



CHAPLAINCY OF MARSEILLE, AIX EN PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON

NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

Greetings everyone

After the busy-ness and joy of Christmas (our second Christmas in France) it is time to look ahead to all that 2019 may hold for us. I always think of that encouraging verse from Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

It is reassuring to know that God has plans and a purpose for us and that life is not just a random set of circumstances. With the uncertainties of Brexit and the action of the Gillet Jaunes we need to exercise our faith and put our trust entirely in God because His love will surround us, uphold us and carry us through whatever lies ahead. I was reminded recently that “Faith” is spelt “RISK”! So may we all be encouraged to risk ourselves for God in 2019.

We might take to heart the last verse of the hymn “Lord for the years” as we go forward into 2019.

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Here is a precis of the various services coming up in January:

Sunday 6th January –The Feast of Epiphany

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Sunday 13th January – The Baptism of Christ

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

10.30: Holy Communion at Oppede RC church

Friday 18th – 25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Prière pour L’Unité des Chrètiens* Special services for this week are marked with an*

Theme : Justice et Paix S’Embrassent : Chemin d’Unité.

***Friday 18th 20.00 Soirée de Louanges avec l’Eglise Baptiste et le Chemin Neuf, Temple du 102 rue d’Italie, 13006.**

Saturday 19th January 19.00 Concert by ‘La Chorale Doubles-Croches’ in All Saints Church, Marseille. Free entry, donations welcome.

Sunday 20th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

11.30 PCC Meeting in church.

*18.00 Célébration Officielle Prière pour l'Unité des Chrétiens, Eglise Notre Dame du Mont, 1 rue de Lodi 13006.

***Monday 21st January**

19.00 Aumônerie des hôpitaux. Que demeure l'amour fraternel Hebrews 13:1. Chapelle de l'Hôpital Européen, 6 rue Désirée Clary 13003 Marseille

19.30 Veillée de l'ACAT (Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture)et de la JMP (Journée Mondiale de Prière) , EPU (Eglise protestante unie) de Marseille Sud Est, 8 Bd. Magnan 13009.

***Wednesday 23rd January**

20.00 Groupe Oecuménique Marseille Nord-Est, Eglise Ste-Rose-de-Lima, 105 av de la Rose 13013.

Sunday 27th January

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

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

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

10.00: Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille

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 consider the future of the chaplaincy.

Please pray for the Brexit votes in the UK Parliament this month 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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ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Annual Church Meeting is fixed for Sunday 7th April. This meeting is important for the whole chaplaincy and is an open meeting. Church Officers and the Church Council are elected for the coming year. The council is responsible for the running of the chaplaincy and the setting and outworking of its mission.

In order to vote at that meeting you need to be on the electoral roll of the chaplaincy. A new roll is required this year so please look out for forms to fill in in the next few weeks so that this roll can be made. Thank you.