Easter celebrations

The lead up to Easter Day saw many of us involved in the Lent course and in the services in Holy Week. On Easter Day itself we had services in Marseille, Oppède, Manosque and on board a ship in the harbour at Marseille. Many thanks especially to Jamie for putting together some very special worship opportunities and to all who took part. And thanks to Roxana for organising lunch!

Volunteers

Many thanks to all who have come forward and volunteered for the various tasks that need doing around the chaplaincy. We still have a vacancy for another Churchwarden.......... and places on the chaplaincy Council.
**Repairs to All Saints Marseille**

These have commenced and the building is now watertight (mostly), the floor of the left aisle has been made safe with a temporary support structure and a ventilation system has been installed so that the cellars can dry out. More needs to be done and we are awaiting further estimates. Thanks to Gaston Roumieu for all his help on this.

**AGM**

A reminder that the chaplaincy’s AGM this year will be held at **2.30 pm on Saturday, 14th May** via zoom. All those on the electoral roll are welcome to attend. The zoom link will be sent out nearer the time.

**Covid Protocols for Church attendance in person**

These were reviewed at the last Chaplaincy Council meeting and, because of the continuing high numbers of Covid cases in France, it was agreed to leave most of them in place. We are, however, now able to share refreshments after the services. To enable this to take place at All Saints’ Marseille, from April our two Readers, Christine and Jane, with the help of some very welcome volunteers to operate the zoom controls, will be starting off the zoom services until Jamie or Roxana are free to attend when it is their turn to celebrate the Eucharist. So it won’t be such a rush to clear the church before the zoom service and our Marseille congregation can return to catching up with one another over a drink and biscuit after the Sunday morning service.

**Concert**

On Friday, 20th May, at 8.00 pm there will be a concert in All Saints’ by the choir ‘Doubles Croches’, who have performed for us before. All are welcome.

**Open Garden**

Jane and Garry are opening their garden to the public in the aid of charity for the first time this year. It’s part of an overarching charity called Jardins Ouverts/Open Gardens. The gardens will be open 4 times in May – the weekend of the 7th and 8th, and the weekend of the 28th and 29th May. Opening hours are from 2pm to 6 pm all four days. Cakes and refreshments will be served and the money raised from this will be (after a donation to Jardins Ouverts) in aid of the chaplaincy. Please come and support – and Jane would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered to make cakes and give up their time to help on the days.
Dates for Diary

1st May  Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
         Holy Communion at 11.30 am by zoom.

4th May  Compline at 10 pm by zoom

6th May  Service of Prayers for healing at 6 pm by zoom

8th May  Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
         Holy Communion at 10.30 am at Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
         Holy Communion at 11.30 am by zoom

7th and 8th May  Open Gardens at Dauphin

11th May  Compline at 10 pm by zoom

14th May  Annual General Meeting at 2.30 pm by zoom followed by Chaplaincy Council
         meeting to elect officers

15th May  Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
         Holy Communion at 11.30 am by zoom
         Celtic Evening Prayer at 4pm at Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque

18th May  Compline at 10 pm by zoom

20th May  Concert in All Saints’ Marseille at 8.00 pm by the ‘Doubles Croches’ choir

22nd May  Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
         Holy Communion at 11.30 am by zoom
         Holy Communion at 5 pm at Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix

25th May  Compline at 10 pm by zoom

26th May  Ascension Day – Details tbc

29th May  Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
         Holy Communion at 11.30 am by zoom

28th and 29th May  Open Gardens at Dauphin

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