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SWISS CHURCHES IN LONDON

New Times and Places

The Swiss Church in London has its own Church at Endell Street, used by both Protestant Communities for their youth activities, their ladies' meetings and other meetings. Unfortunately, Sundays are not as easy, and so far, the German-speaking Community has been using some other church, usually a City Church. For a number of years, it was St. Mary Woolnoth. Unfortunately, accommodation for social gatherings after evening services became increasingly inadequate, and a new church had to be found. The Church of St. Mary-le-Bow in Cheapside with its Refectory Crypt seemed to answer the need, and services started last autumn. Unfortunately, the lessors made difficulties with regard to the use of the Crypt, and the German-speaking Parish Council had to find a new church, if attendance at evening services was not to fall even more due to lack of amenities for social gatherings afterwards.

To cut a long story short, the Church Assembly on 1st June accepted the solution which the four Ministers had worked out at the request of the Consistoire. Agreement was also reached with the Swiss Catholic Mission, and the new times and places are as follows as from Sunday, 29th June.

Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2.

Service in German: 10 a.m.

Service in French: 11.15 a.m.

St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1.

Service for Roman Catholic Community: 6.30 p.m.

Service for Protestant Community: **7.30 p.m**.

(followed by social gathering (both Communities) at Westminster Ballroom nearby).

All other times and places remain the same (see under Church Column).

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- Mrs. Boiteux-Langet (101), Aubonne, Vd, one of the first women teachers; for 15 years in Rhodesia.
- Paul Genevaz (100), Mont-la-Ville, Vd, one of the oldest inhabitants in the Canton of Vaud; he and his wife celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last year.
- Hans Etter (95), Guemligen, Berne, originally from the Thurgau, building engineer who joined the SBB in 1908 and rose to General Manager and President of the Board of the Swiss Federal Railways from 1930.
- Max Werner Friolet (47), Morat, lawyer and member of the General Council as well as of the Fribourg Cantona] Parliament.
- Ernst H. Schaub (77), Basle, former Cantonal Engineer of Basle.
- Walter Sterk (72), Basle, well-known musician and singer; creator and conductor of the famous Sterk'sche Privatochor; teacher of music also at Music School and Academy in Bienne and since 1948 at Basle Music Academy.

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