



## CHAPLAINCY OF MARSEILLE, AIX EN PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON

### NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

Dear Friends, Greetings in the name of the Lord.

At the end of July the Reverends Sue and Steve Goodwin, our long term locums, celebrated their last service with us at All Saints, Marseille. We said farewell with very many thanks for their sterling service over the last 10 months, and with the presentation of some gifts, followed by a very convivial bring and share lunch. Ella the Labrador came too and shared in the lunch. They have now returned briefly to England before a planned holiday in France with friends and then they are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for them next.

Sue sent this message of thanks "Thank you to all the Marseille, Aix and Luberon Chaplaincy for the wonderful farewell that we had from All Saints last Sunday. We are delighted with the gifts and shall enjoy using them and drinking them! We had a good journey back to England with a very full car? It is cooler and wetter here of course but it is good to catch up with family and friends after 10 months in Provence. We shall continue to keep you all in our prayers as you prepare to welcome your new chaplain in September.

With our love and gratitude Sue, Steve and Ella."



Now we are looking forward to the arrival of our new permanent chaplain, the Reverend Jamie Johnston on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. He will be visiting all three of our congregations in September to meet everyone. His formal licensing will take place on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> September at All Saints church, Marseille and all are warmly invited. Archdeacon Meurig Williams will be conducting the service.



If anyone can help with the search for a 2 bedroom flat with parking as near as possible to All Saints for Jamie please let Jane or Gaston know.



### **Autumn Clean Up**

In order that the church looks its very best for our new chaplain's licensing service, Jane Quarmby is organising a cleaning session on the Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We'll start at 10.30 am and the more of us there are, the sooner we will finish! Please let her know if you can help.

### **Safeguarding**

There is now a requirement for the details of every chaplaincy's and parish's safeguarding officers' contact details to be on the front page of their website. So now Christine's details are there on our website and if you need her, she will be easier to find.

### **Charity Appeal**

Many thanks to those of you who have donated undies to the appeal – we sent off 59 bras in the end. The charity concerned is called "Smalls for All" and is based in Edinburgh, reducing the risk of violence to women and girls in Africa by allowing them to dress appropriately.

### **Christmas Fair**

Helen Brooking is kindly organising this on the 30<sup>th</sup> November – all offers of help to Helen please ([brooking.helen@orange.fr](mailto:brooking.helen@orange.fr)). More details to follow.

### **Planned Giving**

Our chaplaincy, like all in the Diocese of Europe is entirely self funding – we provide the finance for the running of the churches, the stipends of incumbents, all expenses plus a contribution to the Diocese itself. None of which is cheap! We are therefore asking everyone to consider committing to a regular monthly, quarterly or annual direct debit payment so that we can have more visibility of our income. On the plus side, 66% of all donations by cheque or bankers order from French tax payers can be deducted from your taxes, up to a ceiling of 20% of your taxable income. Further details from our Treasurer Garry Quarmby ([garryjq@icloud.com](mailto:garryjq@icloud.com)).



### **Guest Speaker in the Luberon**

On October 13<sup>th</sup> Rev Doctor Marcus Braybrooke will be the guest speaker at the service at the Sacré Coeur church in Oppede. He is a well known priest, interfaith activist and author. All are welcome – service starts at 10.30.

### ***Calling All Knitters***

Our Mission to Seafarers needs woolly hats – Gaston Roumieu will be glad to hear from anyone who can knit some hats.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### ***Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

#### ***Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

#### ***Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

10.30 am Holy Communion at Sacré Coeur church in Oppede (led by Rev Johnston)

#### ***Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

#### ***Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

11. 00 am Holy Communion at the Oratoire, Aix en Provence

#### ***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 Holy Communion and licensing of Rev Jamie Johnston at All Saints, Marseille, led by Archdeacon Meurig Williams.

***Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October*** – Chaplaincy Council meeting at All Saints Marseille after the service.

***Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>*** – Christmas Fair at All Saints Marseille.