



Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon Newsletter – December 2023 / January 2024

Advent and Christmas Services

We enjoyed a number of special services during Advent and Christmas, particularly a series of well-attended carol services in Marseille, Aix, Manosque and Goult, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. On Christmas Eve in Aix and Christmas Day in Marseille we were joined by a number of visitors from across the world.

As always, the youngest members in Marseille were responsible for lighting the Advent wreath



On 26th December at All Saints', we held a funeral service for Berry Holding-Parsons, an Englishman who had recently retired to Marseille. Fortunately, his family had been able to gather together from several countries despite travel difficulties.

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 9th December included a mini-Fair in church, where the Christmas produce flew off the stalls before everyone joined energetically in the Carol Service. (This may have had something to do with the scent of Gaston's excellent vintage of mulled wine being detected from as far away as the next street...)

Our Christmas Fair this year raised the record-breaking sum of €1.500, thanks to the efforts of a group of members from Marseille, Oppède and Manosque, the events coordinated by our Curate, The Revd Roxana Telean, and Churchwarden/Licensed Lay Minister Jane Quarmby. Huge thanks are due to all involved.

On the 2nd Dec, Jane and Emily from Manosque held a cake stall in front of the church to raise funds for the Christmas Fair. On the 16th Dec, Emily held another stall at the Christmas Market in St Michel l'Observatoire and thanks to their efforts and the excellent cake bakers the sum of €302 was raised. I think the hat was the main attraction!



Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque

Christmas Charity Appeal

We also raised a total of €400 for WAND, the charity providing Christmas food vouchers in a deprived area of London, kindly organised by Gladys Sheriff.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to 25th January)

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January. It offers an excellent opportunity for us to deepen friendships among other Christian denominations in each of our four locations. Joint services are held in each place, at which members of our congregations can take part. You will find details of the services in the list below. Please do join us if you are able to come. It's a timely reminder that, as Christians with different histories and heritage, there is much more that unites us than divides us in a world where religious faith is easily dismissed as irrelevant, not least because it is so often perceived as a source of conflict within itself. Our experience in the chaplaincy is the reverse of this, with genuine and lasting friendships among our ecumenical partners. If you haven't yet experienced it, January is your opportunity!

The dates for your diary are as follows:-

Thursday, 18 th January	Lecture by Archdeacon Peter Hooper on the Anglican Church and Ecumenism at 7pm, Salle Chêne de Mambré, 7 cours de la Trinité, Aix-en-Provence
Friday, 19 th January	Ecumenical Service at 6 pm at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien, Goult
Saturday, 20 th January	Ecumenical meeting with activities for children at 2.30 pm at All Saints' Marseille
Saturday, 20 th January	Ecumenical service at 3 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Sisteron.
Sunday, 21 st January	Joint service of Holy Communion with the Eglise Protestante Unie at 10.30 am at 4 rue Villars, Aix-en-Provence
Sunday, 21 st January	Ecumenical service at 5 pm at the Cathédrale Apostolique Arménienne, 339 avenue du Prado, Marseille
Monday, 22 nd January	Ecumenical service at 11 am at the Chapelle de l'Hôpital de La Timone, 264 rue St-Pierre, Marseille
Thursday, 25 th January	Ecumenical service at 7 pm at the Eglise Notre-Dame de la Consolation, 1bis avenue Solari, Aix-en-Provence

Chaplaincy Council

The Chaplaincy Council has a number of meetings coming up, at which we will be beginning preparations for our Annual Meeting in May. If you would like to explore becoming a member of our Council, please let the Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens know.

January services - Dates for Diary

Wednesday 3 rd Jan.	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 5 th Jan.	Evening service with prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 7 th Jan.	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom
Wednesday 10 th Jan.	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 14 th Jan.	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède Holy Communion at 3 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque
Wednesday 17 th Jan.	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 21 st Jan.	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille, shared on zoom Joint service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am with the Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, Aix-en-Provence (Please note: There will be no separate zoom service on 21 st Jan.)
Wednesday 24 th Jan.	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 28 th Jan.	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.45 am via zoom (Please note: There will be no service at Aix on 28 th Jan.)
Wednesday 31 st Jan.	Compline at 10 pm via zoom

News from the Seamen's Club

Gaston Roumieu writes:

We recently received a parcel from June Hutchinson, a retired priest from the Anglican Chaplaincy of Lot (near Cahors) containing a great number of woolly hats and mittens, which we quickly delivered to Marseille Seamen's Club. All these were then added to other items (piece of soap, biscuits, Calissons, etc...) to make Christmas presents to the sailors present in the port this time of year. Anne & I had met June at a synod in Saint Jacut de la Mer a few years ago and after mentioning our involvement with seafarers, June kindly started sending us an occasional parcel with products knitted by the parishioners around this part of France. The photo shows the counter at the Seamen's Club with some of the staff.



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