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**ALBERT FERBER  
AT  
DEBUSSY COMMEMORATION**

**Cheers! To a memory**

They drank to the memory of Claude Debussy in London last night.

On what would have been the French composer's 100th birthday a small audience filled the Arts Council's drawing-room in St. James's-square to listen to his songs and piano pieces and crack some bottles of champagne in his honour.

It was unfortunate that John Kentish's tenor voice no longer possesses the freshness and bloom of youth. His husky tone did nothing to commend Debussy's early setting of five Baudelaire poems.

The light sentiment and rhythmic subtlety of three songs on poems by Mallarmé made a much stronger appeal.

The pianist Albert Ferber followed three familiar preludes and *L'Isle Joyeuse* with a brilliant and sonorous performance of the suite *Pour le Piano*. You could swear that the final toccata requires six fingers to each of the pianist's hands.

(Daily Mail, 23.8.1962.)

**SWISS CHURCH**

**SERVICES EN FRANCAIS:** à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les *dimanches* à 11h00 et 18h30. L'Eglise est ouverte le dimanche: pour le lunch l'après-midi et le soir; le *lundi* soir: dès 18h30; le *jeudi*: dès 15h00 et le soir.

**PASTEUR:** Ph. Nicole, 7 Park View Road, N.3; téléphone FINchley 5281.

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**WEEKDAYS:** Holy Mass at 7.30 p.m.

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EVERY SUNDAY 1 hour before Evening Mass.

EVERY SATURDAY from 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Every first and third Wednesday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

At any other time by appointment.

**CHAPLAIN:** Rev. Joseph Scherer, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Tel.: ABBey 2895.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

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Every Sunday 7 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Cathedral School, 48 Great Peter Street, S.W.1.

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Every 1st Wednesday at 7 p.m. — Swiss Social Meeting at 2 Sussex Place, Widcombe, Bath.

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Every Thursday from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — meets at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3. All Ticinese welcome. The "Corale" rehearses from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Wednesday, 12th September 1962 — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting followed by "Holiday Reminiscences". 7 p.m. at Swiss House, 34 Fitzroy Square, London W.1.

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Sunday, 16th September — **Swiss Federal Day of Prayer.**

**Swiss Church Special Services and Holy Communion** Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, London W.C.2, in French at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Schweizerkirche, St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, Bank, E.C.3, in German at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

(The Collection at these Services will be in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society.)

**Swiss Catholic Church Special Service**

St. Ann's, Abbey Orchard Street (off Victoria Street), S.W.1.

Sung Mass and Sermon in German, French and Italian. After Holy Mass Meeting at Swiss Catholic Youth Club, 48 Great Peter Street, S.W.1. All compatriots are cordially invited.

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Sunday, 16th September — Swiss Club Manchester — Ramble to Stanage Edge and Hathersage and Bamford.

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Thursday, 27th September — Swiss Club Manchester — Monthly Meeting.

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Friday, 16th November 1962 — City Swiss Club — Annual Banquet and Ball — Dorchester Hotel (Ballroom), 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, 12th December 1962 — City Swiss Club — Christmas Dinner — Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Suite), at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE**

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 21st September. We should appreciate it if readers could let us have any manuscripts or news items for publication by Wednesday, 12th September.