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Our Annual General Meeting is due to be held via zoom on the 29th May. The Annual Report and paperwork will be circulated beforehand so you can keep up to date with what happened last year and vote for the new Chaplaincy Council. If anyone has a burning ambition (or even a lacklustre one) to take up the vacant post of second Church Warden Jane would be very grateful – and is more than happy to talk to you if you are interested and would like to know more.

We are also happy to welcome new members to the Council, which acts as a board of trustees. Again, please contact Jane for more details.

Residency – Time is running out...

If you are a British national and have not yet applied for your entitlement to stay in France, you don't have long to get your application in. They have to be done on line and the closing date is the end of June. If you're struggling with this then help is available from the Chaplaincy and also from the Franco British Network (francobritishnetwork.fr). The process is quite straightforward, you make your application online and send details of your identity and proof of residence and then you'll be sent an appointment at your local Préfecture. You'll need to take 3 passport acceptable photos, paperwork proving you were resident in France every month of 2020 (taxe d'habitation, taxe foncier, impots, bills from EDF and that sort of thing) and ID. They will fill various forms in and take your fingerprints, and your new post Brexit residence permit will arrive in the post a few weeks later. (Please note: Even if you have an existing residence permit that has not yet expired, you still need to apply by the end of June for a new style one.)

One thing we have asked to mention by the British Consulate is that, if you have made an application and are waiting for an email giving you an appointment at the Préfecture, it's worth checking to see if their email has gone into your 'spam' inbox. It's important to go to any appointment that you are given, or to let the Préfecture know if you can't make it. Sometimes people are being asked for additional documents, and the same thing can happen – the email requesting the documents has gone into their 'spam' inbox and they haven't seen it.

Bishop Robert's sermon on Easter Sunday

This can be found at the link below:

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1667-bishop-robert-sermon-for-easter-sunday>

In it he talks about the central message of Easter and how it brings hope even during these times of pandemic and suffering:

You can [watch the Bishop's sermon on this video.](#)



Bishop Robert concludes:

Easter Sunday finds us this year in hard times. Yet, dear friends, the message of Easter is exactly the message we need to hear. For as we gaze on the face of Christ we can be reassured that the earthly Jesus has shared fully in the worst that life can throw at any of us. We can draw renewed confidence that in Jesus God triumphs over the forces of darkness and provides us with a secure basis for faith and a sure ground for hope. We can truly know that God walks with us through the storms of life, and that we can dream new dreams and imagine new futures within the purposes of a God who brings life out of death and joy out of despair.

A song written in 1945 has become something of a European anthem in this past year of coronavirus. You'll know it well, I'm sure:

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart.
Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on

Come and See: Ethnic Vocations Conference

Date: 7-8 May 2021

Are you of Minority Ethnic heritage, thinking and praying about whether God may be leading you towards ordained ministry? Come and be informed, resourced and supported on your vocational journey.

This free event will provide insight and inspiration to those who are discerning God's call in their lives. The event will create a safe space where questions can be asked and the opportunity to talk to ordained ME ministers and others on the discernment journey about the joys and the challenges involved.

[Book here >>](#)

We are keen to support this event, not least given the recent report of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism taskforce which highlighted the tragic issues of racism that beset the Church of England. It is something we all need to address.

Events for your Diary

2 nd May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille, 10.a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
5 th May	Compline via zoom at 10.00 pm
7 th May	Healing Service via zoom at 6 pm
9 th May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10.00 am Holy Communion at Oppède at 10.30 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
12 th May	Compline via zoom at 10 pm
13 th May	<i>Ascension Day</i> - Holy Communion via zoom at 6 pm
16 th May	Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
19 th May	Compline at 10 pm
23 rd May	<i>Pentecost</i> – Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
26 th May	Compline at 10 pm
29 th May	Annual General Meeting via zoom at 2.30 pm
30 May	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

And finally...

It is lambing season in Dauphin. The latest addition to the family has become a regular participant in zoom services, with a particular liking for Compline.



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