

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



### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

#### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November the annual Act of Remembrance was held at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Marseille. Organised by Souvenir Français, with British Consul Michèle Solari and members of the Royal Navy in attendance, the address and prayers were led by Chaplain Jamie Johnston in tribute to the 1754 servicemen buried or commemorated there. The two minutes' silence was timed to coincide with the service being held at the Cenotaph in the UK.



#### Visit to the Chaplaincy

On 19<sup>th</sup> November members of the Chaplaincy Council and Ministry Team welcomed Bishop Robert Innes and our new Archdeacon for France, Peter Hooper, to our chaplaincy for the first time. They arrived at lunchtime, which gave us the chance to do introductions and give them a potted history of the chaplaincy. Over lunch they had the opportunity to meet people individually and then we were able to present to them what is going on in the chaplaincy. We started by showing them a map of the area which we cover, with Marseille on the coast and members of our four congregations widely scattered across four *départements*, which was a good way of demonstrating the challenges we face in terms of geography and the distances some of us travel to worship. Then members of the team covered our mission and vision plan, work with seafarers, ecumenical initiatives, safeguarding and work with refugees, the new services introduced at Aix and Manosque and the various opportunities that lie ahead. Both the Bishop and the Archdeacon found our presentations and the work that the chaplaincy is doing exciting and energizing. The Bishop then blessed our Curate Roxana's ministry before they set off for St Raphaël to lead a service of Confirmation for different chaplaincies in the Deanery. One of the Confirmation candidates was Johnson, a member of our congregation in Marseille, who was supported by our Chaplain and Curate.

## **Christmas Fair**

Following the success of last year's 'virtual' Christmas Fair, another is being organised for the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December. Roxana has put together the list of goodies available and, if you can help with making any items, please contact her at [curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com](mailto:curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com). We need homemade jams, cakes, preserves and mince pies! Please see the attached flyer for details and the menu/order form. Donations would be very welcome too from anyone who cannot place an order.

## **Concert at All Saints' Marseille**

The choir Chorale Ste Victoire which uses the church for their rehearsals is putting on a concert for us in the afternoon on 12<sup>th</sup> December – please contact Jamie for details and tickets at [anglican.marseille@gmail.com](mailto:anglican.marseille@gmail.com)

## **Luberon Christmas Party**

Much to our disappointment, this has had to be postponed to the spring when we can hold it outside in the garden. Luberon Life were expecting so many attendees that it was felt that there wouldn't be room for everyone in the house. We'll let you know when it has been re-arranged.

## **Christmas Charity Appeal**

This year we are collecting money to buy Christmas presents for children living in one of the most deprived areas of London. The money will be sent through a charity with which a member of our chaplaincy is closely involved (the one which last year delivered 100 chickens from us to provide Christmas dinners for their community), working in partnership with a local school. The flyer is attached, giving details of how to donate.

## **Advent and Christmas**

We will be holding a carol service in the church of All Saints' Marseille on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm. All are very welcome so please bring your friends and family.

Also the annual carol service at the Eglise Saint-Sébastien in Goult is scheduled for the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> December. (This isn't under the auspices of our chaplaincy, but all are welcome and Jamie will be playing the organ.)

## **Dates for Diary**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Evening service with prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Compline service via zoom at 10 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at All Saints' Marseille at 4 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am

Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacré-Cœur, Oppède at 10.30 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am  
Concert by Chorale Sainte Victoire at All Saints' Marseille at 3 pm

15<sup>th</sup> December Compline service via zoom at 10 pm

18<sup>th</sup> December Carol service at Eglise Saint-Sébastien, Goult at 3 pm

19<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

22<sup>nd</sup> December Compline service via zoom at 10 pm

24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Holy Communion at Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, Aix-en-Provence at 4 pm  
Midnight Mass via zoom at 11.00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am, which will also be streamed

26<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am

29<sup>th</sup> December Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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