

Happy New Year! This new year is unlike many previous new years, beset as the world is with major problems with the continuing Covid pandemic, struggling economies, assaults on democracy and climate change. Most of us will not have celebrated the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 with friends and families, as travel was restricted and curfews in place. The traditional New Year's resolutions may well have seemed trivial in the face of such problems. But as Christians we can still look forward – we can celebrate what is still good in our world, and we can use the changes brought about such as worshipping online as an opportunity to be in contact with others in different ways. God is still with us and making house calls!

Chaplaincy Council Meeting

Our first of 2021 was held via zoom on 16th January after the new council was appointed. Thanks were given for the work of those who stood down at our AGM, having given sterling service over many years, and for new members prepared to give of their time and skills to keep our chaplaincy alive and well. Meetings will be more frequent this year and the next will be on 6th March.

Mission and Vision

All Church of England communities are now wrestling with what is termed Mission and Vision statements, including us. In their simplest forms, a Mission statement is why we exist, and a Vision statement is where we are going. The chaplaincy council is working on this and will soon be inviting all interested people to take part in forming the future of our chaplaincy – what our priorities will be and what our chaplaincy will look like in the coming years.

Holding Services in our churches

It is proving frustrating for many that it is not the same worshipping at the moment in our churches, and many people are really missing the social side of church life. However, we do still need to be mindful of the dangers of contagion of the Covid virus and the effect it can have on all of us. The latest guidance from our Bishops is attached to the Newsletter at App A.

Our Curate

Our Curate, Roxana Tenea Teleman, has been kept busy since joining us at the end of November. Some have asked what a Curate 'does', to which our Chaplain Jamie has written this brief response:

We are very fortunate to have a Curate in the chaplaincy, and Roxana has been a great help during the busy time of Advent and Christmas. A curacy is a training post, so for much of the time Roxana and I will be working together as she gains practical experience of ministry in the context of the chaplaincy.

A Curate begins as a deacon, which in liturgical terms means that they may lead services of the Word and take part in eucharistic services, but not conduct what are sometimes referred to as the 'ABC' – Absolution, Benediction (or Blessing), and (celebration of) Communion. All being

well, during the course of their curacy a deacon will be ordained as a priest, at which point they become licensed to conduct the ABC as well whilst their training continues. Meanwhile there are a large number of areas in which a deacon will be very active – preaching, helping prepare services, offering pastoral support and visiting, ecumenical relations, community outreach – the list goes on...

It is helpful for people to be aware that Roxana's role with us is part-time (and unpaid!). She combines her duties for the chaplaincy with her ongoing work in religious education in Marseille and her own theological studies. Roxana is generally available to answer queries during the week except on Tuesdays. Her email address is curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com and her chaplaincy mobile number is 07 67 09 87 71.

Fundraising

A big thankyou to all who took part in our two fundraising initiatives before Christmas. We raised over 800 euros for chaplaincy running costs through the virtual Christmas Fair – the money is still coming in! And our "Donate a Chicken" appeal which aimed to provide 100 Christmas dinners for the neediest in the Grenfell Tower area of London achieved double that – so again, many thanks to all who gave to that too.

Our new Treasurer, Michael Annett, would like to remind everyone that the best way to give to our chaplaincy, to meet the running costs, is by planned giving – please, if you don't already have a standing order in place with your bank, give it some serious thought. There are tax advantages for French and British taxpayers, and we have accounts in both France and England for direct gifting.

Lent course and talks

It seems that no sooner are we out of Epiphany than we are into Lent. This year the chaplaincy will be running a Lent course and further details will be coming out soon.

We are also hoping to invite five lay members of our congregations to give a short personal testimony on their road to faith during Lent. These will take place 30 minutes before the usual Compline service on Wednesday evenings and we are looking forward to hearing about how some of us have journeyed to and with God.

Prayers for Healing

In response to the current levels of anxiety over friends and loved ones, especially in relation to Covid, we will be holding a special short service of prayers and reflections for healing on the first Friday of every month. These services will be held on zoom and all will be welcome. The first service will be on Friday 5th February at 8 pm French time, 7pm UK time. Please send in the names of those for whom you would like us to pray to Jamie Johnston, our Chaplain, on anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Dates for diaries

Sunday 31st January Candlemas Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m.

Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.

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Wednesday 17 th February	
Ash Wednesday	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 8 p.m. (Possible service in Oppède – tbc)
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Diocese in Europe - Advice for churches - App A

Revision January 2021 (new provisions in blue)

Covid-19 remains a serious health risk across Europe, and the new variants pose additional risks as they are more easily transmitted. It is vital that we continue to hold as paramount the safety, protection and well-being of all. This Guidance is therefore a restatement of the Guidance issued in May and September 2020, with additional advice or clarification indicated in blue.

In any country, the advice of the national government is of the first importance and must be consulted. Clergy and chaplaincy councils need to pay close attention to national/provincial regulations, as well as drawing on the advice of our church partners. Where Public Church Services are permitted by local law or state guidance, these can be celebrated either in church buildings or in the open air. However, our advice is that services should only be held if principles of hygiene and physical distancing can be firmly adhered to as follows:

Hygiene practices for individuals attending Church

- Those with symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory or flu-like illness, or an elevated temperature, or who are particularly vulnerable to infection should not attend public services, but join worship, as available, through online streaming or other media broadcast.
- For individuals attending church: carrying of tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue continues to be important. In addition to this, it is recommended that each individual or each family carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer.
- All those joining in worship (clergy and laity) should wear a mask to reduce transfer of respiratory droplets into the environment. Those who have a formal part in the liturgy (presiding, preaching, reading, interceding) may remove their face mask when they are actually speaking. Be careful where masks are placed to avoid cross-contamination.
- Disinfectants and hand washing/sanitizing facilities should be provided at the church entrance; door handles and hand railings need to be disinfected on a regular basis.
- Where possible, entrance and exit doors should be secured in an open position from before the time when people gather for the service until after the last worshipper has left.

Welcoming at Church

- All sidespeople/welcomers should wash their hands with an alcohol-based sanitizer. There should be no handshaking or other physical touch. The ministry of welcome now assumes additional importance and consideration should be given to ensuring responsible lay people such as churchwardens are directly involved in it, **whilst being careful to observe physical distance**.
- Attendance on arrival at the service should be noted by each person in a registration book, with a personal, not shared, pen or pencil. This measure is needed only to facilitate any contact tracing.
- **Informal gatherings of people before worship should be discouraged.**

- **Clergy should avoid standing at the door to greet the congregation on arrival.**

Seating in church in accordance with physical distancing requirements

- Seating arrangements in churches should ensure that there is a two-metre distance between persons in all directions during a service, whether this is standing or sitting. This is the recommendation and is safest, though the law and practice in some jurisdictions may allow for a smaller distance. This is the requirement that should also determine the seating capacity of a church, where more specific national/regional instruction on capacity is not available.
- **In view of the possibility of the presence of the more easily transmissible variants of Covid-19, two metre distancing between people should be rigorously observed.**
- The seating areas will need to be marked in a way to aid ‘distancing’.
- Families and individuals who live in the same household can sit together if they are living together.
- Church balconies should not be used, as they are difficult to keep safe.

Music: singing & instruments

- An organist or other musician or a small group of musicians safely distanced is possible
- Congregational singing is problematic because singing appears to increase significantly the transmission of potentially infected droplets. A cantor or small choir (3 to 5 people) could sing, keeping greater distance from each other and the congregation. If congregational singing is envisaged, it should be softly and behind a mask, or one may prefer just to hum. Note that national Church of England guidance for churches in England does not permit congregational singing.
- Again, to reduce the possibility of transmission of potentially infected droplets, use of wind instruments to provide music or musical accompaniment should be avoided. If used on an exceptional basis, e.g. a trumpet at Easter, then especial care must be taken with physical distancing.

General Liturgical Instructions and guidance

- Liturgy and hymns may be shown on screen or printed and made available to be picked up. Alternatively, liturgy can be e-mailed and worshippers encouraged to bring the liturgy on their mobile phones, using the phone in silent mode. If worship and hymn books have to be used, then people may be encouraged to bring their own service books and bibles and take them home with them. In circumstances where worshippers cannot bring their own books, churches should keep a selection of clean books for individuals to use. Clean books should be

quarantined for 48 hours since previous use and quarantined for 48 hours afterwards. Churches must avoid the distribution of books and service sheets by hand.

- A slightly shorter liturgy may be appropriate in order to keep the service to a maximum of one hour. Increasing the number of services may be helpful in addressing the safety and capacity questions.
- Do consider ‘hybrid worship’ (where services with a congregation are streamed live) especially for the benefit of those who are afraid or reluctant to enter church buildings too quickly, though such arrangements may not always be practically possible.
- Readers, preachers, leaders of intercessions etc., should take care not to touch lecterns or pulpits.
- There should be no Gospel procession.
- Instead of shaking hands with neighbours at the peace, a sign of reconciliation can be conveyed in a different form, such as, bringing together the palms of one’s hands and bowing to the other with a smile, as in the Indian Namaste greeting. This greeting should continue at a distance.
- Our continued guidance is that Holy Communion is distributed in the form of bread/wafer only. Both elements will be consecrated, but the wine should not be distributed. It is a clear principle of Anglican theology that the sacrament of Holy Communion is present and complete in either of the consecrated elements.
- For the time being, it is preferable that only the presiding minister handles the vessels and administers Holy Communion. Given that it will be in one kind for now, and in most places for not more than 50 persons, it is much easier to control hygiene if this is one person’s responsibility.
- There should be no offertory procession with the elements.
- Priests presiding at the Eucharist should wash their hands in soap and water, or with an alcohol-based sanitizer, just prior to commencing the liturgy of the Sacrament.
- The bread to be consecrated for the whole assembly should remain covered during the eucharistic prayer.
- The words of distribution of the consecrated bread should be pronounced by the priest to the whole assembly corporately, so that the actual distribution of communion happens in silence.
- We emphasize the need for the president to wear a face mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained (for instance when moving around) and at the distribution of Holy Communion. Hygiene rules prior to the administration of communion to the people need to be adhered to, by hand washing in soap and water, or using alcohol-based sanitiser. The bread should only be administered into the hand with care being taken not to touch communicants’ hands. If this does happen, both the priest and the communicant should sanitise their hands straight away.
- The bread/wafer is safest distributed with communicants approaching in a single line standing with a sensible distance between them. Church wardens will need to make appropriate and feasible arrangements for this.
- Each communicant should extend their hands to receive Holy Communion, with face covering in place. They should then lower or unloop the face covering, consume the

consecrated bread and then replace the face covering before moving back to their place in the congregation.

- Holy Water stoups remain discontinued.

Offerings/Collections

- Offerings are to be placed on a tray at the exit. Those who count the collection at the end of the service should either wear clean gloves, or ensure they have hand-washed beforehand with soap and water. Better still, use this as an opportunity to encourage online giving and direct debits.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

- The celebration of Holy Baptism will require special precautions. Only one candidate should be baptized at a given service. The font should be emptied and disinfected before any subsequent baptism service. The presiding priest should wear a mask and clean gloves. An infant should be held by his or her parents – the minister should not take the infant into his or her own arms. Water should be poured over the head of the candidate, using a shell or other such vessel, and no physical contact should be made between the priest and the candidate. Pre and Post baptismal anointing can be done with a cotton swab (“Q-tip”), again avoiding physical contact between the minister and the candidate. If there are any questions related to these measures, please contact the lead bishop.
- The celebration of weddings or wedding blessings will require special precautions. The rings should be handled only by the couple. Use of candles should be by the couple alone. Care should be taken in the signing of any registers by the couple or witnesses, and in the handing over of any documentation.

Churchwardens’ guidance - Booking/ticketing systems - Pre- and post-service gatherings

- A system for booking or ticketing for services is advised, where named seating cards/places can be requested, issued, and assigned in advance. It is recognised that limiting or refusing entry to a church is always undesirable and difficult for chaplains and councils.
- Churchwardens are requested to ensure that ordered entry, seating, movement for communion, and exit is maintained. If church is filled to permitted capacity, no further entry is possible.
- Pre- and post-service gatherings for fellowship and refreshments should not happen.

Sunday school and other gatherings

- Sunday School and junior church gatherings must adhere to the current national norms for gatherings of children in schools and day care centres. Leaders of these events will need to be appropriately briefed on how to ensure distancing between children and more leaders than normal may be required.

No After Service Social Gatherings

- **The minister should withdraw from the congregation after worship. Pastoral care to individuals should be offered in other ways than the usual ‘meet and greet’.**
- **The congregation should be encouraged to disperse after the service. The usual after service mingling or gathering for coffee should not take place.**

Cleaning – arrangements and briefing/training

- We emphasize that scrupulous cleaning of churches will need to be arranged *before and after* each use. Cleaning personnel should be carefully briefed/trained, supplied with proper gloves and disinfectants and (if working more than singly) equipped with masks.
- Particular attention should be given to cleaning vessels, shared vestments and cloths used in the service.
- In some chaplaincies, depending on location, it may be appropriate to air the building by opening a window(s) ahead of the service.

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Lent Course

We will be holding Lent courses via zoom each Tuesday evening at 6.00 pm (French time, 5.00 pm UK time) and each Thursday morning at 11.00 am (French time, 10.00 am UK time). We will be using Rowan Williams' book of short meditations written on a weekly basis for his own parish church during and for the pandemic "Candles in the Dark – Faith, hope and peace in a time of pandemic", and we'll be discussing our own experiences of this time. His book is "written with warmth and compassion, it will challenge you, nourish you and leave you with fresh resources for faith to guide you through a still uncertain future." All are welcome to join whichever session fits in with your schedule. Please let us know which one you would like to attend (by emailing us on anglican.marseille@gmail.com) so that we can send you the zoom links.

International Mass for Seafarers



On Saturday, 6th February a new monthly online Mass for seafarers was launched on YouTube, streamed live from the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille at 09h00 (CET).

Welcoming fellow clergy from across Marseille - including our Chaplain, Jamie Johnston – the Recteur of Notre-Dame de la Garde, Olivier Spinoza, spoke of the Basilica's vocation as the 'Cathedral for Seafarers'. He recalled that prayers have been offered for their protection and wellbeing on the site of the Basilica since the 15th century, and that for the last 150 years the statue of Notre-Dame holding the infant Christ looking out to sea has been experienced by seafarers from across the world as a source of blessing.

The monthly Mass, which takes place in English, is intended for sailors anywhere in the world who are unable to leave their ships because of the pandemic. Many have suffered great hardship through the months of lockdown, thousands of miles from family and friends, uncertain when they may be able to return home, meanwhile confined to small cabins with little by way of support available to assist their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Reflecting on the service afterwards, Jamie commented: 'There was a tangible sense of the seafarers sharing the Mass with us, despite the distance that separated us from them. The prayer of Spiritual Communion (which is used where worshippers cannot share bread and wine together in person) was

recited in seven different languages – French, English, Spanish, Italian, Ukrainian, Russian and Swahili – itself a comment on the huge international mix of seafarers who in normal times visit the Seamen’s Club in the port of Marseille. God’s Kingdom is infinite and borderless: what the pandemic has taught us is that technology can help us witness to that truth and celebrate it even in the darkest of times.’



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Net Carbon Zero for our Churches –” Eco Church”

The Anglican church has set itself a target of reducing our net carbon emissions to zero by 2030 and the Diocese of Europe has set up a working group to engage with this and to help chaplaincies to work towards it individually. Our Bishops Robert and David write “Action is needed on two specific fronts. One is to actively work to reduce the emissions that we and our chaplaincies are responsible for through our own consumption of resources. The other is to balance the use of those resources which produce carbon dioxide with carbon absorbing activities, so called carbon offsetting. This may involve engaging with schemes such as tree planting.”

The working group has suggested three easy things for every chaplaincy to consider to start with:

- Get eco church onto the working agenda of our Chaplaincy Council
- Calculate our community carbon footprint using the online tool <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>
- Look at how we can reduce our carbon footprint every year.

We’ll be looking at this at our next CC and any ideas/offers of help would be welcome, not just for reducing emissions from the buildings we worship in but at home too.

Next Chaplaincy Council Meeting

6th March is our next meeting, at 2.30pm on zoom.

Dates for diaries

Sunday 21 st February	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 23 rd February	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 24 th February	Lent talk by Christopher Morgan via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 25 th February	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Sunday 28 th February	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 2 nd March	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 3 rd March	Lent talk by Gladys Sheriff via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline at 10 p.m.
Thursday 4 th March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Friday 5 th March	Healing Service via zoom at 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 th March	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 9 th March	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 th March	Lent talk by Florine Clomegah via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 11 th March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Sunday 14 th March	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion Oppède at 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 16 th March	Lent course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 17 th March	Lent talk by Muriel Teusink via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 18 th March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.

Sunday 21 st March	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
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Sunday 28 th March Palm Sunday	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.

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Services for Holy Week and Easter will be published separately and included in our March newsletter

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There's lots going on this year in Holy Week and beyond. Our Lent groups finish this week and have been enjoyed by all who came. We have been looking at the reflections of Rowan Williams on the pandemic, written last year, and they have been thought provoking and interesting. If you missed the Lent course, you can still read them, published as a book called Candles in the Dark. Thanks also to those who shared their reflections on 'Why faith matters' on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

What's On

28th March is Palm Sunday, with a service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am and a zoom service at 11.30. Both services will include a reading of the Passion Gospel with different people taking parts. Don't worry if you haven't got a palm cross – it's fine to use sprigs of olive trees (which is the tradition in Provence, though any foliage will do). And don't forget the clocks go forward an hour.....

Holy Week then continues with a series of Compline services at night which will begin with a short reflection. These will be on zoom, on Monday 29th March, Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March and will start at an earlier time than our normal Compline service: 9 pm French time, 8 pm British time.

Maundy Thursday on 1st April will be celebrated on zoom by a service of Holy Communion at 8 pm French time, 7 pm British time. As its not possible to carry out the traditional washing of the feet and removal of the church ornaments this will be done by the use of symbols – tune in to find out how this works! You are invited to have a candle or other single light with you at home, to be extinguished at the end of the service as we recall Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday on 2nd April will be marked by a set of meditations on The Way of the Cross, which will be emailed out for people to use as they wish – either at intervals during the day or between 12.00 and 1.30 pm French time, 11 to 12.30 pm British time. We will then gather for the Liturgy of Good Friday, streamed from All Saints' Marseille at 1.45 pm French time, 12.45 pm British time.

For Easter Eve on Saturday 3rd April we will have an Easter Vigil and Service of Light via zoom at 10 pm French time, 9 pm British time.

Easter Day on 4th April will be celebrated by a service of Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille which will be streamed, another service of Holy Communion at Oppède at 10.30 am (instead of the 2nd Sunday of the month) and a service of Holy Communion via zoom from Dauphin at 11.30 am. All times are for France – one hour earlier for Britain.

Then it's back to our normal worship pattern from Wednesday 7th April with Compline at 10 pm French time, 9 pm British time, and then Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am in All Saints' Marseille, followed by a zoom service of Holy Communion at 11.30 am (10.30 am British time).

Everyone is welcome to all of our services – no matter where you live or how often you normally worship. We will send out the service sheets for all our services so if you can't make it at the published time you can go through them at your leisure.



Bishop Robert's 2021 Lent Appeal

Bishop Robert writes: "My Lent Appeal this year is concerned with restarting ordained ministry in a chaplaincy that has gone through tough times but where there is great potential. The new chaplain is one of the (very few) stipendiary, trained curates from our own diocese. The Reverend Guy Diakese trained for the priesthood in Nigeria and Rome. He speaks French, English and Italian fluently and we are very proud of him as an example of black minority ethnic

leadership in the Diocese. The money raised through this appeal will enable the beginning of Guy's ministry in Liège, a former industrial city which is now home to large numbers of migrants from beyond Europe." Details on how to give to this appeal are on the Diocesan website on europe.anglican.org

Pastoral Care

Do you feel that you might have a vocation for pastoral care? Our chaplaincy needs committed people willing to do the necessary training and practise a vocation of pastoral care ministry. For more details, please contact our Chaplain, Jamie Johnston, on anglican.marseille@gmail.com

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Home Communion

Just a reminder that your ministry team is willing and able to bring you Communion at home if you would like us to. For those of us still unable to get out and about or make a long journey to church, the service can be held at home. Again, just contact Jamie on anglican.marseille@gmail.com and he can arrange for a member of the ministry team to come and see you.

Prayer on Beginning to See the Light Peep through the Clouds

God of new beginnings,
you sent a rainbow to Noah to promise a future bigger than the past;
by your Holy Spirit send your people signs of hope,
that we may begin to imagine a future beyond isolation,
a society not stricken by disease,
and an economy not crippled by inaction.

Shape in us wiser, gentler, kinder ways,
that while we long for the pandemic to be behind us,
we may retain what we have learned
about who we are and who you are;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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28 th March Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 10.00 am All Saints’ Marseille Holy Communion 11.30 am via zoom
29 th March	Compline 9.00 pm via zoom
30 th March	Compline 9.00 pm via zoom
31 st March	Compline 9.00 pm via zoom
1 st April Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion 8.00 pm via zoom
2 nd April Good Friday	The Way of the Cross 12.00 – 1.30 pm (to read individually) Liturgy of Good Friday 1.45 pm streamed from All Saints’ Marseille
3 rd April Easter Eve	Easter Vigil and Service of Light 10.00 pm via zoom
4 th April Easter Day	Holy Communion at All Saints’ Marseille 10.00 am (streamed) Holy Communion at Oppède at 10.30 am Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
7 th April	Compline at 10.00 pm via zoom
9 th April	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6.00 pm via zoom
11 th April	Holy Communion at All Saints’ Marseille at 10.00 am Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
14 th April	Compline at 10.00 pm via zoom
18 th April	Holy Communion at All Saints’ Marseille at 10.00 am Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
21 st April	Compline at 10.00 pm via zoom
24 th April	Chaplaincy Council meeting at 2.30 pm via zoom
25 th April	Holy Communion at All Saints’ Marseille at 10.00 am

28th April Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Compline at 10.00 pm via zoom
2nd May Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10.00 am
Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.



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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is due to be held via zoom on the 29th May. The Annual Report and paperwork will be circulated beforehand so you can keep up to date with what happened last year and vote for the new Chaplaincy Council. If anyone has a burning ambition (or even a lacklustre one) to take up the vacant post of second Church Warden Jane would be very grateful – and is more than happy to talk to you if you are interested and would like to know more.

We are also happy to welcome new members to the Council, which acts as a board of trustees. Again, please contact Jane for more details.

Residency – Time is running out...

If you are a British national and have not yet applied for your entitlement to stay in France, you don't have long to get your application in. They have to be done on line and the closing date is the end of June. If you're struggling with this then help is available from the Chaplaincy and also from the Franco British Network (francobritishnetwork.fr). The process is quite straightforward, you make your application online and send details of your identity and proof of residence and then you'll be sent an appointment at your local Préfecture. You'll need to take 3 passport acceptable photos, paperwork proving you were resident in France every month of 2020 (taxe d'habitation, taxe foncier, impots, bills from EDF and that sort of thing) and ID. They will fill various forms in and take your fingerprints, and your new post Brexit residence permit will arrive in the post a few weeks later. (Please note: Even if you have an existing residence permit that has not yet expired, you still need to apply by the end of June for a new style one.)

One thing we have asked to mention by the British Consulate is that, if you have made an application and are waiting for an email giving you an appointment at the Préfecture, it's worth checking to see if their email has gone into your 'spam' inbox. It's important to go to any appointment that you are given, or to let the Préfecture know if you can't make it. Sometimes people are being asked for additional documents, and the same thing can happen – the email requesting the documents has gone into their 'spam' inbox and they haven't seen it.

Bishop Robert's sermon on Easter Sunday

This can be found at the link below:

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1667-bishop-robert-sermon-for-easter-sunday>

In it he talks about the central message of Easter and how it brings hope even during these times of pandemic and suffering:

You can [watch the Bishop's sermon on this video.](#)



Bishop Robert concludes:

Easter Sunday finds us this year in hard times. Yet, dear friends, the message of Easter is exactly the message we need to hear. For as we gaze on the face of Christ we can be reassured that the earthly Jesus has shared fully in the worst that life can throw at any of us. We can draw renewed confidence that in Jesus God triumphs over the forces of darkness and provides us with a secure basis for faith and a sure ground for hope. We can truly know that God walks with us through the storms of life, and that we can dream new dreams and imagine new futures within the purposes of a God who brings life out of death and joy out of despair.

A song written in 1945 has become something of a European anthem in this past year of coronavirus. You'll know it well, I'm sure:

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart.
Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on

Come and See: Ethnic Vocations Conference

Date: 7-8 May 2021

Are you of Minority Ethnic heritage, thinking and praying about whether God may be leading you towards ordained ministry? Come and be informed, resourced and supported on your vocational journey.

This free event will provide insight and inspiration to those who are discerning God's call in their lives. The event will create a safe space where questions can be asked and the opportunity to talk to ordained ME ministers and others on the discernment journey about the joys and the challenges involved.

[Book here >>](#)

We are keen to support this event, not least given the recent report of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism taskforce which highlighted the tragic issues of racism that beset the Church of England. It is something we all need to address.

Events for your Diary

2 nd May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille, 10.a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
5 th May	Compline via zoom at 10.00 pm
7 th May	Healing Service via zoom at 6 pm
9 th May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10.00 am Holy Communion at Oppède at 10.30 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
12 th May	Compline via zoom at 10 pm
13 th May	<i>Ascension Day</i> - Holy Communion via zoom at 6 pm
16 th May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
19 th May	Compline at 10 pm
23 rd May	<i>Pentecost</i> – Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
26 th May	Compline at 10 pm
29 th May	Annual General Meeting via zoom at 2.30 pm
30 May	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

And finally...

It is lambing season in Dauphin. The latest addition to the family has become a regular participant in zoom services, with a particular liking for Compline.



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NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

AGM

The Chaplain writes:

Our Chaplaincy AGM was held on Saturday 29th May via zoom. There were no changes in the membership of the Chaplaincy Council and Jane Quarmby was re-admitted as Chaplaincy Warden for 2021-22. I would like to express my thanks to all who give their time to serve on the Council, and especially to Jane for continuing to take on the responsibilities of Warden. The new Council will meet for the first time on Saturday, 12th June at 2.30 pm via zoom.

Ordination of The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman to the priesthood

Arrangements are under discussion with the Diocese for our Curate Roxana Tenea Teleman's ordination to the priesthood. During her first year with us she has been serving as a deacon, and it is traditional for priests to be ordained near the Feast of St Peter on 29th June. However, finding a way to do this during a pandemic when the Bishop is in London and the candidates are in Marseille, Milan, Berlin and Riga is not straightforward! We had hoped that it might be possible for Bishop David to come to Marseille to conduct the service, but the latest round of restrictions rules that out at present. The possibility currently being studied is for Roxana and the other deacons to be ordained in Milan. But there will no doubt be further iterations as restrictions ebb and flow. We will in any event hold a special first Eucharist for her in Marseille after her ordination, which will be an opportunity for all of us to welcome her into her new role and to receive the sacrament from her. Meanwhile please hold Roxana in your prayers as she prepares for her ordination.

Extension of Diocese in Europe Residency Support Project

More help for UK Nationals in France to apply for residency is on the way, with a decision to extend project funding for the Diocese in Europe Residency Support Project to the end of 2021. UK nationals wishing to remain legally resident in France **must** apply for a new style residency permit by 30 June 2021, even if they have a current permit that has not expired. The expert and friendly Residency Support Project team are here to help you! [Find out more here >>](#)

Recipes

A reminder that we are collecting recipes that you have learned (or rediscovered) during lockdown. These will be compiled into a small book which will be sold to raise money for the chaplaincy. Please send details to Roxana at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Climate Change

This has become an important part of all our lives now and the Church of England has made it a priority for all its parishes and chaplaincies. Here's a letter outlining the problems written by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Lord Browne of Madingley, former CEO of BP:

"The pandemic has been the worst natural disaster of our lifetimes. It is a global catastrophe that has affected every one of us. Leaders have disagreed over how to handle it and what the best solutions are. And owing to its profound impact on the poorest and most marginalised people, it has forced societies around the world to confront deep moral questions.

But this isn't just true of the pandemic: the same can be said about climate change. The only difference is the speed of the impact: the pandemic up-ended all of our lives, all over the world, in a matter of weeks.

Crises bring together unusual allies. We both began our careers in the oil industry, but from there took unconventional - and very different - paths. One of us ran the world's largest renewable energy private equity fund, and was accused by American oil lobbyists of having 'left the church'; the other is now Archbishop of Canterbury.

From these common beginnings, and different middles, we now find ourselves united by the climate emergency. We share a belief in the value of science and engineering, and we are motivated too by the duty of care – one of us would say God-given responsibility – we all have to safeguard the future of our planet and its citizens.

The key to understanding and addressing these existential threats lies in both the practical and the profound: in science and engineering, but also the idea, found in the Christian faith, that each person is precious, worth caring for and has potential.

For a long time, scientific truths about climate change were treated as opinion, something which you might or might not believe depending on your personal point of view. We have come a long way since then. But resolving the crisis still requires commitment to the truth – we owe that to those who will suffer the most if we fail to act.

This journey from opinion to truth is a crucial first step, but the journey that really matters is from truth to sustainable action.

That will require every one of us to play our part. It cannot just be done by governments or companies, by NGOs or faith groups, and it cannot be done in isolation. We will have to work with people with whom we disagree, sometimes profoundly. Indeed, the two of us writing do not agree on everything, but we recognise that we are united by a common cause: that in facing the threat of climate change, there is more that unites us than divides us.

Individual responses need to be guided by hope rather than fear, and the certainty that huge change is made up of small things. We are both realists when it comes to human behaviour: sustainable change rarely comes from asking people to make unrealistically

ambitious sacrifice. Instead, we must give people the engineered tools and the economic incentives to make choices that work for them and for the planet. The combined power of engineering, economics and leadership through example makes a profound difference.

Investors and businesses need to go beyond “greenwash”, which sees existing activity creatively relabelled to advertise its supposed sustainability. The world has seen enough of this. It is time to demonstrate authentic change, and an unambiguous contribution to the world’s climate goals. This is about much more than renewable energy: it means rethinking the way that we consume energy, generate waste, and design the industrial processes on which our economies rely. And it means setting emissions reduction targets that are rooted in science, measuring progress against those targets, and being held accountable for achievement.

Governments too have unprecedented opportunity to lead by example and incentivise change, particularly as we approach COP26, the G7 and the passage of the Environment Bill in Parliament. Recent action by the United States, the UK and others suggests that 2021 could be a watershed year for international cooperation on climate change.

Cooperation is the operative word. Above all else, we must build partnerships that bridge disagreement and disunity. It is time to put aside our many differences to save the one planet we all share. The urgency of tackling the climate crisis denies us the luxury of working only with people who are perfect and have never made mistakes. Nor can we partner only with those who agree with us entirely.

Every single one of us – in all of our ignorance and selfishness as human beings – has to be part of the solution. Science and engineering have already provided us with the tools we need to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. It is now up to us to apply them at scale, to bring their cost down, and to make them part of our shared future. It will take broken people to repair a broken world, and we all have a responsibility to change our ways and bring others with us. With climate change, it is better to disagree and work together than not to take action at all. Nature is no respecter of personal perfection.

Whatever your beliefs, the teaching of Jesus Christ that nothing is beyond redemption offers a powerful message of hope for a wounded world. There is no person who cannot change, no bad that cannot be made good. There is nothing that cannot be redeemed in what Christians would describe as ‘the new creation.’

Let us seize that lesson. We can all be – and it is not yet too late! - part of that work. Each of us can choose community rather than isolation, creation rather than destruction, and life rather than death.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Lord Browne of Madingley, former CEO, BP

DATES FOR DIARIES

- 2nd June Compline via zoom at 10.00 pm
- 4th June Healing Service at 6 pm via zoom
- 6th June Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille, 10.a.m.
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
- 9th June Compline via zoom at 10.00 pm
- 13th June Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10.00 am
Holy Communion at Oppède at 10.30 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
- 16th June Compline via zoom at 10 pm
- 20th June Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
- 23rd June Compline via zoom at 10 pm
- 27th June Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
- 30th June Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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Last chance (extended) for new residence permits

If you are a British national and wish to continue to live in France beyond 1st October 2021, then unless you also have French nationality you have to apply for a new-style residence permit. The deadline for doing so was to have been 30th June. At the eleventh hour, though, the two governments have agreed an extension to this deadline until **30th September**. If you still need to make an application (which you must do even if you have an old-style *carte de séjour* that has not yet expired), please contact the Chaplaincy if you need any help. Applications must be made online and a number of agencies are available to assist you with the process. If you don't make the application, you will not be able to remain resident in France beyond 1st October 2021!

Ordination of our Curate, Roxana Teleman, to the priesthood

The ordination is now due to take place on 4th July in Milan. Unfortunately, no guests are permitted due to the Covid restrictions, but we are hoping the service will be recorded. Please pray for Roxana as she prepares for this next step in her ministry.

Roxana will preside at the Eucharist for the first time at a special service in All Saints' Marseille on Saturday, 10th July at 3.30 pm. All are welcome to attend, but in order to make sure you have a seat (as there is an upper limit on numbers in the church during the Covid restrictions), please contact Roxana in advance to give her your name(s): curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Eco Church

The Church of England has pledged to have zero carbon emissions by 2030. This is a difficult one to achieve as the only building that we are responsible for does not lend itself well to solar panels on the roof or planting a garden! We also cover an enormous geographical area leading to a lot of car travel. However, as worshippers in our chaplaincy we can each play our part by reducing travel, using the train instead of the 'plane, car sharing, planting trees, reducing our use of plastic and water (don't let the bath water out – use it for the garden or flushing the toilet, for example). Those who have properties capable of having new insulation installed may be eligible for a grant from the government for doing so. We now hold most of our meetings on zoom, which helps reduce our travel too. We are also investigating whether it will be possible to obtain the *Eglise Verte* mark. If anyone would like to become more involved in taking this initiative forward, please contact Jamie or Jane.

Fundraising

The perennial plea for fundraising! Our chaplaincy, like all others in the Church of England's Diocese in Europe, receives no central funding from the Diocese, and we do not have the luxury of permanent accommodation for a chaplain. We are entirely self-supporting, so in order to keep our services going and to give what we should to other good causes we need to fundraise every year in addition to the regular

congregational giving. Roxana is organising a digital cookery book from recipes supplied by our congregations. (If you have any more recipes for inclusion, please do email them to Roxana at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com). Jane is also holding a *brocante* stall in August (any *brocante* items gratefully received). It's hoped that the Christmas Fair will go ahead in some form in Marseille, but we need to have lots more going on. It doesn't have to be a big garden party (although that would be wonderful) - it can be as simple as selling extra pots of jam to friends and neighbours, holding a barbecue or a cake and coffee morning. Please let Jane know of any bright ideas. Our target is to raise 2500 euros this year.

Tour de France

On 7th July, Muriel Teusink is organising a picnic in the Luberon to watch the flash of lycra that is the Tour de France as it whizzes through some of the villages there. It promises to be a very convivial occasion. If you'd like to take part, please contact Muriel via the chaplaincy address – anglican.marseille@gmail.com.

Cancer Support France Provence Gard - CSFPG

Jamie and Roxana recently met representatives of this charity, who have sent us the following article for inclusion in this newsletter:

CSFPG is a regional affiliate of Cancer Support France, a national organisation dedicated to the support of English-speakers living in France touched by cancer. This support may be emotional, practical or language assistance. It is offered free of charge and in complete confidence to patients, their carers and those closest to them, by a network of "Active Listeners" (ALs). These volunteers have all completed a training programme that ensures they are able to meet the differing needs of clients.

Clients are supported by small teams of ALs to ensure continuity and availability. Contact can be via phone, video link or face-to-face (Covid permitting). It includes accompanying clients to medical appointments if language help is needed. Many of our ALs are fluent in French or bilingual and can help the client understand French medical terminology and deal with any necessary paperwork.

In addition to direct support, CSFPG offers regular "Drop-Ins" or coffee mornings to allow clients to socialise with other members and, at the same time, allow for meetings with their ALs. Also, CSFPG organises fundraising events such as Quiz Nights, Concerts, etc in order to fund our activities.

If you, or anyone you know, needs our help please call our **Helpline at 0800 240 200** or contact our national website at www.cancersupportfrance.org – your request will be referred to us.

Finally, if you would like to join us, either as a volunteer or in a non-active role, please get in touch through our email csfprovencegard@gmail.com or our regional website www.csfprovencegard.com.

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Our warmest wishes go to the Revd Malcom Dodd, one of our retired priests who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this month. A lifetime of ministry and service, ably supported by his wife Janet. Malcolm retired some years ago but continued to take services for us when needed.

Received with thanks

Our Christmas fundraising effort last December has been mentioned in this month's newsletters of WAND UK (the Women's Association for African Networking and Development) and the Lancaster West Residents' Association (LWRA).

Abbas Dadou of LWRA writes:

We wanted to celebrate the new year as a community, so we felt this was the best way to safely reach out to residents – it was a huge success. We put together over 400 Christmas hampers in collaboration with WAND UK, Bay 20 (NK Hearts and Minds), Unity Grove, NK Community Kitchen, All Saints Anglican Church Marseille, The Christmas Collective. As part of these Christmas food packages, we gave out 200 fresh chickens, fresh fruit and vegetables, chocolate, crackers, mince pies, dry food and face masks, amongst other things. Per our request for volunteers, many residents came forward who helped distribute and deliver these packages to other residents.

Gladys Jusu-Sheriff writes (WAND UK):

For us at WAND UK, Christmas would not have been Christmas without responding to the needs identified on the doorsteps as we distributed warm meals in North Kensington and other areas during the first Covid19 lockdown. Needs included basic food, neglect and longing for care support, reducing loneliness and isolation, smiles from a volunteer, receiving a bar of chocolate in a food bag and emotionally acknowledging "so someone cares for me out there", despair and hopelessness and reaching out for comfort and compassion. And so, when on that night the congregation of All Saints' Marseille decided to donate £1000 towards a special Christmas feeding there was the emotional tear of joy shed for hitting a Jackpot. We want to use this opportunity to thank the generous donors in the rural Anglican Chaplaincy in France, Lancaster West Residents Association and team partners for making a dream come true. Recognising that the strength of our partnership lies in meeting the needs of our community and is embedded in the words on the food bag illustrated below - Faith Hope Love - as we in unity conquer the Covid Challenge .



Our own newsletter contribution is below:

Like other churches, the Covid pandemic resulted in our developing an online community, extending beyond the geographical borders of our chaplaincy in France. In November, during a Zoom conversation after our weekly online service, Gladys Jusu-Sheriff from WAND UK mentioned that the food distribution centre she is involved with in West London was facing unprecedented demand for its services during the pandemic. A member of our congregation responded by suggesting we try to help them at Christmas by making a donation to buy 100 chickens for the centre. Many people collaborated to bring the project about. One of our online members in Yorkshire works in food distribution and was able to source a refrigerated van for the day in West London. We got to know representatives from WAND UK and the Lancaster West Residents' Association and were aware of the other organisations taking part. Although the amount raised was small in terms of the centre's needs (a donation of £1,000 from a church of around 40 members), a sense of emotional connection developed between our congregation and clients of the centre. We were glad to be able to support the centre at a special time of year when so many were in need.

Update from GOV.UK for: **Living in France**

[France: Voisins Voices – newsletter for the British community in France](#)

This is full of useful information – if you don't already get it directly click on the link – it covers everything from Covid to driving licences. (Stop press: There is at last some good news here – the French and UK governments have reached agreement for how and when UK driving licences may be exchanged for French ones. Click on this link for details. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-uk-licence-holders-living-in-the-eu>)

Dates for Diary

2/7/21 Service of Healing by zoom at 6 pm

4/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am

(Please note: There is no Holy Communion service on zoom this week)

7/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm

11/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am

Holy Communion service at Oppède at 10.30 am

Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am

14/7/21 Bastille Day

Compline zoom service at 10 pm

18/7/21 Holy Communion service in Marseille at 10 am
21/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm
24/7/21 Chaplaincy Council meeting at 2.30 pm by zoom
25/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am
28/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm
1/8/21 Holy Communion service in Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am

And finally...

Many congratulations to Canon David Pickering on his 80th birthday, which was celebrated last week. Members of the chaplaincy sent him a gift of wine as a small token of appreciation for all that David does for us, which he wasted no time in opening...



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Congratulations

To proud grandparents Anne and Gaston Roumieu on the baptism of their two young grandchildren at All Saints' Marseille on 15th August.



Also to Canon David Pickering and his wife Christine on the safe arrival of their new grand-daughter in Ireland.

And finally to Catrin Drabble and Paul Kang, whose wedding blessing was celebrated in Ménerbes on 20th August.



Fundraising

As we are spending more on running costs for the Chaplaincy than we are raising, it's important that we all dig deep! To this end Jane ran a stall at a *brocante* on 15th August at St Michel L'Observatoire. Many thanks to all who donated items to sell – and those sorting out their garages too. We raised just over 300 euros on a very hot day despite two residents forgetting to move their cars off our space. Not everything went, so Jane is thinking of taking another stall in October. If anyone is still clearing out houses or garages please contact Jane – and if anyone else has anything they could donate, please get in touch with her too. (janequarmby0430@gmail.com)



Cookery Book

Roxana will shortly be finalising the chaplaincy cookbook – do send any final recipes to her at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

The effect of the pandemic is still being felt on our finances. We really need a small team of people to take on fundraising to make up our deficit – if you are interested (or just willing to be persuaded), please contact Jane or Jamie.

Journées Européennes du Patrimoine – 18-19 September

All Saints' Church is once again taking part in the Journées Européennes du Patrimoine in Marseille over the weekend of 18-19 September, an opportunity for people to visit places of interest that aren't usually open to the public every day. We need a team of volunteers, please, to be in church between 12.00 and 17.00 on Saturday 18th and between 14.00 and 17.00 on Sunday 19th. If you can spare an hour or so on either of those days, please contact the Chaplain, Jamie Johnston - anglican.marseille@gmail.com or 07 66 01 71 50.

Chaplain on holiday

Jamie will be away between 13th and 25th September. In his absence, please feel free to contact our Curate, Roxana Teleman (curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com) or our Warden, Jane Quarmby (janequarmby0430@gmail.com) with any queries.

Dates for Diaries

22nd August	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion by zoom at 11.30 am
25th August	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
29th August	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion by zoom at 11.30 am

1st September	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
3rd September	Prayers for Healing by zoom at 6 pm
5th September	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
8th September	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
12th September	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service at Oppède at 10.30 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
15th September	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
19th September	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
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29th September	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm

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Services resume at Aix-en-Provence

On Sunday, 26th September we held our first service for nearly two years in Aix-en-Provence. Thanks to the kindness of colleagues in the Eglise Protestante Unie de France at 4 Rue Villars, we are now using their church every 4th Sunday of the month to hold our Anglican services. We began with a beautiful service of Celtic Evening Prayer, led by Jane with a reflection from Jamie and prayers by Roxana. Leaving aside the heat suffered by Jamie clad in a woollen cassock, the service was enjoyed by all who attended, and we look forward to many more in the modern airy surroundings with breakout facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and toilets, all easily accessible on the ground floor.



New Services in Manosque

We are in discussions with the Eglise Protestante Unie de France in Manosque to hold services in their building on the Rue de Temple once a month, beginning on 17th October – more details to follow once everything is finalised.

***Living in Love and Faith* course**

We begin our *Living in Love and Faith* course in the week of 11th October. All are welcome to come.

Published in 2020, *Living in Love and Faith* explores the range of 'Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage'. All around us we are seeing changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked all parishes and chaplaincies in the Church of England to study the materials and to provide feedback by the end of this year. From 2022, it is likely that the Bishops and the General Synod of the Church will begin taking decisions about the future of its teaching and provision in this area. The course offers a unique opportunity for individual churches to contribute to the debate, and above all to learn together as they study the range of the Church's teaching. In every community there will be differing views on some of the subject matter, and all views will be respected in the discussions.

The course lasts five weeks and we will be offering it at different times of the week:

- Tuesday evenings at 6.00 pm (beginning Tuesday, 12th October) on Zoom; or
- Thursday mornings at 11.00 am (beginning Thursday, 14th October) on Zoom.

Depending on the level of interest, we may also hold the course in person at All Saints' Marseille on Saturdays.

There are 5 sessions and each one explores a particular topic. An opening reflection about learning together is followed by two sections of teaching, time for discussion, and a Bible study. The sessions end with an invitation to reflect on our learning, bringing it to God in prayer.

The course is supported by a book, films, podcasts and other resources, all of which are free of charge on the website www.churchofengland.org/LLF.

It would help if you could let us know in advance if you plan to attend, and on which day. The material is of high quality and, even if you are unable to come, please feel free to request a copy of the booklet from Jamie. If you would like to discuss anything with him about the course before deciding whether to attend, please contact him on anglican.marseille@gmail.com or on (+33) (0)7 66 01 71 50.

Fundraising

Jane will be holding another *brocante* stall in November – please contact her if you have anything suitable for her to sell for church funds.

Advance warning – she and Garry are also having a stand at a local Christmas Fair in December, selling mince pies and mulled wine – so please start thinking about making mince pies!

Cookery Book

Roxana is also still looking for final recipes for the chaplaincy cookbook – please send to her at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com. The book will be available as part of our own Christmas Fair this year.

We really need a small team of people to take on fundraising to help make up our current deficit. If you are interested – or just willing to be persuaded - please contact Jane or Jamie.

Book Fair

There is a week-long book fair at the Protestant church at 4 Rue Villars, Aix -en-Provence, from 6th to 12th October to raise funds for social and educational projects. They will be selling all sorts of books, in English as well as French, and have events for children and a number of speakers too.

Dates for Diaries

1st October	Prayers for Healing by zoom at 6 pm
3rd October	Holy Communion service for Harvest Thanksgiving, All Saints' Marseille, 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
6th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
10th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service at Oppède at 10.30 am (this may be an ecumenical service with the local Roman Catholic congregation – details to be confirmed as soon as they are available) Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
12th October	LLF course begins
13th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
17th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am Harvest Festival at Eglise Protestante Unie de France in Manosque at 5pm followed by harvest supper (to be confirmed)
20th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
24th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am Holy Communion service at Aix-en-Provence at 5 pm
27th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
31st October	All Saints' Day – Holy Communion and Patronal Festival at All Saints' Marseille at 10.30 am (please note the later time). This service will be streamed so there will be no zoom service.

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021



All Saints Day

31st October is being celebrated in the Chaplaincy as All Saints' Day, with all four congregations warmly invited to the Patronal Festival at All Saints' church on the Rue de Belloi in Marseille. The service will begin at 11 am. There will be a meal afterwards, details to be confirmed. There will not be a zoom service that day, but we will be streaming the service live or for whenever you wish to watch it.

If anyone would like us to remember the names of departed loved ones in our prayers at this service (as the celebration of All Saints is also the eve of All Souls) please email their names to Jamie at anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Please let us know if you are planning to come to this service and also let us know if you would like to stay on for lunch.

Luberon Christmas Party

Sarah and Christopher Morgan are organising a Christmas party at Rev John Smith's house in Oppède on Saturday, 27th November from 12.00 to 14.30, where it's hoped to raise awareness of the chaplaincy in the Luberon area for members of the local Luberon Life group. All help gratefully received to prepare for this on Friday 26th and the morning of Saturday 27th. If you are able to help, please contact Christopher for details – sansat1938@gmail.com.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thanks to all who attended the Harvest Thanksgiving in October in Marseille, and who enabled us to donate 125 euros to the local banque alimentaire.

New services

We have now had 2 services in Aix, on the fourth Sunday of the month, in the Temple of the Eglise Protestante Unie on the rue Villars. They have been well received by our stalwarts living in Aix and also by new attendees. From November these will begin at 4 pm.

Our first service in Manosque also went well, and was much appreciated by worshippers old and new in the area. As were the cakes and tea afterwards! These services will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 pm.

Christmas Fair

This is in the early days of planning. It will be similar to last year, with people placing orders from a menu and then collecting from All Saints in Marseille or having them delivered in other parts of the chaplaincy. It's currently planned for 10th to 12th December. Please contact Roxana for further details – and offers of baking, etc. curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Visit by Bishop Robert and Archdeacon Peter Hooper

We are looking forward to a short visit from our Bishop Robert and the new Archdeacon for France on the 19th November, in Marseille. It will give the ministry team and the chaplaincy council a chance to meet them, tell them about who we are, what we do, how we do it, and say what support we'd like from them, and also ask them questions. They are only with us for a couple of hours, so we are trying to plan the time carefully to squeeze everything in. It's a great opportunity to raise their awareness of us in a good way.

Pan-Diocesan Event on Zoom and YouTube

We have received this message from the Diocese:

Friday, 29 October
17:15 CET, 16:15 BST

Dear Friends,

As global leaders gather for COP-26 in Glasgow, we will host a "Caring for our Climate" online pan-diocesan event. It's our contribution at this time to raising the profile of climate issues as fundamental to our Creation Care as disciples, and to our Anglican commitment to the Fifth Mark of Mission.

We will feature ...

- Young people talking about Chaplaincy Climate projects
- The Sing2G7 youth choir and a soloist from the diocese

- Eco-Church: A message from A Rocha
- An Address by Bishop Robert
- An interactive quiz ...

And more ...

Here is the Zoom link

Topic: Pan-diocesan event: Caring for our Climate

Time: Oct 29, 2021 16:15bst London/17:15cet

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88962377415?pwd=RjZadDlqWDNzRG9sejM2amEwMONIUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 6237 7415

Passcode: 982072

This event will also be livestreamed to our **Diocesan YouTube channel at this link.**

<https://youtu.be/uhkg2PQjk6s>

Please do share and encourage people in your chaplaincies to join us!
Look out for more on the event on Diocesan Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Andrew Caspari
Chief Operating Officer (Diocesan Secretary)
Diocese in Europe

Dates for Diaries

28 th October	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
30 th October	Chaplaincy council meeting via zoom at 2.30 pm
31 st October	All Saints' Patronal Festival at All Saints' Marseille at 11 am
2 nd November	Fourth meeting of the LLF course via zoom at 6 pm
3 rd November	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
5 th November	Service of prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm
7 th November	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
9 th November	Fifth and final meeting of the LLF course via zoom at 6 pm

- 10th November Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
- 14th November Remembrance Sunday - Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 9.45 am, followed by prayers at the War Cemetery.
Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacré Coeur, Oppède at 10.30 am
- 17th November Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
- 19th November Bishop and Archdeacon's visit at All Saints' Marseille
- 21st November Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
Holy Communion at Temple de l'Eglise Protestante Unie, Rue du Temple, Manosque at 4 pm
- 24th November Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
- 27th November Christmas Party at Oppède for Luberon Life members
- 28th November Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
Holy Communion at Temple de l'Eglise Protestante Unie at Rue Villars, Aix, at 4 pm
- 1st December Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
- 3rd December Service of prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, 14th November the annual Act of Remembrance was held at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Marseille. Organised by Souvenir Français, with British Consul Michèle Solari and members of the Royal Navy in attendance, the address and prayers were led by Chaplain Jamie Johnston in tribute to the 1754 servicemen buried or commemorated there. The two minutes' silence was timed to coincide with the service being held at the Cenotaph in the UK.



Visit to the Chaplaincy

On 19th November members of the Chaplaincy Council and Ministry Team welcomed Bishop Robert Innes and our new Archdeacon for France, Peter Hooper, to our chaplaincy for the first time. They arrived at lunchtime, which gave us the chance to do introductions and give them a potted history of the chaplaincy. Over lunch they had the opportunity to meet people individually and then we were able to present to them what is going on in the chaplaincy. We started by showing them a map of the area which we cover, with Marseille on the coast and members of our four congregations widely scattered across four *départements*, which was a good way of demonstrating the challenges we face in terms of geography and the distances some of us travel to worship. Then members of the team covered our mission and vision plan, work with seafarers, ecumenical initiatives, safeguarding and work with refugees, the new services introduced at Aix and Manosque and the various opportunities that lie ahead. Both the Bishop and the Archdeacon found our presentations and the work that the chaplaincy is doing exciting and energizing. The Bishop then blessed our Curate Roxana's ministry before they set off for St Raphaël to lead a service of Confirmation for different chaplaincies in the Deanery. One of the Confirmation candidates was Johnson, a member of our congregation in Marseille, who was supported by our Chaplain and Curate.

Christmas Fair

Following the success of last year's 'virtual' Christmas Fair, another is being organised for the weekend of 10th - 12th December. Roxana has put together the list of goodies available and, if you can help with making any items, please contact her at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com. We need homemade jams, cakes, preserves and mince pies! Please see the attached flyer for details and the menu/order form. Donations would be very welcome too from anyone who cannot place an order.

Concert at All Saints' Marseille

The choir Chorale Ste Victoire which uses the church for their rehearsals is putting on a concert for us in the afternoon on 12th December – please contact Jamie for details and tickets at anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Luberon Christmas Party

Much to our disappointment, this has had to be postponed to the spring when we can hold it outside in the garden. Luberon Life were expecting so many attendees that it was felt that there wouldn't be room for everyone in the house. We'll let you know when it has been re-arranged.

Christmas Charity Appeal

This year we are collecting money to buy Christmas presents for children living in one of the most deprived areas of London. The money will be sent through a charity with which a member of our chaplaincy is closely involved (the one which last year delivered 100 chickens from us to provide Christmas dinners for their community), working in partnership with a local school. The flyer is attached, giving details of how to donate.

Advent and Christmas

We will be holding a carol service in the church of All Saints' Marseille on 11th December at 4 pm. All are very welcome so please bring your friends and family.

Also the annual carol service at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien in Goult is scheduled for the afternoon of 18th December. (This isn't under the auspices of our chaplaincy, but all are welcome and Jamie will be playing the organ.)

Dates for Diary

1 st December	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
3 rd December	Evening service with prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm
5 th December	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
8 th December	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
11 th December	Carol Service at All Saints' Marseille at 4 pm
12 th December	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am

Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacré-Cœur, Oppède at 10.30 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
Concert by Chorale Sainte Victoire at All Saints' Marseille at 3 pm

15th December Compline service via zoom at 10 pm

18th December Carol service at Eglise Saint-Sébastien, Goult at 3 pm

19th December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

22nd December Compline service via zoom at 10 pm

24th December Christmas Eve Holy Communion at Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, Aix-en-Provence at 4 pm
Midnight Mass via zoom at 11.00 pm

25th December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am, which will also be streamed

26th December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

29th December Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

Reflection from our Chaplain

For many, 2021 has been a year marked by waves of hope and despondency. From the point of view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the arrival of effective vaccines brought a widespread optimism that daily life might return to something like it had been before March 2020. By the autumn this almost seemed to have become a reality, but the arrival of the Omicron variant towards the end of November seems to have changed all that. The sense of disappointment is palpable, even among the optimistic. For some, this feels like a truly bleak midwinter.

One thing that people are once more finding it hard to come to terms with is the way in which rules on travel and social contact are apt to change without warning. Families and friends find themselves unexpectedly apart again at Christmas. Fears for the vulnerable have returned. Others face different concerns and pressures that are heightened by the pandemic waves. Yet, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, let us take the opportunity to focus on the things that do not change - the things of eternity, the things of God. If we can concentrate not so much on Omicron but on the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, which for Christians have always stood for the incarnate God born in a stable at Bethlehem, we may begin to see our own uncertain times in a different perspective: the perspective of the one whose Nativity we acknowledge and proclaim. And let us find in Him a firm source for hope, a ground that does not shift under our feet, as we hear again the assurance of the Christmas Gospel that 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1.5).

Each year at our Easter Vigil, the priest traces on the Easter Candle the sign of the cross and then the two Greek letters above and below it, saying the words:

Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.
Amen.

May those words offer some comfort to all who are finding these times difficult. For this too will pass, but the eternal gift of Christ will remain. The darkness will retreat and the light will return. And, with it, the song of the angels.

I wish all of you, and those you love, a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain – December 2021

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all who have been involved in our online Christmas Fair this year - whether baking, brewing and packaging, ordering produce or sending donations. Our Curate Roxana Telemann, Elizabeth Bernasconi, Anne and Gaston Roumieu, Christine Portman and many others have been active in supporting the chaplaincy through this effort, which is greatly appreciated. Details of the total raised will follow when the last mince pie has been baked!

Christmas Charity Appeal

Our Christmas Charity Appeal this year has enabled 50 families in two of the toughest neighbourhoods in London to receive extra support at Christmas. The distribution has been made via two primary schools, whose head teachers met our Chaplain Jamie online this week with Gladys Sheriff, our congregation member coordinating the work. One of the schools has a group of Afghan refugee children whom they have welcomed into their classes over the last few weeks. The appeal proceeds will make sure that some of their families in greatest need will have extra food at Christmas, and the schools are also making sure that every child receives a present. Thanks to all who have contributed to the appeal.

Concert at All Saints Marseille

The Chorale Sainte-Victoire, the choir which rehearses at All Saints', put on a concert for us in the afternoon on 12th December which was much enjoyed by all who attended.

Dates for Diary

24 th December	Holy Communion at the Eglise Protestant Unie, Aix at 4 pm Midnight Mass via zoom at 11 pm
25 th December	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am, which will be streamed

26 th December	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
29 th December	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
2nd January (Epiphany)	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
5 th January	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
7 th January	Evening service with prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm
9 th January	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacre Cœur, Oppède at 10.30 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
12 th January	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
16 th January	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am Holy Communion at Temple Protestante Unie, Manosque at 4 pm
19 th January	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
23 rd January	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am Holy Communion at the Eglise Protestant Unie, Aix at 4 pm
26 th January	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
30 th January	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

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