



Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon Newsletter – July 2025

July saw a number of bittersweet occasions for the chaplaincy as we said goodbye to our Chaplain Jamie as he takes a well-earned retirement. The congregation at Oppède provided a very convivial lunch after his last service there, and a week later, the congregation at Marseille also followed suit. He was presented with a silver chalice and paten, and an iPad with keyboard and pencil. We are all sad to see him go but wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.



The occasion was also used to bless a new organ, which was generously built and donated by Andrei Teleman for use in Marseille. Andrei's incredible talents and commitment to the Chaplaincy are a wonder to behold.



As usual there will be a gap between Jamie leaving and a new Chaplain being appointed. The process of recruitment should begin in September and will be directed by Peter Hooper the Archdeacon.

In the meantime, our Assistant Chaplain Roxana Teleman, based at Marseille, will take the lead on services, pastoral care and spirituality, whilst our church wardens Jane Quarmby and Peter Smith will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Chaplaincy. Jane will also chair the Chaplaincy Council as she was already the Lay Vice-Chair.



The good news is that John Smith has returned from his sojourn in England and whilst he has retired, he will be joining us again to lead services in Oppède. We look forward to welcoming him back at our next service on the 10th August.

Summer Services

By way of reminder, as in previous summers when we reduce some activity while people are away, we will **not** be holding a service in Aix and Manosque in August. There will be informal events in Manosque over the summer to bring the congregation together – Jane Quarmby will be in touch with members about this.

There will also not be any Sunday Zoom services during August.

Dates for diary – July Services

Friday 1 st August	Evening Service with prayers for healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 3 rd August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Wednesday 6 th August	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Sunday 10 th August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Église du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
Wednesday 13 th August	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Sunday 17 th August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille,
Sunday 24 th August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Sunday 31 st August	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille

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