

CHAPLAINCY OF ALL SAINTS' MARSEILLE WITH AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022



Happy New Year to all from our chaplaincy!

Christmas was a busy time on the church front, with carol services in Marseille, Aix and via zoom. A Christmas Eve service was held in Aix at the Temple of the Eglise Protestante Unie, and from four people arriving at 3.55 pm the congregation rapidly grew to 26, from all ages and nationalities. The Christmas morning service at Marseille was well attended and was followed by a lunch in the church. Jamie, our Chaplain, also preached twice in the afternoon on board ships under repair in the Port of Marseille, at Masses taken by the local parish priest and attended by the crew members. He was also invited back to one of the ships in the New Year to take a memorial Eucharist for a young seafarer, which was attended by over 110 of his fellow crew members.

Christmas Fair

The virtual Christmas Fair, organised to raise funds for the Chaplaincy by members based in Marseille, raised over 800 euros - a real success. Thanks to our Curate Roxana for coordinating the event, and to all who helped prepare items for sale and those who supported the Fair by buying them. The challenge now is for the other congregations to match the result!

Seamen's Club

The AMAM Seamen's Club in Marseille is open again two evenings a week. Anyone willing to volunteer in welcoming seafarers and helping with tasks at the Club, please contact Gaston Roumieu (via our main email address – anglican.marseille@gmail.com). This is an important part of our chaplaincy's outreach. No previous experience needed.

Repairs to All Saints' Church

Our church building in Marseille has had problems with damp and leaks, so some works are now in hand to repair and renew parts of it, particularly the roof and the cellar area which was becoming unstable. Emergency repairs have been done to make the latter safe and a ventilator installed to reduce the humidity. More still needs to be done and we are awaiting more detailed information from the architect. Thanks to Gaston Roumieu for all his help in organising the works.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We have been busy with a number of events marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January) in Marseille, Goult and Aix. (The event planned for Manosque unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to high levels of Covid locally.) This year the theme for the Week, chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches, was 'We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay him homage'. The services in which members of the chaplaincy took part were well attended, and friendships were forged and deepened with members of other church denominations across the area.

On Wednesday, at a service in the beautiful Sanctuaire de Notre-Dame de Lumière near Goult, Jamie was invited to preach and members of the Luberon congregation took part in reading lessons and leading the prayers. John Smith and Jamie also took turns in playing the organ.

On Sunday morning in Aix we held a joint service of Holy Communion with the Eglise Protestante Unie, in their church at which our monthly evening services are now held. Pasteur Gill Daudé extended a warm welcome to Anglicans, Protestants and Catholics alike, and he and Jamie then led the service together.

In Marseille it was our turn to host the main ecumenical service at All Saints' this year, which took place on the Sunday evening attended by representatives of seven different denominations.



Finally, on 21st January the Chaplain was interviewed about the Anglican Church on Dialogue RCF, the ecumenical Christian radio station in Marseille – there's a link to the recording below:

<https://rcf.fr/articles/actualite/spuc-loecumenisme-vu-par-les-anglicans-de-provence>

Recruitment

We are looking for a volunteer to replace Muriel Teusink who has done a great job as Chaplaincy Council Secretary but is moving back to the USA on her retirement this spring. It involves organising the meetings, taking notes and sending out documents. Anyone who feels they could spare the time to do this please contact our Chaplain Jamie or our Churchwarden Jane.

We are also still looking to recruit another Churchwarden, preferably based in Marseille so that they can be on hand to oversee events in the church and works to the fabric and the building. Again, anyone who is interested please contact Jamie or Jane. A full job description can be found on the Diocesan website.

Lastly, we are keen to recruit volunteers to help keep our communications up to date – particularly our Facebook page and the Church of England online directory. If anyone could spare the odd half hour to do this, please contact Jamie or Jane.

Eco Church

As churches, we are just as involved as everyone else in counteracting climate change and putting right the damage we humans have done to our beautiful planet. This year we will be focusing on how we as church communities can do more.

The following poem gives food for thought – try reading it in from the top down, then reading it again from the bottom up!

Every day the planet burns a little more by Brian Bilston

We only have a short while
So quick, let me tell you
We're too far gone to turn this around
I can't believe
We have it in us to put this world right
It's all too late, too late
How can you say
But do not give up hope
Every day the planet burns a little more
And hot air rises
While governments pump out empty promises
We are powerless
Don't be so foolish as to imagine that
Together we have a voice
Big enough to change the world
The decisions we make each day are
Unimportant
The food we eat, the things we buy,
How we get around
How naïve to think
The destruction of centuries could be undone
In a few decades
If we could just find reverse

If anyone would like to help us do our bit – we need an eco-Champion – please contact Jamie.

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Newsletter February 2022

Crisis in Ukraine

As we write this newsletter, people are fleeing the capital of Ukraine for their lives. Our prayers are with all who face violence and bloodshed, injury and bereavement, as we continue to pray for peace during this tragedy. Please remember the members of our fellow Anglican congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv and their loved ones.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have sent out a pastoral letter, a copy of which is being circulated with this newsletter. The Diocese in Europe will be holding a service of 'Prayers across Europe for Peace in Ukraine' online on 1st March at 19.00 (French time), 18.00 (UK time), on the eve of the Day of Prayer called by Pope Francis. It will be led by our Bishop, Robert Innes, with Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain in Moscow and Area Dean for Russia and Ukraine. The YouTube link to the service is below -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjnsySwfydk>

Do join the service if you can. If you are unable to make it, please take a few minutes to pray at this time wherever you are.

Other news

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place from 18-25 January, with events in the Luberon, Marseille, two in Aix and another hosted by us at All Saints, all of which were well attended. The leaders of the different Christian denominations in Marseille have been invited by the Roman Catholic Archbishop to a meeting at the end of March to discuss possible joint responses to the care of migrants in the city.

Ecumenical events – World Day of Prayer – Events in Marseille and Aix. This year the focus of the day is on England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

On 3rd March a meeting for the World Day of Prayer will be held at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, 13100 Aix-en-Provence at 6.00 pm. At 8.00 pm there will also be a meeting on 'Mediation as a way of prayer', to be followed by a buffet with shared British food.

On 4th March the World Day of Prayer will be kept at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 15 rue Grignan, 13006 Marseille, beginning at 6.00 pm.

All are welcome at both events.

Request for Volunteers – Thanks to all those who have volunteered in response to our request for more people to help out with the many and varied things that need doing to help our chaplaincy function. Many hands make light work! We still need volunteers to join the Chaplaincy Council and to help operate the (simple) controls for Zoom services, so if you haven't yet put your name forward for either of those, please do consider it.

Lent Course

Our Chaplain Jamie writes:

I am writing with details of our Lent study course this year, which everyone is very welcome to join. It needs no previous experience or study, and you don't need to be a member of our congregation to take part. We will meet online during the five weeks of Lent to discuss a book called *Hope and the Nearness of God* by Teresa White.

Hope is something that affects us all. How do we find it, or maintain it, when life is difficult? Is it something we just have, or can it be cultivated? Are there things we can learn or discover that will sustain us? This is a subject that requires no theological training. The author (who is British) has lived in France and is a member of a religious community based here. Her writing draws on many sources, both spiritual and secular, and she invites us to reflect on the subject of hope using literature, art, sculpture and music as well as scripture. The book costs around £9 and is available in hard copy or electronic form, either from Amazon France (for those who live here) or Amazon UK, Church House Bookshop, etc. There's a selection of links below:

<https://www.amazon.fr/Hope-Nearness-God-2022-Lent/dp/1472984196>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hope-Nearness-God-2022-Lent/dp/1472984196>

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/hope-and-the-nearness-of-god-9781472984197/>

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/search-results?query=hope%20and%20the%20nearness%20of%20god>

We will meet each week on Zoom at either of the following times (ie the content will be the same whichever session you choose):

- Tuesdays at 11.00 am (French time, 10.00 am UK time) - beginning 8th March

- Thursdays at 6.00 pm (French time, 5.00 pm UK time) - beginning 10th March.

For those who would like to, before each session there's also a chance to join us on Zoom for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 10.30 am (French time, 9.30 am UK time), and for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5.30 pm (French time, 4.30 pm UK time). The order of service can be found using the Daily Prayer app (which is free to download) - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>.

Please let us know if you would like to join us for the course, and which of the Tuesday or Thursday sessions you are likely to prefer. It doesn't matter if you can't make them all, and it's always possible to swap between Tuesday and Thursday in any week. Details of the chapter(s) to read for each week, with a summary and questions to reflect on, will be sent out in advance. The aim is to make it as accessible as possible, particularly for those who don't have much time to spare.

I hope as many of you as possible will use this opportunity to spend time together reflecting. Please don't hesitate to ring me, or any member of the ministry team, if you have any questions.

Luberon Life Event 30th April

John Smith is kindly hosting a lamb roast in his garden at Oppède to introduce members of the church community to members of the Luberon Life organisation as part of our continued efforts to publicise our presence, in a convivial and low-key way. All are welcome to come along and volunteers to help would be even more welcome! For further details please contact John or Christopher Morgan.

Dates for Diary

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Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
Holy Communion at Temple Protestante Unie, Manosque at 4 pm
23rd March Compline via zoom at 10 pm
27th March Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
Holy Communion at Temple Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence at 4 pm
30th March Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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A reflection from the Chaplain

As we approach Passiontide this year, it is hard to dissociate the story we will be recalling from the events we have been witnessing daily in Ukraine. The unleashing of violence; the brutality that boils over in the human struggle for power and influence; the justification of violence by some in the name of religion; the juxtaposition of a claim to uphold the integrity of a faith tradition with a military presence determined to suppress dissent by force. It was all there in first century Palestine. It is all still there in twenty-first century Europe.

How much easier it would be to turn our heads and distract ourselves with almost anything rather than face the truth of the propensity for evil that lurks within the human condition. But to turn away is the one thing we must not do. We are called to walk with Christ through the coming days, to draw closer to him as he faces betrayal, suffering and death, so that we see more clearly the dangers that exist in the world around us and, if we are honest with ourselves, in our own hearts. It is only if we can see them clearly, as we shall do on Good Friday at the foot of the cross, that we shall be able to face them as Christ did and learn to do things differently. Finding in him the assurance, which no human agency is able to offer so convincingly, that goodness is stronger than evil, love stronger than hate, and that (in the words of St Paul) nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8.39).

I hope you will join us for our services in Holy Week and Easter, either in church or online, as we share Christ's journey from darkness to light. At our Easter Vigil, at 10.00 pm online on Saturday, 16th April, a single candle will be lit from which the light of Easter will be shared across our community, inspiring us to go out and live the Gospel of love that offers hope to a suffering world more than ever in need of it. And on Easter morning, in the different churches of the chaplaincy, we will share in that fullness of joy which the promise of resurrection brings.

The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain

World Day of Prayer – Friday, 4th March

Many thanks to Anne Roumieu for representing us again this year at this important event and taking part in all the preparations. This year the focus for the Day of Prayer was England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Services were held at the Eglise Protestante Unie in Marseille and Aix-en-Provence. As ever, it was a valuable opportunity to deepen friendships and pray together with fellow Christians from different denominations across the chaplaincy area.



Ecumenical service of prayers for peace in Ukraine – Sunday, 13th March

Our chaplain Jamie and curate Roxana took part in an ecumenical service of prayers for peace in Ukraine at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol in Marseille, again attended by fellow Christians from the across the denominations in the city. Roxana led the intercessions and Jamie and three other ministers gave a short reflection on the Beatitudes.

Diocese in Europe Lent and Easter Appeal

This year's diocesan Lent and Easter Appeal is to help those affected by the war in Ukraine, including refugees needing support in the areas of local chaplaincies. The appeal is an opportunity for churches to help via other churches and through aid agencies connected to our ecumenical partners in the region. It is being run in conjunction with the Anglican mission agency USPG, and the response in the Diocese and beyond has been remarkable. Thank you. Chaplaincies are already giving grants to individuals, as well as hospitality, advice and food. More is needed, of course, as the crisis is both urgent and long term. Details of the appeal may be viewed on the diocesan website:

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1785-lent-and-easter-appeal-2022-aid-to-ukraine>

Individual gifts can also be made through the USPG Giving Portal.

Online Prayers for Peace

Online Prayers for Peace – Wednesdays at 18:00 CET. A diocesan service of ‘Prayers Across Europe for Peace in Ukraine’ is being held online every Wednesday at 18:00 CET at least until the end of Lent. The simple 30 minute service is a ‘Vigil with Prayers for Peace in Ukraine’. It includes prayers, music, readings and a reflection or some information from a part of the Diocese directly affected by the crisis. The service is on zoom and all are welcome to join. Do let people know who may be interested. The link will be the same each week:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87224945786> Meeting ID: 872 2494 5786

Message from the Chaplain of St Andrew’s, Moscow

Those on our mailing list will already have received a copy of the message which Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrew’s Moscow, circulated on 10th March. A copy is reprinted at the end of this newsletter.

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.....

Repairs to All Saints’ Marseille

These have commenced and the building is now watertight again (we hope) following the replacement of a significant number of roof tiles. Temporary works to the cellar have also been completed, to stabilise an area of floor in the church which was in danger of subsiding. More works will be needed to this during the summer months, for which an estimate is awaited. A new ventilation system has also been installed to reduce the damp in the cellar. Thanks to Gaston Roumieu for all his help on this.

AGM

The chaplaincy AGM will be at **2.30 pm on Saturday, 14th May** this year, via zoom. All those on the electoral roll are welcome to attend.

Updated Covid protocol for Church attendance

Our Covid protocol for attending church services was reviewed at the Chaplaincy Council meeting this month. Although many restrictions have now been removed in France, given the recent escalation in the number of cases it was decided to leave the majority of the protocol unchanged for the moment and to keep the position under review over the coming weeks.

We are, however, now able to share refreshments again after services. To enable this to take place at All Saints’ Marseille, and for Jamie and Roxana to be able to spend time with the congregation there after their service ends, from April onwards our Zoom services will begin with our two Readers, Christine and Jane, leading the worship (with the help of some very welcome

volunteers to operate the Zoom controls!). Jamie and/or Roxana will then join us online once the local worshippers have left the church. Again, we will keep this under review to see how it works out in practice.

Concert

Advance notice – on Friday, 20th May, there will be a concert at All Saints' Marseille by the choir *Doubles Croches*, who have performed with us in the past. Details to be confirmed in due course.

Dates for Diary

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| 1 st April | Service of Prayers for healing at 6 pm on zoom |
| 3 rd April | Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Holy Communion at 11.30 am on zoom |
| 6 th April | Compline at 10 pm on zoom |
| 10 th April | Palm Sunday
Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Holy Communion at 11.30 am on zoom |
| 11 th April | Monday of Holy Week - Compline at 10 pm on zoom |
| 12 th April | Tuesday of Holy Week - Compline at 10 pm on zoom |
| 13 th April | Wednesday of Holy Week - Compline at 10 pm on zoom |
| 14 th April | Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion with washing of feet at 6 pm at All Saints' Marseille |
| 15 th April | Good Friday
All Saints' Marseille (livestreamed):
12.00 – 1.45 pm Reflections on the Cross – A series of addresses with music, prayer and silence, led by the Chaplain
1.45 – 3.00 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday |
| 16 th April | Easter Eve
10.00 pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light on zoom |
| 17 th April | Easter Sunday |

Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (livestreamed)

Holy Communion at 10.30 am at Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède

Holy Communion at 4 pm at Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque

20th April Compline at 10 pm on zoom

23rd April Chaplaincy Council meeting at 2.30 pm on zoom

24th April Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille

Holy Communion at 11.30 am on zoom

Holy Communion at 4 pm at Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence

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Message from the Chaplain of St Andrew's, Moscow

This was written by the Chaplain of St Andrew's Moscow, the Revd Canon Malcolm Rogers - March 10th 2022.

“St Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow is situated only 10 minutes' walk from the Kremlin, the physical and geographical centre of power. The Ministries of Education, Culture and Defence are near neighbours. We are in the centre of power and yet we are powerless. Today, as many of our dear friends have left Russia, and as we nervously wonder whether or when we should leave, we are even more conscious of our powerlessness. Conflict was predicted and we were helpless, unable to do anything to prevent it. Now that 'special military operations', as they are called here, have begun, there is nothing that we can do to stop them. But it is precisely our powerlessness which means that there are things that we can do. We are gospel people, who serve a crucified but risen Lord. We are the 'nobodies' of 1 Corinthians 1, and it is our very powerlessness and insignificance and foolishness that can also be our strength if it is handed to God.

First of all, we are simply here. We are a community of very messed up people, but as we gather together to hear the Word of God and to receive bread and wine, a community of Russians and foreigners gathered together, centred on and receiving from Jesus Christ, our simple presence can be a witness of what the world can be like, of the future kingdom.

Secondly, in our powerlessness, we can worship and pray. We pray for peace. That is far more than just praying for the absence of war. We praise God for the coming Kingdom, for the hope he has given us. I am struck that in both Mary's song and Zechariah's song we praise God for what we hope will happen, as if it already has happened; and we cry out for God, as we pray and long for the coming of God's Kingdom. We pray for the time when there will be no more 'fake news', lies, betrayals or violence, and no more fear and death. And it is our very powerlessness which opens to us our dependence on God and on him doing wonderful works.

Thirdly, we can still speak truth. There are some things that we cannot say in Moscow, but we can still preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen and reigning. We can call people to repentance and offer people hope. In my 30 plus years of ministry, I have never known a time and a place when people are more hungering for God.

And fourthly we can love and serve our neighbour. We read the news and feel powerless. Most of us are in no position to solve world problems or to bring peace. The job advert when I applied to come to Moscow said that the person appointed could make a difference for world peace. On those grounds I have been a spectacular failure! But we can make a difference where we are, and love the actual physical neighbours who God has given us. For some, the neighbours are Ukrainian refugees.

Yesterday I heard from the woman who I ran our college Christian Union with. Since leaving university, she has been working with Polish Christians, witnessing, and serving mainly among addicts and street women. She wrote of how her team met a family of homeless Ukrainian

refugees and they are now living in her flat. There are many stories like that. Our neighbours at St Andrew's in Moscow are different. They are the young Russian crushed by what has been done in his name; the mother sick with anxiety for her son who has been sent to Ukraine, the foreign student unsure whether to leave or how to leave, the person who has been named on the wrong sort of list, the older person who fears a return to the isolation and economic depression of the 80s. In our hubris we think that we are somebodies who can save the world - and we end up paralysed. But it is when we realise our powerlessness, that in the world's eyes we are 'nobodies', that we can begin to see the neighbour who God has given us and learn to serve them.

Pray for us, for courage and wisdom and perseverance in faith and love. And we will pray for you.”

Rev Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrew's, Moscow, The Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Area Dean of Russia and Ukraine

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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!



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Covid Protocols for Church attendance in person

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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.



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- 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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All Saints and Sailors

Gaston Roumieu writes:

According to a long established custom, every time a cruise ship comes into the port of Marseille for the first time, a 'plates & medals' ceremony takes place : the ship's captain invites several local representatives on board and, after a few speeches from both sides, an exchange of plates & medals takes place. This is what happened on April 28th 2022 with Aida Cosma: launched in 2021, 337 m long, 42 m wide, 17 decks, 5228 passengers, 1551 crew, 17 restaurants, 6 swimming pools,...



One of All Saints' volunteers was invited to represent the seamen's club.

As I said to the captain: 'I have neither plate nor medal to offer you but I trust your crew will make good use of these beautiful leaflets and stickers about our seamen's club'. To which he answered: "I remember that during the pandemic you were quite helpful to my crew when I was captain of another ship and I thank you for this'.



New Churchwarden and Council members

We are very pleased to welcome Peter Smith from the Luberon congregation onto the Chaplaincy Council as Churchwarden, bringing us up to our proper complement of two Wardens at last. Welcome too to Aidan Hamilton, who has also joined the Council.

Janet Dodd

The Chaplain writes:

Many of you will be sad to hear that Janet Dodd, wife of The Revd Malcolm Dodd and a former Churchwarden here, died suddenly on 24th May. Janet was a great supporter of the chaplaincy and worked closely with Malcolm in the early days of our congregation in the Luberon. She was energetic, faithful, compassionate and fun, and will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. Janet's funeral service will be held at the crematorium in Orange on Wednesday, 1st June at 1.30 pm, to be followed in a few weeks' time by a service of thanksgiving in Vaison-la-Romaine.

Please remember in your prayers Malcolm and Janet's family, including her sons Richard, Mike and Nick and stepdaughter Fiona. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

55 Years of Ministry

And on a very happy note, Canon David Pickering celebrated his 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this month. We are very grateful for his continuing ministry here with us!

Open gardens



Jane and Garry Quarmby would like to say a big thankyou to all who have helped us with the opening of our gardens for charity for the first time this year. So far we have had 40 visitors and are still open by appointment and again for a weekend in September. We've raised 200

euros so far for children with cancer and are still reckoning up the funds raised for the church from the sale of cakes.



Platinum Jubilee celebrations

We will be celebrating H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a party at All Saints' following the 10.00 am service on Sunday, 5th June. Beginning at 12.00, all are welcome to join us for a shared lunch. Please contact our Curate, Roxana Teleman, to let her know if you wish to come and see what we still need brought! curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Dates for diary

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| 1 st June | Compline via zoom at 10 pm |
| 3 rd June | Evening Service with Prayers for Healing via zoom at 6 pm |
| 5 th June | Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am – our Pentecost Service will be streamed live on YouTube, followed by a party in church at 12.00 |
| 8 th June | Compline via zoom at 10 pm |
| 12 th June | Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède at 10.30 am
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am |
| 14 th June | Chaplaincy Council meeting via zoom at 8 pm |
| 15 th June | Compline via zoom at 10pm |

19th June Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am
 Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
 Holy Communion at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque, at 4 pm

22nd June Compline via zoom at 10 pm

26th June Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am
 Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
 Holy Communion at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix, at 5 pm

29th June Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at All Saints

35 people enjoyed lunch after a special Pentecost service at All Saints' Marseille on Sunday, 5th June, when we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Representatives from our different congregations were there and special food prepared, including the official Platinum Jubilee dessert and a magnificent 'Union Jack' cake baked by Elizabeth Bernasconi. Many thanks to our Curate Roxana Teleman for organising the occasion.



Archdeaconry Synod Meeting

The Archdeaconry Synod meeting was held recently online, and attended by our Chaplain Jamie, our Curate Roxana and Christine and Jane our Synod reps. The Diocese is now strongly in favour of all such meetings being held on zoom, in line with the drive towards being an eco-church.

Chaired by Bishop Robert, a number of updates were given on safeguarding, the governance of chaplaincies in the light of recent changes to the law in France affecting *associations*, progress in the Living in Love and Faith discussions, and the finances of the Archdeaconry. This was followed by two sessions on ecumenism in the Archdeaconry. Like us, many chaplaincies are holding services in churches owned by the Eglise Protestante Unie de France or local Roman Catholic Dioceses where they don't have a building of their own. In addition we heard of joint services being held, joint fundraising and social events, informal get togethers with food, ministry lunches, joint carol services and joint initiatives with children and young people. In some places with small and scattered congregations they are sharing Clergy and Readers and other resources.

Full details of the Synod can be found online at these links:

- Summary

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/archdeaconry-synod/france-archdeaconry-synod-2022/2022-archdeaconry-synod-a-summary/>

- Presentations

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/archdeaconry-synod/france-archdeaconry-synod-2022/archdeaconry-synod-2022-presentations/>

Living in Love and Faith

Some of us attended the study groups last autumn on the Church of England's 'Living in Love and Faith' materials. The feedback has now been gathered and is being reviewed, before being debated this autumn at the General Synod.

Summer Services

Services will be held as usual at all 4 of our worship centres this summer. Please spread the word and if you have family and friends visiting, bring them along!

Memorial Service for Janet Dodd

After the sad and sudden demise of our former churchwarden and stalwart supporter of the chaplaincy, there will be a memorial service for her on Saturday, 9th July at 2.30 pm in the Chapelle Saint Quenin, Avenue Saint-Quenin, 84110 Vaison-la-Romaine. All are welcome. Please hold Malcolm and the rest of Janet's family in your prayers.

Ukraine

Christina Laschenko, Churchwarden at Christ Church Kyiv, has written a letter to share her reflections as her city and country contemplate the idea of new life, and rebuilding, in the midst of grief.

"Warmest greetings from the war-torn Kyiv. Today we mark a horrible date: 100 days of the Russian-

Ukrainian war. For 100 days now the people of Ukraine have lived in fear of air-strike sirens, shellings, gunfire, bombardments; in the fear of death and occupation. But a human being as God's creation cannot live in terror permanently. Life and hope make their way through fears, dangers and ruinations of war.

"In Kyiv, and the liberated regions around it, people whose houses survived shellings and gunfire return back to their places and start thinking how to restore the normal life.

"It is not easy: the economy has shrunk by more than 50% and only half of those who had jobs before the war can come back to work now. Even for the employed people the salaries have dropped by 50% and more. Many de-occupied areas experience interruptions in electricity, gasoline supplies, and deficiencies in some food products.

"People in Kyiv do their best to live normal lives: they gather friends to celebrate birthday parties, go to the Opera House, attend museums with new exhibitions, and volunteer day and night for the needs of the army and internally displaced people.

"And, of course, people call to God. Religious life in the war-torn Kyiv is quite intense. People are resolute to overcome any obstacles to get to places of worship to pray together for the lives of Ukrainian people, for the success of the Ukrainian Army, for the victory of Ukraine. We encourage you to join us in the prayer for restoration of peaceful life in Ukraine. We want to rebuild the houses, to plant gardens, to raise children and to overcome the wounds of war through the joy of new life."

We continue to pray for a swift end to the war and for the peoples affected.

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Wednesday 20th July Compline at 10 pm via zoom
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Holy Communion at 5 pm the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
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Sunday 31st July Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille
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After the sad and sudden demise of our former churchwarden and stalwart supporter of the chaplaincy, a memorial service for her was held at Vaison la Romaine, in the chapel where she and Malcom used to organise carol services at Christmas. Many friends and family came together to say goodbye and share their memories of a remarkable and courageous person who followed her dreams. Please continue to hold Malcolm and the rest of her family in your prayers.

More departures

Thankfully, just to different countries! We are sad to say *au revoir* to the Revd John Smith who has faithfully played his part in the chaplaincy life and taken services at Oppède for the last few years. John has been invited to return to his former parish of Great Marlow, as Team Vicar with responsibility for All Saints Bisham, so he will be moving to England in September. We wish John every happiness and fulfilment along with many and varied experiences in his new ministry. He is keeping his house in Oppède so is not disappearing for good and plans to return to France when the position comes to an end. His last service in Oppède will be on 14th August. Our chaplain, Jamie Johnston, will organise the services in Oppède from September, with the help of other members of the ministry team.

Also we are sad to say *au revoir* to Muriel and Tim Teusink, faithful supporters of the chaplaincy, who are returning home to the USA following their well-earned retirement from many years of medical missionary work across the world. Jane presented them with gifts from the chaplaincy to mark, in particular, Muriel's hard work as Secretary to the Chaplaincy Council. We wish them safe travel home and a warm welcome when they return to visit us.



Quiet Day at Dauphin

We're planning to hold a Quiet Day for all who'd like to come and spend some time away from it all, with lunch, prayers and a chance to relax in the garden. The proposed date is likely to be Saturday, 10th September (to be confirmed), so please keep the day in mind and let Jane know if you'd like to come. More details in the next newsletter.

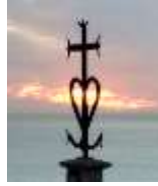
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Wednesday 24 th August	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 28 th August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints, Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix

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Commemoration of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Special prayers were said for the Queen and the Royal Family across our chaplaincy, at Marseille, Oppède and the zoom service on the weekend after the announcement of Her Majesty's death at Balmoral. A special service of commemoration was also held on Saturday, 18th September at All Saints' Marseille, attended by over 40 people including the British Consul, who read the first lesson. Tea and cake were served afterwards. The same service was repeated at Manosque on Sunday afternoon and, although the numbers were fewer, it was a special moment for all of us as we reflected on the Queen's life and faith. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



We were touched to receive a letter from Jean-Marc Aveline, the Cardinal Archbishop of Marseille, who wrote as follows:

'I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and would like to offer you my most sincere condolences. Please convey them to the whole of the Anglican community in Marseille. May I assure you of my prayers, as well as those of all Catholics in the Diocese of Marseille'.

Quiet Day

On 10th September the Chaplaincy was due to hold an Away Day on the theme of Creation and Community. However, as most of the people who wished to come were away from home, we've postponed it to May next year.



Ecumenical Service for Creationtide

Members of the chaplaincy are taking part in an ecumenical service of prayer at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol on the Vieux Port in Marseille on Wednesday, 28th September at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. The service will include a renewed commitment by different Christian communities in Marseille to care for the environment. Particular thanks to Aidan Hamilton for helping with the music for the service.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest at all of our services in October and donations of food etc brought to the services will be donated to *Les Restos du Coeur*. The theme this year will be Stewardship. Our service at Manosque will be followed by a Harvest Supper – please let Jane know if you'd like to come for catering purposes. We are inviting our friends from the Eglise Protestante Unie to join us.

Chaplaincy Council

The Chaplaincy Council met on 1st September and Ronnie our secretary has kindly sent this report of what was discussed and decided.

The Chaplaincy Council is made up of the Clergy, the Churchwardens and a group of Church members elected by the Annual General Meeting. The role of the Council is to support and advise the Clergy, the Ministry Team and the Standing Committee with the day to day running of the Church.

At our September meeting

- It was mentioned that some people make their financial contribution to the Church by direct bank payments and these people sometimes felt embarrassed when requested to put what would be a further donation in the collection plate. It was agreed to provide a small laminated card, placed at the back of each church, for members of the congregation who give by bank transfer to put in the collection plate as it is circulated.
- The wearing of masks for all during services was discussed. It was decided that as from the beginning of September masks would become voluntary. The Church would still provide masks and gel for anyone wishing to use these and members would be asked not to come to church if they had Covid symptoms or had tested positive.
- The Council was given an update on the continuing investigation into the building issues in the cellar at Marseille.
- We are keen to increase the numbers attending our services in church and we need to become more active in promoting our services in the English-speaking communities. The information held at the tourist offices in both Marseille and Aix has been brought up to date. A few visitors and newcomers have found their way to us over the summer through an internet search.
- It was agreed to have a stewardship campaign in October, linked to Harvest Festival, in each Church.
- Plans are to be considered by a small ad hoc group to organise a Christmas Fair, to raise funds, which hopefully can be held in the Church in Marseille this year, subject to any pandemic developments.

Cake recipe

I was asked so many times on 18th September for the recipe for the Norfolk Ginger Cake that I promised to put it in the Newsletter – so here it is. It's from Mary Berry.

Ingredients:

450 g of mixed fruit and nuts – apricots, cherries, sultanas, raisins, prunes, walnuts etc

100g butter

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

175g soft muscovado sugar

225ml water

2 eggs beaten

275g self-raising flour

2tsp ground ginger

150g stem ginger, drained of syrup and roughly chopped.

Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin.

Measure all the chopped fruits and nuts into a large saucepan with the butter, bicarbonate of soda, sugar and water. Bring to the boil for 3 minutes.

Allow to cool and then add the eggs, flour, ground ginger and stem ginger. Mix thoroughly and turn into the prepared cake tin.

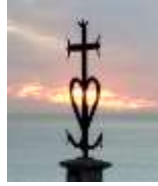
Bake in the oven preheated to 160C, Gas mark 3 for about an hour and a quarter or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean and the cake is firm to the touch.

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Wednesday 12 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 16 th October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque - Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper
Wednesday 19 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 23 rd October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence - Harvest Festival
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Harvest

During October we celebrated Harvest Festival in all four of our churches, beginning in Marseille and on Zoom on 2nd October, with a collection for Les Restos du Coeur. At Oppède on 9th October, Harvest Festival was celebrated with beautiful flowers (from the garden of our very own Churchwarden Jane Quarmby) and generous gifts from the congregation for the local Resto du Cœur in Apt. A week later a Harvest Supper was celebrated at Manosque where the congregation was joined by members of the Eglise Protestant Unie for a very long convivial supper after the service. Thanks to Jane and Christine for organising and preparing the food. We concluded the series at Aix, where a final collection of items for Les Restos du Coeur was made.



Oppède



Manosque

Ecumenical Service

On 28th September an ecumenical service of prayer was held at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol on the Vieux Port in Marseille, on the theme 'Ecoutez la voix de la Création' (Listening to the voice of Creation). The Chaplaincy helped devise and lead the service, along with representatives of Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and free churches in Marseille. Thanks to Aidan Hamilton for playing the 'cello and to all who attended. Real friendship and dialogue are developing between the different communities taking part in the services.

Sponsored swim for the UK charity ASPIRE

A member of our Marseille congregation, Helen Brooking, is taking part in a sponsored swim for the charity ASPIRE, raising funds to provide help for those who have suffered spinal / spinal cord injuries. Details about the event can be obtained from the charity's website (by clicking on their publicity picture below). The challenge involves swimming the equivalent length of the English Channel (22 miles: 35.5 km) over a 12 week period, Sept 12th – Dec 5th in swimming pools.



Sponsoring / donations are very welcome and can be made through the Justgiving website on the following link:

<http://justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-brooking-2022-channel-swim-117459>

Latest reports are that Helen has reached the half way mark. Congratulations, Helen, and our best wishes for the second half!

Remembrance Sunday

As last year, we will be holding an Act of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Mazargues, on the east side of Marseille, at 11.30 am on Remembrance Sunday, 23rd November. This will follow the service in church at All Saints' Marseille, which will begin at the slightly earlier time than usual of 9.45 am. (The service in church will be shared on Zoom and there will be no separate Zoom service that day.) The Act of Remembrance in the War Cemetery will be attended by H M Consul, Michèle Solari, and representatives of the British Royal Navy stationed at Toulon.

If you haven't ever visited the War Cemetery, do make a point of coming to this event. It is always moving to honour the sacrifice of the 1755 servicemen commemorated there, and the Cemetery is beautifully maintained. You may be interested to read this article about it from the CWGC website:

<https://www.cwgc.org/our-work/blog/the-stories-of-mazargues-war-cemetery/>

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Following on from our September meeting

- Financial contributions to the Church by direct bank payments have increased following the recent note on Stewardship renewal. The agreement to provide a small, laminated card, placed at the back of each church for members of the congregation giving by bank transfer to put in the collection plate as it is circulated, has also been successfully implemented.
- The wearing of masks for all during services has now become voluntary. The provision of masks and gel for anyone wishing to use these is being maintained and members are asked not to come to church if they have Covid symptoms or have tested positive.
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Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion at 9.45 am at All Saints' Marseille (<u>please note the earlier time</u>), shared live on Zoom, followed by Act of Remembrance at the British Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Mazargues (24 Avenue General de Lattre de Tassigny, 13009 Marseille) at 11.30 am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
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Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, 13th November the annual Act of Remembrance was held at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Marseille. The event was organised by Souvenir Français, with British Consul Michèle Solari and members of the Royal Navy in attendance, 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. The act of worship was led by our Curate, Roxana Telean, in the absence of the Chaplain who had tested positive for Covid.



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As you will recall from our last newsletter, a member of the Marseille congregation, Helen Brooking, has been taking part in a sponsored 'Channel Swim' for the charity ASPIRE to raise funds to provide help for those who have suffered spinal / spinal cord injuries. We are delighted to report that Helen has now completed the full distance of 22 miles in local swimming pools in and around Marseille, in 10 weeks and 4 days, ahead of the challenge she had set herself. (She actually swam an extra .02 miles for good measure.) Congratulations, Helen, on a wonderful achievement. There is still time to contribute to the fundraising - the link to the JustGiving page is as follows:-

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AMAM Seafarers' Club



News of All Saints' and the sailors

On Monday 7th November 2022 no fewer than 4 volunteers from All Saints' participated in the AGM (Annual General Meeting) of AMAM (Association Marseillaise d'Accueil des Marins), the association in charge of the Marseille Seamen's Club. This meeting mainly related to 2021 activities, which were very reduced, given the restrictions imposed on seafarers in relation to the Covid pandemic:

- whereas in a "normal" year some 11000 sailors visited the Club, only 230 came in 2021
- only 6 crew members were ferried between their ships and either the club or shops, as opposed to 800 the previous year
- and as for visits to cargo ships, there were only 592 instead of about 800 in a normal year

On a brighter side, the association's finances were kept at a reasonable level largely because out of a total of 54,000€ income, 36,000€ came from a new way of selling: one of the 2 mini buses of the association was used to offer products on the quayside, right next to the cargo ships' gangways.

Another important event in the life of the club was the installation of a mini basket-ball pitch next to the club, and this has proven to be very popular with many seamen.

The general finances of the association are healthy since although the turnover was less than in previous years, there were also fewer costs to bear.



For the current year 2022, things are looking much better with some 6000 sailors entertained at the club so far. As in previous years, the neighbouring shipyards' activities in the 3 dry docks of the port enticed many visitors to the club.

The current trend has resulted in the management team recruiting a new part time worker : Katerina is a young Ukrainian refugee, fairly fluent in English albeit not so much in French. But she is taking French lessons!

Due to the renewed activity, volunteers are needed more than ever to assist the general manager. If you might be able to volunteer a small amount of time, please get in touch with Gaston Roumieu by email. "roumieu2@gmail.com"

Advent and Christmas

Christmas Fair

Following the success of last year's 'virtual' Christmas Fair, another is being organised for the weekend of 9th - 11th December. Roxana has put together the list of goodies available, a flyer for which has already gone out to those on our mailing list. If you would like to place an order please contact Roxana at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com. Donations would be very welcome too from anyone who cannot place an order.

Christmas Charity Appeal

As last year, we are collecting money to buy Christmas presents for children living in one of the most deprived areas of London. This year the money will also provide vouchers to enable mothers to buy food. The money will be sent through WAND UK, a charity with which a member of our chaplaincy is closely involved, working in partnership with local schools. A copy of the flyer is attached, giving details of how to donate. Please contact the Chaplain if you would like further information.

Bishop's Advent Appeal

In parallel with our own fundraising, Bishop Robert has sent us details of his Advent appeal this year for the Bishop Hannington School in Mumias, Kenya. Because the school has grown and now has many more children to accommodate, the Diocese now needs to construct an ablution block to provide better hygiene whilst they are at school. The overall cost is estimated to be in the region of €20,000. The flyer is attached, giving details of how to donate.

Advent Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

Following the outbreak of war in February, people from across our Diocese came together online each Wednesday through Lent to pray for peace in Ukraine. The Diocese are holding similar vigils on the next three Wednesdays of Advent - 7th, 14th and 21st December - on Zoom and on YouTube at 6.30 pm (French time, 5.30 pm UK time). The service normally lasts about 40 minutes. A YouTube invitation is attached, which includes a link to join each service.

On 21st December they expect to draw in friends from across the UK as well as from around the Diocese. It is hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury will also take part in the service that evening.

Next Wednesday, 7th December, Bishop Robert will give the address. He will have just returned from a three-day visit to Ukraine that he is undertaking now alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury. The visit has been organised to show solidarity with the people and churches of Ukraine.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHAPLAINCY

Saturday, 10th December	Christmas Carol Service - 4.00 pm at All Saints' Church, 4 rue de Belloi, 13006 Marseille
Sunday, 11th December	Christmas Carol Service - 3.00 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Rue du Temple, 04100 Manosque
Saturday, 17th December	Christmas Carol Service - 3.00 pm at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien, 9 rue de la République, 84220 Goult
Saturday, 24th December	Christmas Eve Holy Communion – 4.00 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, 13100 Aix-en-Provence
Sunday, 25th December	Christmas Day Holy Communion – 10.00 am at All Saints' Church, 4, rue de Belloi, 13006 Marseille

ALL WELCOME

Other Diary Dates

Friday 2 nd December	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 4 th December	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
	Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom

Wednesday 7 th December	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 11 th December	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (hybrid service with zoom) Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
Wednesday 14 th December	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 18 th December	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom
Wednesday 21 st December	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Saturday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Day Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (hybrid service with zoom)
Wednesday 28 th December	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 1 st January	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille

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Christmas Reflection – 2022

This year has been dominated by the war in Ukraine, now in its eleventh month, and the far-reaching consequences felt across the world. As I write, the bombing of infrastructure sites in Ukraine continues to extinguish lights and leave many without warmth. This Christmas will be very hard for all affected by the conflict.

The daily toll of suffering in Ukraine – in common with other long-standing conflict zones - is often absent from news bulletins now. It's as though somehow war becomes normalized, when in truth it is an outrage to our humanity. This year, on each Wednesday of Advent, our Diocese has been holding a service of prayers for peace in Ukraine, attended by people gathering online from across Europe. In the last of the series, on 21st December, reflections were given by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, by Christina Laschenko, Churchwarden of Christ Church Kyiv, and by Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrew's Moscow. It was a vivid reminder of our connectedness as a Diocese in Europe, using technology we have harnessed within the chaplaincy to bring our own congregations closer together. We are one community of faith, despite the distances that separate us.

In her reflection, Christina Laschenko spoke of three air raids that had taken place in Kyiv that day, leaving half its citizens without electricity. She also spoke of their resilience and hope, noting how many small acts of charity become 'one huge experience' of solidarity. The reflection ended with the Taizé chant: 'Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away.'

For many, this Christmas will be difficult for other reasons – persistent illness, bereavement, the cost of living crisis, family absence or conflict, relentless anxiety or stress. As always, we hold on our hearts and in our prayers those who can feel no light or warmth as Christmas approaches.

Yet the timeless message of Christmas remains, of peace and goodwill on earth, of the light that shines in darkness which the darkness has never overcome. A message of persistent, relentless hope. 600 years before Christ, Isaiah prophesied that a time would come when swords would be

turned into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks, and that a child would be born to bring peace. We believe and trust in the Word made flesh who brings light to the world, in whom peace and goodwill become possible - persistently, relentlessly. We are each called to take that light into the world around us, to take Christ's rule of justice and peace and live it now. As followers of Christ, may we bring light to those in darkness, through small acts of love that become one huge experience of solidarity.

The prayers for peace ended with these words:

At the beginning, at the end,
at this moment in between,
in these best and worst of times:
Now is the time in which God creates,
Now is the time in which God heals,
Now is the time in which Christ comes.
May the life of the Christ child,
given for this broken yet beautiful world,
be born anew this day;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Spirit of Life,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

I wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas, and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

*The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain
December 2022*

Dr Michael Annett

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death this month of Michael Annett, a longstanding member of our Luberon congregation who had latterly served as Treasurer to the chaplaincy. Michael's funeral was held at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur in Oppède on 23rd December, led by the Chaplain. As quite a number of the congregation members are away at present, we plan to hold a memorial service for Michael in the early part of next year, details of which will be published in due course. For those who would like to make a donation in Michael's memory, the suggested charity is Médecins sans Frontières - [soutenir.msf.fr](https://www.msf.org).

Revd Giles Williams

Advent Sunday marked the last day in post for the Revd Giles Williams as Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church in Cannes, and with his retirement move back to the UK, bringing to a conclusion some 12 years of ministering the Gospel in the Diocese.

Alongside his Chaplaincy work, Giles had been engaged for the Archdeaconry in a number of additional roles, one of which was the Anglican Representative on the PACA (Provence, Alpes du

Sud, Côte d'Azur) Regional Ecumenical Forum, and we are pleased to announce that this role will now be taken on by our Chaplain, the Revd Jamie Johnston. Congratulations, Jamie.

Christmas Carol Services

Our Carol Services this year were very well attended. On 10th December, at All Saints' Marseille, we were delighted to be joined by members of the recently formed Aix-Marseille branch of the English-Speaking Union, whose President read one of the lessons. The service was followed by a chance for everyone to meet over mulled wine and mince pies.



The following day in Manosque we held a joint service with the Eglise Protestante Unie de Haute Provence, where many members of the two congregations joined in singing carols and reading lessons in English and French. Pasteur Hanitra Ranaivoison led us deftly through the bilingual service sheet and our Chaplain played the organ. Afterwards the relationship between the two communities continued to flourish over mulled apple juice and mince pies in the church hall.



Finally, on 17th December the annual Carol Service was held at Goult in the Luberon, once again with a full church. The singing was led by both members of our own Luberon Voices and the local Provençal choir. Churchwarden Peter Smith sang a solo of The Three Kings, Christopher Morgan introduced the carols and readings, and at the end Père Hubert Audibert, parish priest of Goult, and Jamie together pronounced the blessing. More mulled wine and mince pies followed in the café across the square as the sun set over the Luberon valley.

Christmas Fair

Huge thanks to all who have contributed to our online Christmas Fair this year by baking, brewing, ordering produce and sending donations. Our Curate Roxana Teleman, Elizabeth Bernasconi, Anne and Gaston Roumieu and others have once again been very busy supporting our fundraising through this effort. At the last count we have raised over €500 for the work of the chaplaincy, a wonderful result, and donations are still coming in.

Christmas Charity Appeal

We are pleased to report that we have raised enough money from our charity appeal to provide 50 families in one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in London with extra support this Christmas. The distribution of parcels and vouchers has been made by WAND UK, the charity with which Gladys Sheriff, our congregation member, is closely involved. Grateful thanks to all who have contributed to the appeal.

Christmas and January services

Dates for Diary

Saturday 24 th December	Christmas Eve - Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestant Unie in Aix
Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Day – Holy Communion at 10 am All Saints Marseille followed by lunch in the church. (This service may also be joined via zoom.)
Wednesday 28 th December	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 1 st January	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille (There is no zoom service this Sunday)
Wednesday 4 th January	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 6 th January	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 8 th January	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
Wednesday 11 th January	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 15 th January	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom Holy Communion at 3 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque
Wednesday 18 th January	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 20 th January	Ecumenical Service at 5 pm at Eglise De Bonnieux Bas (Chapelle Chauffée!
Sunday 22 nd January	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom Joint service at 10:30 am at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix Joint service at the Eglise Saint-Férreol on the Vieux Port, Marseille at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday 25th January Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 29th January Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille.
Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom

Broadcast

On 22nd January, France 2's weekly Sunday morning programme, *Le Jour du Seigneur*, will be broadcast from Marseille. The chaplaincy will feature among the Christian communities taking part.

Ecumenical life

The ecumenical life of the chaplaincy continues to progress. As always, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be taking place between 18 and 25. Members of the Luberon congregation and the Chaplain will be taking part in a joint service of prayer at the Eglise of Bonnieux-Bas on Friday, 20th June at 5.00 pm. On Sunday, 22nd January at 10.30 am, we will be holding a joint service with the Eglise Protestante Unie at their church at 4 rue Villars, Aix-en-Provence, and that evening Jamie and others will also take part in a joint service at the Eglise Saint-Férreol on the Vieux Port in Marseille at 6.30 pm. All are very welcome at any of these services.

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The discussion at the November meeting included the following items:

- Jamie informed the meeting that the Area Dean would be retiring at the beginning of Advent; also that Scott MacSween, our Ordinand, will be leaving us in January to take up a placement in Scotland.
- Proposals for a new chaplaincy website are moving forward under the direction of the Churchwardens, who are working with Andrei Telesman and Gaston Roumieu.
- It was agreed that the current Covid Protocols would remain in place. However, we should be vigilant and be willing to change our guidance if the situation changed.
- The Council was given an update on the continuing investigation into the need for repair works to the cellar at All Saints' Marseille.
- Following the Stewardship campaign, it was noted that a number of new standing orders had been registered.
- Jamie informed the Council that Aidan Hamilton has kindly offered to donate to All Saints his family's piano, which is in better condition than the existing piano in the church. (Following receipt of the new piano, the existing one will be donated to charity.)

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