

**CHAPLAINCY OF ALL SAINTS' MARSEILLE WITH AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND THE LUBERON
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Services resume at Aix-en-Provence

On Sunday, 26th September we held our first service for nearly two years in Aix-en-Provence. Thanks to the kindness of colleagues in the Eglise Protestante Unie de France at 4 Rue Villars, we are now using their church every 4th Sunday of the month to hold our Anglican services. We began with a beautiful service of Celtic Evening Prayer, led by Jane with a reflection from Jamie and prayers by Roxana. Leaving aside the heat suffered by Jamie clad in a woollen cassock, the service was enjoyed by all who attended, and we look forward to many more in the modern airy surroundings with breakout facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and toilets, all easily accessible on the ground floor.



New Services in Manosque

We are in discussions with the Eglise Protestante Unie de France in Manosque to hold services in their building on the Rue de Temple once a month, beginning on 17th October – more details to follow once everything is finalised.

***Living in Love and Faith* course**

We begin our *Living in Love and Faith* course in the week of 11th October. All are welcome to come.

Published in 2020, *Living in Love and Faith* explores the range of 'Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage'. All around us we are seeing changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes. What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked all parishes and chaplaincies in the Church of England to study the materials and to provide feedback by the end of this year. From 2022, it is likely that the Bishops and the General Synod of the Church will begin taking decisions about the future of its teaching and provision in this area. The course offers a unique opportunity for individual churches to contribute to the debate, and above all to learn together as they study the range of the Church's teaching. In every community there will be differing views on some of the subject matter, and all views will be respected in the discussions.

The course lasts five weeks and we will be offering it at different times of the week:

- Tuesday evenings at 6.00 pm (beginning Tuesday, 12th October) on Zoom; or
- Thursday mornings at 11.00 am (beginning Thursday, 14th October) on Zoom.

Depending on the level of interest, we may also hold the course in person at All Saints' Marseille on Saturdays.

There are 5 sessions and each one explores a particular topic. An opening reflection about learning together is followed by two sections of teaching, time for discussion, and a Bible study. The sessions end with an invitation to reflect on our learning, bringing it to God in prayer.

The course is supported by a book, films, podcasts and other resources, all of which are free of charge on the website www.churchofengland.org/LLF.

It would help if you could let us know in advance if you plan to attend, and on which day. The material is of high quality and, even if you are unable to come, please feel free to request a copy of the booklet from Jamie. If you would like to discuss anything with him about the course before deciding whether to attend, please contact him on anglican.marseille@gmail.com or on (+33) (0)7 66 01 71 50.

Fundraising

Jane will be holding another *brocante* stall in November – please contact her if you have anything suitable for her to sell for church funds.

Advance warning – she and Garry are also having a stand at a local Christmas Fair in December, selling mince pies and mulled wine – so please start thinking about making mince pies!

Cookery Book

Roxana is also still looking for final recipes for the chaplaincy cookbook – please send to her at curate.anglican.marseille@gmail.com. The book will be available as part of our own Christmas Fair this year.

We really need a small team of people to take on fundraising to help make up our current deficit. If you are interested – or just willing to be persuaded - please contact Jane or Jamie.

Book Fair

There is a week-long book fair at the Protestant church at 4 Rue Villars, Aix -en-Provence, from 6th to 12th October to raise funds for social and educational projects. They will be selling all sorts of books, in English as well as French, and have events for children and a number of speakers too.

Dates for Diaries

1st October	Prayers for Healing by zoom at 6 pm
3rd October	Holy Communion service for Harvest Thanksgiving, All Saints' Marseille, 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
6th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
10th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service at Oppède at 10.30 am (this may be an ecumenical service with the local Roman Catholic congregation – details to be confirmed as soon as they are available) Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am
12th October	LLF course begins
13th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
17th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am Harvest Festival at Eglise Protestante Unie de France in Manosque at 5pm followed by harvest supper (to be confirmed)
20th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
24th October	Holy Communion service at All Saints' Marseille at 10 am Holy Communion service by zoom at 11.30 am Holy Communion service at Aix-en-Provence at 5 pm
27th October	Compline service by zoom at 10 pm
31st October	All Saints' Day – Holy Communion and Patronal Festival at All Saints' Marseille at 10.30 am (please note the later time). This service will be streamed so there will be no zoom service.

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