come within our care and call for our generosity of heart. That means noticing who might be missing, making sure no one is left to stand around like a tooth-brush because no one is talking to them, and our being willing to go the second mile in support, hospitality and love. Then we will truly be a church family – and people will know that we are Christ's people, because we love one another.

Blessings and love as always

Laurence Twaddle

Important Dates

27th August- BBQ Chez Bruce

Youth Group starts again- 3rd September

4th November- Scottish Fair

