



ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF MARSEILLE, AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

It is hard to believe it is nearly a month since I was licensed as your Chaplain – the time seems to have gone extremely quickly! But Sunday, 29th September was a very happy occasion when Archdeacon Meurig Williams came to conduct the service and preach at All Saints. Representatives of the three congregations were present, along with guests from further away. We celebrated afterwards with generous quantities of wine and food provided by members of the congregation, organised by Garry and Jane Quarmby. Some of us then moved to a local restaurant to continue the conversations that had begun in church.



Thank you all for the very warm welcome I have received since arriving. Special thanks to Jane Quarmby and Gaston Roumieu for all their help in finding the new chaplaincy flat, to Jane and Garry for housing me until it was ready, and to many more of you for tips on how to enjoy the best of life in Marseille. I look forward to putting the good advice into practice.

Chaplaincy news

On 6th October we celebrated Harvest Festival in Marseille, collecting two large supermarket sacks of goods and toiletries for our local branch of Les Restaurants du Coeur in the Rue Sylvabelle. They were delighted with the gesture and the contents and asked me to pass on their thanks to all who contributed.

On 13th October the congregation in Oppède welcomed Dr Marcus Braybrooke as their guest preacher. A leading authority on interfaith dialogue, Dr Braybrooke was one of the founders of the Faith & Belief Forum (formerly the Three Faiths Forum), an organisation which 'works towards a connective and supportive society where people of different faiths, beliefs and cultures have strong, productive and lasting relations'. In his talk Dr Braybrooke shared reflections on his long experience of interfaith work, an area of particular relevance to us in a city as diverse as Marseille.



All Saints Patronal Festival

We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival at All Saints Marseille on Sunday, 3rd November at 10.00 am. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch in church. If you are able to help with preparations for this, please let me or Jane Quarmby know.

A new chaplaincy telephone number is now in place: **07 66 01 71 50**. The email address is unchanged: anglican.marseille@gmail.com. Jane's contact details are janequarmby0430@gmail.com; tel +44 7714 064141.

Remembrance Sunday

Our services for Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, will be held at 10.00 am at All Saints Marseille and at 10.30 am at Oppède. There will also be an Act of Remembrance at the Mazargues Cemetery, though the date and time for this are still to be finalised. Details will be published on the chaplaincy website as soon as they are available.

Christmas Fair

Preparations are moving ahead for the Christmas Fair on 30th November, organised by Helen Brooking. Thanks to all those who have offered help to date. Raffle prizes and bottles for the game stall would be gratefully received.

Calling All Knitters

Our Mission to Seafarers needs woolly hats – Gaston Roumieu will be glad to hear from anyone who can knit some hats, which the seafarers value particularly in the winter months.

Services in Aix

Please note that services in Aix-en-Provence will in future be held on the first Sunday of each month instead of the fourth Sunday. This means that the service due to have taken place on Sunday, 27th October will now be held on Sunday, 3rd November at 11.00 am.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 3rd November – All Saints

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille led by The Revd Jamie Johnston, followed by bring and share lunch

11.00 am Holy Communion at the Oratoire, Aix-en-Provence led by Canon David Pickering

Sunday, 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille led by The Revd Jamie Johnston

10.30 am Holy Communion at Sacré Coeur church in Oppède led by The Revd John Smith

Sunday, 17th November – Second Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille led by the The Revd Jamie Johnston;
Preacher – Jane Quarmby

Sunday, 24th November – Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille led by The Revd Jamie Johnston

With every blessing,

The Revd Jamie Johnston, Chaplain