

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

## Newsletter – June 2022

### Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at All Saints

35 people enjoyed lunch after a special Pentecost service at All Saints' Marseille on Sunday, 5th June, when we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Representatives from our different congregations were there and special food prepared, including the official Platinum Jubilee dessert and a magnificent 'Union Jack' cake baked by Elizabeth Bernasconi. Many thanks to our Curate Roxana Teleman for organising the occasion.



### Archdeaconry Synod Meeting

The Archdeaconry Synod meeting was held recently online, and attended by our Chaplain Jamie, our Curate Roxana and Christine and Jane our Synod reps. The Diocese is now strongly in favour of all such meetings being held on zoom, in line with the drive towards being an eco-church.

Chaired by Bishop Robert, a number of updates were given on safeguarding, the governance of chaplaincies in the light of recent changes to the law in France affecting *associations*, progress in the Living in Love and Faith discussions, and the finances of the Archdeaconry. This was followed by two sessions on ecumenism in the Archdeaconry. Like us, many chaplaincies are holding services in churches owned by the Eglise Protestante Unie de France or local Roman Catholic Dioceses where they don't have a building of their own. In addition we heard of joint services being held, joint fundraising and social events, informal get togethers with food, ministry lunches, joint carol services and joint initiatives with children and young people. In some places with small and scattered congregations they are sharing Clergy and Readers and other resources.

Full details of the Synod can be found online at these links:

**- Summary**

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/archdeaconry-synod/france-archdeaconry-synod-2022/2022-archdeaconry-synod-a-summary/>

**- Presentations**

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## **Living in Love and Faith**

Some of us attended the study groups last autumn on the Church of England's 'Living in Love and Faith' materials. The feedback has now been gathered and is being reviewed, before being debated this autumn at the General Synod.

## **Summer Services**

Services will be held as usual at all 4 of our worship centres this summer. Please spread the word and if you have family and friends visiting, bring them along!

## **Memorial Service for Janet Dodd**

After the sad and sudden demise of our former churchwarden and stalwart supporter of the chaplaincy, there will be a memorial service for her on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm in the Chapelle Saint Quenin, Avenue Saint-Quenin, 84110 Vaison-la-Romaine. All are welcome. Please hold Malcolm and the rest of Janet's family in your prayers.

## **Ukraine**

Christina Laschenko, Churchwarden at Christ Church Kyiv, has written a letter to share her reflections as her city and country contemplate the idea of new life, and rebuilding, in the midst of grief.

"Warmest greetings from the war-torn Kyiv. Today we mark a horrible date: 100 days of the Russian-

Ukrainian war. For 100 days now the people of Ukraine have lived in fear of air-strike sirens, shellings, gunfire, bombardments; in the fear of death and occupation. But a human being as God's creation cannot live in terror permanently. Life and hope make their way through fears, dangers and ruinations of war.

"In Kyiv, and the liberated regions around it, people whose houses survived shellings and gunfire return back to their places and start thinking how to restore the normal life.

"It is not easy: the economy has shrunk by more than 50% and only half of those who had jobs before the war can come back to work now. Even for the employed people the salaries have dropped by 50% and more. Many de-occupied areas experience interruptions in electricity, gasoline supplies, and deficiencies in some food products.

"People in Kyiv do their best to live normal lives: they gather friends to celebrate birthday parties, go to the Opera House, attend museums with new exhibitions, and volunteer day and night for the needs of the army and internally displaced people.

"And, of course, people call to God. Religious life in the war-torn Kyiv is quite intense. People are resolute to overcome any obstacles to get to places of worship to pray together for the lives of Ukrainian people, for the success of the Ukrainian Army, for the victory of Ukraine. We encourage you to join us in the prayer for restoration of peaceful life in Ukraine. We want to rebuild the houses, to plant gardens, to raise children and to overcome the wounds of war through the joy of new life."

We continue to pray for a swift end to the war and for the peoples affected.

### **Dates for Diary**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille Holy Communion at 10.30 am at Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Evening Prayer at 4 pm at the Temple Protestante Unie, Manosque

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July Compline at 10 pm via zoom  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Holy Communion at 10 am All Saints Marseille  
Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom  
Holy Communion at 5 pm the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July Compline at 10 pm via zoom  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille  
Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Compline at 10 pm via zoom  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints Marseille  
Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom

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