

# Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix-en-Provence and the Luberon

## Newsletter February 2021

### Lent Course

We will be holding Lent courses via zoom each Tuesday evening at 6.00 pm (French time, 5.00 pm UK time) and each Thursday morning at 11.00 am (French time, 10.00 am UK time). We will be using Rowan Williams' book of short meditations written on a weekly basis for his own parish church during and for the pandemic "Candles in the Dark – Faith, hope and peace in a time of pandemic", and we'll be discussing our own experiences of this time. His book is "written with warmth and compassion, it will challenge you, nourish you and leave you with fresh resources for faith to guide you through a still uncertain future." All are welcome to join whichever session fits in with your schedule. Please let us know which one you would like to attend (by emailing us on [anglican.marseille@gmail.com](mailto:anglican.marseille@gmail.com)) so that we can send you the zoom links.

### International Mass for Seafarers



On Saturday, 6th February a new monthly online Mass for seafarers was launched on YouTube, streamed live from the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille at 09h00 (CET).

Welcoming fellow clergy from across Marseille - including our Chaplain, Jamie Johnston – the Recteur of Notre-Dame de la Garde, Olivier Spinoza, spoke of the Basilica's vocation as the 'Cathedral for Seafarers'. He recalled that prayers have been offered for their protection and wellbeing on the site of the Basilica since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and that for the last 150 years the statue of Notre-Dame holding the infant Christ looking out to sea has been experienced by seafarers from across the world as a source of blessing.

The monthly Mass, which takes place in English, is intended for sailors anywhere in the world who are unable to leave their ships because of the pandemic. Many have suffered great hardship through the months of lockdown, thousands of miles from family and friends, uncertain when they may be able to return home, meanwhile confined to small cabins with little by way of support available to assist their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Reflecting on the service afterwards, Jamie commented: 'There was a tangible sense of the seafarers sharing the Mass with us, despite the distance that separated us from them. The prayer of Spiritual Communion (which is used where worshippers cannot share bread and wine together in person) was

recited in seven different languages – French, English, Spanish, Italian, Ukrainian, Russian and Swahili – itself a comment on the huge international mix of seafarers who in normal times visit the Seamen’s Club in the port of Marseille. God’s Kingdom is infinite and borderless: what the pandemic has taught us is that technology can help us witness to that truth and celebrate it even in the darkest of times.’



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### **Net Carbon Zero for our Churches –” Eco Church”**

The Anglican church has set itself a target of reducing our net carbon emissions to zero by 2030 and the Diocese of Europe has set up a working group to engage with this and to help chaplaincies to work towards it individually. Our Bishops Robert and David write “Action is needed on two specific fronts. One is to actively work to reduce the emissions that we and our chaplaincies are responsible for through our own consumption of resources. The other is to balance the use of those resources which produce carbon dioxide with carbon absorbing activities, so called carbon offsetting. This may involve engaging with schemes such as tree planting.”

The working group has suggested three easy things for every chaplaincy to consider to start with:

- Get eco church onto the working agenda of our Chaplaincy Council
- Calculate our community carbon footprint using the online tool <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>
- Look at how we can reduce our carbon footprint every year.

We’ll be looking at this at our next CC and any ideas/offers of help would be welcome, not just for reducing emissions from the buildings we worship in but at home too.

## Next Chaplaincy Council Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> March is our next meeting, at 2.30pm on zoom.

### Dates for diaries

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent talk by Christopher Morgan via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lent talk by Gladys Sheriff via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline at 10 p.m.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Healing Service via zoom at 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent talk by Florine Clomegah via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion Oppède at 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent talk by Muriel Teusink via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.

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Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 6 p.m.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent talk by Karen Little via zoom at 9.30 p.m. Compline via zoom at 10 p.m.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent course via zoom at 11 a.m.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	Holy Communion All Saints Marseille at 10 a.m. Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 a.m.

*All times are for French time – please subtract an hour if you are joining us from the UK.*

Services for Holy Week and Easter will be published separately and included in our March newsletter

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