

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



### Newsletter February 2022

#### Crisis in Ukraine

As we write this newsletter, people are fleeing the capital of Ukraine for their lives. Our prayers are with all who face violence and bloodshed, injury and bereavement, as we continue to pray for peace during this tragedy. Please remember the members of our fellow Anglican congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv and their loved ones.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have sent out a pastoral letter, a copy of which is being circulated with this newsletter. The Diocese in Europe will be holding a service of 'Prayers across Europe for Peace in Ukraine' online on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 19.00 (French time), 18.00 (UK time), on the eve of the Day of Prayer called by Pope Francis. It will be led by our Bishop, Robert Innes, with Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain in Moscow and Area Dean for Russia and Ukraine. The YouTube link to the service is below -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjnsySwfydk>

Do join the service if you can. If you are unable to make it, please take a few minutes to pray at this time wherever you are.

#### Other news

**The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** took place from 18-25 January, with events in the Luberon, Marseille, two in Aix and another hosted by us at All Saints, all of which were well attended. The leaders of the different Christian denominations in Marseille have been invited by the Roman Catholic Archbishop to a meeting at the end of March to discuss possible joint responses to the care of migrants in the city.

**Ecumenical events** – World Day of Prayer – Events in Marseille and Aix. This year the focus of the day is on England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March a meeting for the World Day of Prayer will be held at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 rue Villars, 13100 Aix-en-Provence at 6.00 pm. At 8.00 pm there will also be a meeting on 'Mediation as a way of prayer', to be followed by a buffet with shared British food.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March the World Day of Prayer will be kept at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 15 rue Grignan, 13006 Marseille, beginning at 6.00 pm.

All are welcome at both events.

**Request for Volunteers** – Thanks to all those who have volunteered in response to our request for more people to help out with the many and varied things that need doing to help our chaplaincy function. Many hands make light work! We still need volunteers to join the Chaplaincy Council and to help operate the (simple) controls for Zoom services, so if you haven't yet put your name forward for either of those, please do consider it.

### **Lent Course**

Our Chaplain Jamie writes:

I am writing with details of our Lent study course this year, which everyone is very welcome to join. It needs no previous experience or study, and you don't need to be a member of our congregation to take part. We will meet online during the five weeks of Lent to discuss a book called *Hope and the Nearness of God* by Teresa White.

Hope is something that affects us all. How do we find it, or maintain it, when life is difficult? Is it something we just have, or can it be cultivated? Are there things we can learn or discover that will sustain us? This is a subject that requires no theological training. The author (who is British) has lived in France and is a member of a religious community based here. Her writing draws on many sources, both spiritual and secular, and she invites us to reflect on the subject of hope using literature, art, sculpture and music as well as scripture. The book costs around £9 and is available in hard copy or electronic form, either from Amazon France (for those who live here) or Amazon UK, Church House Bookshop, etc. There's a selection of links below:

<https://www.amazon.fr/Hope-Nearness-God-2022-Lent/dp/1472984196>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hope-Nearness-God-2022-Lent/dp/1472984196>

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/hope-and-the-nearness-of-god-9781472984197/>

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/search-results?query=hope%20and%20the%20nearness%20of%20god>

We will meet each week on Zoom at either of the following times (ie the content will be the same whichever session you choose):

- Tuesdays at 11.00 am (French time, 10.00 am UK time) - beginning 8th March

- Thursdays at 6.00 pm (French time, 5.00 pm UK time) - beginning 10th March.

For those who would like to, before each session there's also a chance to join us on Zoom for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 10.30 am (French time, 9.30 am UK time), and for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5.30 pm (French time, 4.30 pm UK time). The order of service can be found using the Daily Prayer app (which is free to download) - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>.

Please let us know if you would like to join us for the course, and which of the Tuesday or Thursday sessions you are likely to prefer. It doesn't matter if you can't make them all, and it's always possible to swap between Tuesday and Thursday in any week. Details of the chapter(s) to read for each week, with a summary and questions to reflect on, will be sent out in advance. The aim is to make it as accessible as possible, particularly for those who don't have much time to spare.

I hope as many of you as possible will use this opportunity to spend time together reflecting. Please don't hesitate to ring me, or any member of the ministry team, if you have any questions.

### **Luberon Life Event 30<sup>th</sup> April**

John Smith is kindly hosting a lamb roast in his garden at Oppède to introduce members of the church community to members of the Luberon Life organisation as part of our continued efforts to publicise our presence, in a convivial and low-key way. All are welcome to come along and volunteers to help would be even more welcome! For further details please contact John or Christopher Morgan.

### **Dates for Diary**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | Ash Wednesday<br>Holy Communion at All Saints <u>Marseille</u> at 11 am<br>Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacré-Cœur, <u>Oppède</u> at 3 pm<br>Compline service via zoom at 10 pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | Service of prayers for healing via zoom at 6 pm  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Holy Communion at All Saints <u>Marseille</u> at 10 am<br>Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Compline service via zoom at 10 pm   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Holy Communion at All Saints <u>Marseille</u> at 10 am   |

Holy Communion at Eglise du Sacré-Cœur, Oppède at 10.30 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am  
16<sup>th</sup> March Compline service via zoom at 10 pm  
20<sup>th</sup> March Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am  
Holy Communion at Temple Protestante Unie, Manosque at 4 pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Compline via zoom at 10 pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March Holy Communion at All Saints Marseille at 10 am  
Holy Communion via zoom at 11.30 am  
Holy Communion at Temple Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence at 4 pm  
30<sup>th</sup> March Compline via zoom at 10 pm

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