



Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix en Provence and the Luberon Newsletter – October 2022

Harvest

During October we celebrated Harvest Festival in all four of our churches, beginning in Marseille and on Zoom on 2nd October, with a collection for Les Restos du Coeur. At Oppède on 9th October, Harvest Festival was celebrated with beautiful flowers (from the garden of our very own Churchwarden Jane Quarmby) and generous gifts from the congregation for the local Resto du Cœur in Apt. A week later a Harvest Supper was celebrated at Manosque where the congregation was joined by members of the Eglise Protestant Unie for a very long convivial supper after the service. Thanks to Jane and Christine for organising and preparing the food. We concluded the series at Aix, where a final collection of items for Les Restos du Coeur was made.



Oppède



Manosque

Ecumenical Service

On 28th September an ecumenical service of prayer was held at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol on the Vieux Port in Marseille, on the theme 'Ecoutez la voix de la Création' (Listening to the voice of Creation). The Chaplaincy helped devise and lead the service, along with representatives of Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and free churches in Marseille. Thanks to Aidan Hamilton for playing the 'cello and to all who attended. Real friendship and dialogue are developing between the different communities taking part in the services.

Sponsored swim for the UK charity ASPIRE

A member of our Marseille congregation, Helen Brooking, is taking part in a sponsored swim for the charity ASPIRE, raising funds to provide help for those who have suffered spinal / spinal cord injuries. Details about the event can be obtained from the charity's website (by clicking on their publicity picture below). The challenge involves swimming the equivalent length of the English Channel (22 miles: 35.5 km) over a 12 week period, Sept 12th – Dec 5th in swimming pools.



Sponsoring / donations are very welcome and can be made through the Justgiving website on the following link:

<http://justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-brooking-2022-channel-swim-117459>

Latest reports are that Helen has reached the half way mark. Congratulations, Helen, and our best wishes for the second half!

Remembrance Sunday

As last year, we will be holding an Act of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Mazargues, on the east side of Marseille, at 11.30 am on Remembrance Sunday, 23rd November. This will follow the service in church at All Saints' Marseille, which will begin at the slightly earlier time than usual of 9.45 am. (The service in church will be shared on Zoom and there will be no separate Zoom service that day.) The Act of Remembrance in the War Cemetery will be attended by H M Consul, Michèle Solari, and representatives of the British Royal Navy stationed at Toulon.

If you haven't ever visited the War Cemetery, do make a point of coming to this event. It is always moving to honour the sacrifice of the 1755 servicemen commemorated there, and the Cemetery is beautifully maintained. You may be interested to read this article about it from the CWGC website:

<https://www.cwgc.org/our-work/blog/the-stories-of-mazargues-war-cemetery/>

Chaplaincy Council

The next Chaplaincy Council meeting will be on 5th November, details of which will be reported in the next newsletter.

The Chaplaincy Council is made up of the Clergy, the Churchwardens and a group of Church members elected by the Annual General Meeting. The role of the Council is to support and advise the Clergy, the Ministry Team and the Standing Committee with the day to day running of the Chaplaincy.

Following on from our September meeting

- Financial contributions to the Church by direct bank payments have increased following the recent note on Stewardship renewal. The agreement to provide a small, laminated card, placed at the back of each church for members of the congregation giving by bank transfer to put in the collection plate as it is circulated, has also been successfully implemented.
- The wearing of masks for all during services has now become voluntary. The provision of masks and gel for anyone wishing to use these is being maintained and members are asked not to come to church if they have Covid symptoms or have tested positive.
- The Council was given an update on the continuing investigation into building issues in the cellar at Marseille.
- A few visitors and newcomers have found their way to us over the summer through an internet search.

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 2 nd November	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 4 th November	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 6 th November	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Wednesday 9 th November	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion at 9.45 am at All Saints' Marseille (<u>please note the earlier time</u>), shared live on Zoom, followed by Act of Remembrance at the British Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Mazargues (24 Avenue General de Lattre de Tassigny, 13009 Marseille) at 11.30 am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède
Wednesday 16 th November	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 20 th November	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom

Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie,
Manosque
Wednesday 23rd November Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 27th November Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Holy Communion at 4 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix
Wednesday 30th November Compline at 10 pm via zoom

Articles for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send to Jane at the address below

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