



Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon Newsletter – February 2024

World Day of Prayer – Aix and Marseille

On 23rd February our Reader, Christine Portman, took part in an ecumenical service of prayer at the Eglise Protestante Unie in Aix to mark the World Day of Prayer. Each year, materials for this service are prepared by Christian women from a different country, drawing on their experience of faith in their local context. Poignantly, this year's prayers and music had been prepared by a group of Palestinian Christians (in a process beginning back in 2017, long before recent events). The result was an evening of profound intensity. Much thoughtful conversation followed the service over a delicious shared supper: Palestinian dishes created from recipes kindly provided by the organisers.

On 1st March our Curate, The Revd Roxana Teleman, took part in a similar service at the Eglise des Accoules in Marseille, another powerful act of worship testifying to the longing for peace in our world.



Chorale Double-Croches

We were delighted to welcome the choir Double-Croches to All Saints' Marseille again for their annual concert, which featured a varied programme of sacred and secular music.



Lent study course

During Lent two groups are meeting – one in church, one online - to discuss Tom Wright's recent book 'Lent and Easter for Everyone'.

Quiet morning at All Saints – 2nd March

As part of our Lent programme this year, on Saturday 2nd March we will be holding a Quiet Morning at All Saints from 10.00 to 12.00. It will provide opportunities for prayer, reflection and silence and will be followed by a light lunch. Thanks very much to Roxana for organising.

Archdeacon Peter on Zoom – 3rd March

We are grateful to The Venerable Peter Hooper, Archdeacon of France, Monaco and Switzerland, for preaching for us on Sunday, 3rd March. He will be taking part in the 10.00 am service in Marseille via Zoom, which will be shared live. Please do join us for this, either in church or on Zoom itself.

Collection for Ukraine

The Ukrainian Catholic community in Marseille (with whom we have links through our shared work with seafarers in the port of Marseille) send regular loads of donated items by lorry to Ukraine. During Lent we will be collecting items for them in church in Marseille, to be delivered to the Ukrainian Catholic community at Easter. We have been informed that particular needs include non-perishable food, toiletries and sanitary products, medicines (paracetamol etc) and medical masks and gloves. Please give generously! If you would like to get involved in this project, please let the Chaplain know.

Dates for diary – March Services, including Holy Week and Easter

Friday 1 st March	Ecumenical service for World Day of prayer at 6 pm at the Eglise des Accoules in Marseille
Sunday 3 rd March	3 rd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom
Wednesday 6 th March	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 8 th March	Evening service with prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 10 th March	4 th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday) Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque
Wednesday 13 th March	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 17 th March	5 th Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom
Wednesday 20 th March	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
Wednesday 27 th March	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Thursday 28 th March	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 6.30 pm at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 1.30 pm at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom
Saturday 30 th March	Easter Eve Easter Vigil at 10.00 pm at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille

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

Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie,
Manosque

Chaplaincy Council

The Chaplaincy Council met on 13th January to discuss a number of items, including the Treasurer's report which provided an initial indication of our financial position at the end of 2023. The Churchwardens' report noted with gratitude a very successful Christmas Fair in 2023, which had raised €1,500 for the chaplaincy.

The Chaplain introduced a discussion on the Church of England's recent introduction of 'Prayers of Love and Faith', a set of liturgical resources designed to give thanks for the gift of a loving relationship between couples of the same sex, marking their commitment and praying with and for them. In December the House of Bishops had commended the 'Prayers of Love and Faith' for use at regular church services. (As yet there is no authorisation for standalone services.)

The date for our Annual General Meeting was set for Sunday, 19th May at 11.45 am, to be held after the morning service in Marseille and shared on Zoom. If you would like to explore becoming a member of our Chaplaincy Council, please let the Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens know.

Articles for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send to Peter Smith at the address below.

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