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PASTOR DIETLER'S FAREWELL SERVICE

The Swiss Church at Endell Street was packed on Sunday, 28th January, for Pastor Marcel Dietler's last service in ten years of Ministry in London. Pastor Dietler, who left Switzerland on the same day, presided over a healing ceremony. Whatever one may think of the theological orthodoxy of healing by laying-on of hands, it certainly exerted a powerful attraction on the parishioners of the Swiss protestant churches. After hearing a sermon during which Pastor Dietler reasserted his faith in the healing ministry of the church by mentioning living examples of providential miracles, at least three-quarters of the congregation knelt before the preacher, his two Protestant colleagues Pastors A. Nicod and D. Muller and Father A. Bossard, Chaplain of the Swiss Catholic Mission, for a health-giving blessing.

Pastor Dietler now begins a new ministry in Nidau, in the suburbs of Biel. His successor in London has not yet been named, and Pastor Uli Stefan, the suffragan minister, will for the time being take charge of the parish with the help of the other Swiss ministers in London.

CITY SWISS CLUB: Tuesday, 20th February, at the Dorchester Hotel (Park Suite). Mr. Bryant Godmin Irvine, M.P. Chairman of the Anglo-Swiss Parliamentary Group, speaks of the "various activities of an M.P. and what goes on in Parliament." 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER: Thursday, 22nd February, 1973, Grand Hotel, Manchester, at 20.15 p.m.: Annual General Meeting.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Thursday, 22nd February, 7 p.m. Film Show at Swiss Hostel for Girls; Thursday, 22nd March: AGM and Dinner; Friday, 30th March, CONCERT in aid of the Swiss Church, organised by the International Liszt Centre. Works by Mendelssohn, Telemann and Bach.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: AGM on 21st February, at 7.17 p.m. at Swiss House.

SCHWEIZERBUND: Friday 9th March, AGM at 18.00, Dinner at 19.30 at the Orpheus Luncheon Club, St. Mary-at-Hill, East Cheap, London E.C.3.

SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY: Friday, 23rd February, Dorchester Hotel, Annual Dinner.

SWISS CHURCH

SERVICES EN FRANÇAIS: à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches à 11h15 et 19h00.

PERMANENCE: chaque jeudi de 15h00 à dimanche du mois, matin et soir.

SAÏNTE-CENE: le premier et troisième 18h00.

REUNION DE QUARTIER: huit veillées en automne et au printemps: voir "Le Messager".

CLUB DES JEUNES: tous les dimanches de 12h00 à 22h30, tous les jeudis de 15h00 à 22h30.

REUNION DE COUTURE: le 2e mardi du mois.

LUNCH: tous les dimanches à 13h00.

VISITES: sur demande.

PASTEUR: A. Nicod, 7 Park View Road, London, N.3. Téléphone 01-346 5281.

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SERVICES IN GERMAN: at Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school takes place on the first and the third Sunday in the month for children of all age groups. Children assemble in the church with their parents who attend the normal Service. Services also at John Southworth Centre, 48 Gt. Peter Street, S.W.1 every Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION: every first Sunday of the month at evening service only. On major feasts at morning and evening services.

CONSULTATIONS: every Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Eglise Suisse.

DISTRICT GROUP S.E.21 and SERVICES OUTSIDE LONDON: see "Stimme."

"KONTAKT" (Youth Group): every Wednesday 4-10 p.m. at Eglise Suisse. Supper at 7 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: every first Tuesday of the month from 12 noon onwards at the Eglise Suisse.

MOTHER'S REUNION: third Wednesday in the month, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eglise Suisse.

VISITS: by request.

MINISTERS: Pfr. M. Dietler, 1, Womersley Road, N.8. Tel: 01-340 6018 and Pfr. U. Stefan, 3, Womersley Road, N.8. Tel: 01-340 9740.

SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION: John Southworth Centre, 48 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HA.

Sundays: Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m. with sermon in German, in the Club hall, ground floor. (2nd floor at the same time, Protestant service in German).

CONSULTATIONS AND CONFESSIONS: by appointment.

SERVICES EN FRANÇAIS: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, W.C.2, on Sundays, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, and 6.30 p.m.

SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB: Open every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. (48 Great Peter Street). Discussions, dance, lectures (with members of other denominations), Sunday services and refreshments. See programme "Die Stimme."

During the week: open according to programme of the English Youth Club.

RESIDENCE OF CHAPLAIN: Paul Bossard, Swiss Catholic Mission, 48 Great Peter Street, (2nd floor), London SW1P 2HA. Telephone: 01-222 2895

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