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## PRO JUVENTUTE HOLIDAYS

Every year PRO JUVENTUTE organises a holiday for children of Swiss nationality aged 7 to 15 and living in the U.K., provided there is sufficient demand. This year these holidays will start in the second half of July and are scheduled to finish at the end of August.

Various schemes are offered:

a) free board and lodging with Swiss families for a limited number of children (7 to 15 years of age) whose parents are unable to pay either the whole or part of the cost;

b) board and lodging at full or reduced prices in a recognised children's home for the 7- to 11-year-olds (exceptionally, 12-year-olds also);

c) holiday camps for children from 12 to 15 years old whose parents are in a position to pay the whole or part of the costs;

d) children (7 to 16 years old) who are in the happy position of being invited to stay with relations or friends in Switzerland are welcome to join the party for the journey both ways;

e) children in need of recreation facilities, special care or medical treatment may also be accepted on certain conditions.

In cases where parents would value such holidays for their children but are not even in a position to defray the cost of the journey, the Swiss Benevolent Society would endeavour to provide the necessary funds. A request to this effect should be included in the application, which should be sent in writing by *March 15th at the latest* to the Swiss Embassy, 16-18 Montagu Place, London, W1H 2BQ.

## PASTOR MARCEL DIETLER TO LEAVE LONDON

When this issue reaches readers, the Rev. Marcel Dietler, who has been for ten years Assistant Minister and then Minister of the German-speaking Swiss Church in London, will have given his last sermon from the pulpit of the Eglise Suisse in a healing service jointly held by the two Swiss Protestant parishes. This service was to take place on Sunday, 28th January at 11 a.m.

Marcel Dietler leaves us to continue his ministry in the highly active parish of Nidau, in the suburbs of Biel. There, he will lead a rather different kind of life with the four other ministers who are also attached to a parish which belongs to the Cantonal Church of Berne.

Endell Street was Marcel's first parish. He left a lasting impact on many members of the German-speaking community. He started valuable work with young Swiss married women and established in Britain and organised regular meetings for them.

The later stages of Marcel's ministry in London have been marked by what one can call a spiritual revival which was not unconnected with his renewed belief in the healing mission of the church. He has exercised this belief in a number of healing services which revived a tradition abandoned by the parish since the days of Pastor Claude Reverdin.

We wish him, his wife Vreni and his children the very best for this new phase of their life.



## MR. B. SIMON TO LEAVE MANCHESTER

Members of the Manchester Swiss Club have been informed in a circular letter of the imminent departure of their former President, Mr. Bernhard Simon, who for 15 years had been working with Geigy and then Ciba-Geigy at Manchester. Mr. Simon, who has been a pillar of the Swiss Colony of the North during these years will move to London where he will doubtless continue to be a valuable asset to Swiss business and to the Swiss community. We wish him, his wife and their children a most happy stay in the capital city.

## SWISS CHURCH

SERVICES EN FRANCAIS: 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.

SAINTE-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 FRANCAIS: 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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