

CHAPLAINCY OF ALL SAINTS' MARSEILLE WITH AIX EN PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON

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Last chance (extended) for new residence permits

If you are a British national and wish to continue to live in France beyond 1st October 2021, then unless you also have French nationality you have to apply for a new-style residence permit. The deadline for doing so was to have been 30th June. At the eleventh hour, though, the two governments have agreed an extension to this deadline until **30th September**. If you still need to make an application (which you must do even if you have an old-style *carte de séjour* that has not yet expired), please contact the Chaplaincy if you need any help. Applications must be made online and a number of agencies are available to assist you with the process. If you don't make the application, you will not be able to remain resident in France beyond 1st October 2021!

Ordination of our Curate, Roxana Teleman, to the priesthood

The ordination is now due to take place on 4th July in Milan. Unfortunately, no guests are permitted due to the Covid restrictions, but we are hoping the service will be recorded. Please pray for Roxana as she prepares for this next step in her ministry.

Roxana will preside at the Eucharist for the first time at a special service in All Saints' Marseille on Saturday, 10th July at 3.30 pm. All are welcome to attend, but in order to make sure you have a seat (as there is an upper limit on numbers in the church during the Covid restrictions), please contact Roxana in advance to give her your name(s): curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com

Eco Church

The Church of England has pledged to have zero carbon emissions by 2030. This is a difficult one to achieve as the only building that we are responsible for does not lend itself well to solar panels on the roof or planting a garden! We also cover an enormous geographical area leading to a lot of car travel. However, as worshippers in our chaplaincy we can each play our part by reducing travel, using the train instead of the 'plane, car sharing, planting trees, reducing our use of plastic and water (don't let the bath water out – use it for the garden or flushing the toilet, for example). Those who have properties capable of having new insulation installed may be eligible for a grant from the government for doing so. We now hold most of our meetings on zoom, which helps reduce our travel too. We are also investigating whether it will be possible to obtain the *Eglise Verte* mark. If anyone would like to become more involved in taking this initiative forward, please contact Jamie or Jane.

Fundraising

The perennial plea for fundraising! Our chaplaincy, like all others in the Church of England's Diocese in Europe, receives no central funding from the Diocese, and we do not have the luxury of permanent accommodation for a chaplain. We are entirely self-supporting, so in order to keep our services going and to give what we should to other good causes we need to fundraise every year in addition to the regular

congregational giving. Roxana is organising a digital cookery book from recipes supplied by our congregations. (If you have any more recipes for inclusion, please do email them to Roxana at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com). Jane is also holding a *brocante* stall in August (any *brocante* items gratefully received). It's hoped that the Christmas Fair will go ahead in some form in Marseille, but we need to have lots more going on. It doesn't have to be a big garden party (although that would be wonderful) - it can be as simple as selling extra pots of jam to friends and neighbours, holding a barbecue or a cake and coffee morning. Please let Jane know of any bright ideas. Our target is to raise 2500 euros this year.

Tour de France

On 7th July, Muriel Teusink is organising a picnic in the Luberon to watch the flash of lycra that is the Tour de France as it whizzes through some of the villages there. It promises to be a very convivial occasion. If you'd like to take part, please contact Muriel via the chaplaincy address – anglican.marseille@gmail.com.

Cancer Support France Provence Gard - CSFPG

Jamie and Roxana recently met representatives of this charity, who have sent us the following article for inclusion in this newsletter:

CSFPG is a regional affiliate of Cancer Support France, a national organisation dedicated to the support of English-speakers living in France touched by cancer. This support may be emotional, practical or language assistance. It is offered free of charge and in complete confidence to patients, their carers and those closest to them, by a network of "Active Listeners" (ALs). These volunteers have all completed a training programme that ensures they are able to meet the differing needs of clients.

Clients are supported by small teams of ALs to ensure continuity and availability. Contact can be via phone, video link or face-to-face (Covid permitting). It includes accompanying clients to medical appointments if language help is needed. Many of our ALs are fluent in French or bilingual and can help the client understand French medical terminology and deal with any necessary paperwork.

In addition to direct support, CSFPG offers regular "Drop-Ins" or coffee mornings to allow clients to socialise with other members and, at the same time, allow for meetings with their ALs. Also, CSFPG organises fundraising events such as Quiz Nights, Concerts, etc in order to fund our activities.

If you, or anyone you know, needs our help please call our **Helpline at 0800 240 200** or contact our national website at www.cancersupportfrance.org – your request will be referred to us.

Finally, if you would like to join us, either as a volunteer or in a non-active role, please get in touch through our email csfprovencegard@gmail.com or our regional website www.csfprovencegard.com.

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Our warmest wishes go to the Revd Malcom Dodd, one of our retired priests who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this month. A lifetime of ministry and service, ably supported by his wife Janet. Malcolm retired some years ago but continued to take services for us when needed.

Received with thanks

Our Christmas fundraising effort last December has been mentioned in this month's newsletters of WAND UK (the Women's Association for African Networking and Development) and the Lancaster West Residents' Association (LWRA).

Abbas Dadou of LWRA writes:

We wanted to celebrate the new year as a community, so we felt this was the best way to safely reach out to residents – it was a huge success. We put together over 400 Christmas hampers in collaboration with WAND UK, Bay 20 (NK Hearts and Minds), Unity Grove, NK Community Kitchen, All Saints Anglican Church Marseille, The Christmas Collective. As part of these Christmas food packages, we gave out 200 fresh chickens, fresh fruit and vegetables, chocolate, crackers, mince pies, dry food and face masks, amongst other things. Per our request for volunteers, many residents came forward who helped distribute and deliver these packages to other residents.

Gladys Jusu-Sheriff writes (WAND UK):

For us at WAND UK, Christmas would not have been Christmas without responding to the needs identified on the doorsteps as we distributed warm meals in North Kensington and other areas during the first Covid19 lockdown. Needs included basic food, neglect and longing for care support, reducing loneliness and isolation, smiles from a volunteer, receiving a bar of chocolate in a food bag and emotionally acknowledging "so someone cares for me out there", despair and hopelessness and reaching out for comfort and compassion. And so, when on that night the congregation of All Saints' Marseille decided to donate £1000 towards a special Christmas feeding there was the emotional tear of joy shed for hitting a Jackpot. We want to use this opportunity to thank the generous donors in the rural Anglican Chaplaincy in France, Lancaster West Residents Association and team partners for making a dream come true. Recognising that the strength of our partnership lies in meeting the needs of our community and is embedded in the words on the food bag illustrated below - Faith Hope Love - as we in unity conquer the Covid Challenge .



Our own newsletter contribution is below:

Like other churches, the Covid pandemic resulted in our developing an online community, extending beyond the geographical borders of our chaplaincy in France. In November, during a Zoom conversation after our weekly online service, Gladys Jusu-Sheriff from WAND UK mentioned that the food distribution centre she is involved with in West London was facing unprecedented demand for its services during the pandemic. A member of our congregation responded by suggesting we try to help them at Christmas by making a donation to buy 100 chickens for the centre. Many people collaborated to bring the project about. One of our online members in Yorkshire works in food distribution and was able to source a refrigerated van for the day in West London. We got to know representatives from WAND UK and the Lancaster West Residents' Association and were aware of the other organisations taking part. Although the amount raised was small in terms of the centre's needs (a donation of £1,000 from a church of around 40 members), a sense of emotional connection developed between our congregation and clients of the centre. We were glad to be able to support the centre at a special time of year when so many were in need.

Update from GOV.UK for: **Living in France**

[France: Voisins Voices – newsletter for the British community in France](#)

This is full of useful information – if you don't already get it directly click on the link – it covers everything from Covid to driving licences. (Stop press: There is at last some good news here – the French and UK governments have reached agreement for how and when UK driving licences may be exchanged for French ones. Click on this link for details. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-uk-licence-holders-living-in-the-eu>)

Dates for Diary

2/7/21 Service of Healing by zoom at 6 pm

4/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am

(Please note: There is no Holy Communion service on zoom this week)

7/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm

11/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am

Holy Communion service at Oppède at 10.30 am

Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am

14/7/21 Bastille Day

Compline zoom service at 10 pm

18/7/21 Holy Communion service in Marseille at 10 am
21/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm
24/7/21 Chaplaincy Council meeting at 2.30 pm by zoom
25/7/21 Holy Communion in Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am
28/7/21 Compline zoom service at 10 pm
1/8/21 Holy Communion service in Marseille at 10 am
Holy Communion zoom service at 11.30 am

And finally...

Many congratulations to Canon David Pickering on his 80th birthday, which was celebrated last week. Members of the chaplaincy sent him a gift of wine as a small token of appreciation for all that David does for us, which he wasted no time in opening...



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