

CHAPLAINCY OF MARSEILLE, AIX EN PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2019



Water into wine – John 2:1-11.

Greetings everyone

We thought we ought to bring you all up to date with decisions made by the Chaplaincy Council at their meeting on 20th January. It was a harmonious meeting and good to have Church Warden Amanda with us after her prolonged stay in England caring for her poorly mother.

Here are some things that were noted or agreed.

- The Archdeacon has agreed that a new chaplain should be sought and hopefully be in post by September 2019, probably on a “house for duty” basis.
- The present interim chaplains Revs Stephen and Sue Goodwin have agreed to stay until the end of July 2019 (Brexit permitting).
- Both Church Wardens Amanda and Janet, and the Treasurer Michael are stepping down. They have done sterling work in keeping the Chaplaincy going through various inter-regna. We pray that suitable candidates will be prepared to step up to these roles.
- Our accounts are probably better than had been anticipated in the budget for 2018. These will be presented at the Council meeting on 17th February.
- The Council agreed to rotate the venues for their meetings so that one meeting each year would be held in the Luberon and one in Aix-en-Provence.
- A new Electoral Roll has to be compiled this year and application forms will be available in the next couple of weeks with additional information on them about what it means to be on the Roll. Completed forms need to be in by 10th March.
- Roxana will be ordained deacon this summer and the PCC are updating the Task List especially as Roxana does so much behind the scenes (as do many others). So we will be looking for volunteers to fill the gaps!
- It was agreed that we need to review our mission with seafarers and how we may support them, especially in light of the changing way modern cruise liners work today.
- It was agreed to buy 20 pew Bibles (English language NIV) for All Saints and Rev John Smith offered to source funding for this.
- Easter Sunday is on 21 April this year and it was suggested that the Aix and Luberon congregations be asked to join with All Saints at Marseille on that Sunday. Details later.
- A BBQ in the Luberon is proposed for Sunday 12th May in order to raise funds for the Chaplaincy. Tickets will be on sale in due course.

As you can see there is a lot for which to be thankful and much to pray for. We thank God that He is faithful and we ask Him to increase our faith to cope with the challenges ahead of us all.

Here is a precis of the various services coming up in February through to the beginning of Lent.

Sunday 3rd February – Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

Sunday 10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

10.30: Holy Communion at Oppede RC church

Sunday 17th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

11.30: Chaplaincy Council Meeting.

Sunday 24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

11.00: Holy Communion at The Oratory, Aix-en-Provence Cathedral

Sunday 3rd March – The Sunday next before Lent

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

Ash Wednesday 6th March – The beginning of Lent.

19.30 Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at All Saints Marseille.

Sunday 10th March – 1st Sunday of Lent.

10.00: Holy Baptism & Communion at All Saints Marseille

10.30: Holy Communion at Oppede RC church.

During Lent Rev Sue will be writing a Lenten Reflection each week. If you want to receive it online please let her know. It will go on the chaplaincy website and Facebook page anyway.

As you pray for one another, for our three congregations and for our clergy and readers, please also pray for the Church Council as they prepare material for advertising for a new chaplain and for our Annual Chaplaincy Meeting on 7th April. Pray for new church wardens and a treasurer. Please pray for the UK Parliament as the Brexit deadline draws near and for negotiations between the Gilets Jaunes and the French Government. Also pray for those enquiring about Baptism and for the calling of a new chaplain to Marseille. Pray too for Roxana as she comes to the last 6 months of her training before ordination. Please pray for our relationship with the Seafarers Club, those who volunteer and their support of us.

With our love and prayers for you all

Stephen and Sue

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REMINDER: Don't forget to fill in an Electoral Roll form so you can have your say in the future of the chaplaincy.