

St Saviour's Episcopal Church

Wednesday Services

9.30 Toddler service - informal prayers and songs for pre-schoolers

11.00 Said Eucharist

Sunday Services

8.00 Said Eucharist

10.00 Sung Eucharist (Young Church and Crèche meet at the same time)

June

Sunday 8th June 18.30 Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th & 22nd 8.00 and 10.00
Jeannette Allan will be presiding at the services.

June 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Church Music

If you like good church music St Saviour's is the church for you. At the start of Christian Aid Week in May this year an ecumenical choral evensong was held in St Saviour's with a large choir containing some excellent voices. The music included the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis.

The choir is visiting Berlin to sing in the evening in St Georges, Berlin and in Marienkirche on September 14 (Holy Cross Day).

Sono una persona seria!

BY FRANCES HAMILTON

As my friends know, I am rather fond of all things Italian, so I was keen interview Claudio Menichetti (pronounced meniketti) for the *Bridge of Allan Times*.

He's the manager of Vecchia Bologna, the restaurant which has recently relocated to the spa building, Well Road (previously Chambo's/Kiplings) from the Walmer Hotel in Henderson Street.

My first impression was of a quiet, withdrawn individual - not what I was expecting of an Italian. But it must just have been the understandable reluctance to be interviewed, as Claudio became progressively more animated and emphatic about his life and beliefs as we talked.

Most remarkable was the discovery that his first career had been in the oil industry: he started as a driller, and worked in Africa, the Mediterranean, and the North Sea.

It was only in 1992, when oil exploration began to shrink, that he found himself in Bridge of Allan and started his new career in what was Nibbles (a.k.a. The Coffee Pot).

He is startlingly honest. "This (i.e. restaurant managing) is not my trade." But "cooking was always in the background," Claudio says. He learned the quintessential

spaghetti bolognese, as a child, from his mother, though the ingredients have changed from those early days when cheaper cuts of meat were used.

His mother, now 76, well-loved and respected, still lives in Bologna with his two sisters. I gather when she comes over to Bridge of Allan, she checks out and approves of the spaghetti bolognese!

The Italian sense of family still carries on at Vecchia Bologna. Claudio insists that his son and his wife are the people behind the success of the business: Marco is the restaurant manager, while Jan, his wife, is in charge behind the scenes, keeping it all together. "When we all drop it, (not literally)!" he says, "she picks it up."

Italian? No, Scottish! Even more remarkably, Claudio's father-in-law is Big Archie, previously of Archie's Pet Shop in Stirling. He is one of Claudio's favourite customers, "an unofficial quality control supervisor!", he says.

After, I promise, just a glass of iced water, it was time to leave, but I was stopped and heard a phrase which sums up Claudio Manichetti - "Sono una persona seria!" (I am a serious person). He was emphatic: "All I want to do is a good job!"

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Parish Church News

Once again Gillian is involved in a pulpit exchange with a minister from the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This year the exchange is with Revd Jay McKell, minister of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kansas City.

The exchange will last for five weeks and the congregation look forward to welcoming Revd McKell to the Church.

During his stay here in Bridge of Allan Revd McKell hopes to get to travel around Scotland throughout the week and even perhaps take trips further afield.

While he is here, Gillian will be conducting worship in his congregation, but also will be taking the opportunity to travel and meet up with old friends.

All are welcome every Sunday to join the congregation at the Parish Church.