



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

Commemoration of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Special prayers were said for the Queen and the Royal Family across our chaplaincy, at Marseille, Oppède and the zoom service on the weekend after the announcement of Her Majesty's death at Balmoral. A special service of commemoration was also held on Saturday, 18th September at All Saints' Marseille, attended by over 40 people including the British Consul, who read the first lesson. Tea and cake were served afterwards. The same service was repeated at Manosque on Sunday afternoon and, although the numbers were fewer, it was a special moment for all of us as we reflected on the Queen's life and faith. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



We were touched to receive a letter from Jean-Marc Aveline, the Cardinal Archbishop of Marseille, who wrote as follows:

‘I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and would like to offer you my most sincere condolences. Please convey them to the whole of the Anglican community in Marseille. May I assure you of my prayers, as well as those of all Catholics in the Diocese of Marseille’.

Quiet Day

On 10th September the Chaplaincy was due to hold an Away Day on the theme of Creation and Community. However, as most of the people who wished to come were away from home, we’ve postponed it to May next year.



Ecumenical Service for Creationtide

Members of the chaplaincy are taking part in an ecumenical service of prayer at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol on the Vieux Port in Marseille on Wednesday, 28th September at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. The service will include a renewed commitment by different Christian communities in Marseille to care for the environment. Particular thanks to Aidan Hamilton for helping with the music for the service.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest at all of our services in October and donations of food etc brought to the services will be donated to *Les Restos du Coeur*. The theme this year will be Stewardship. Our service at Manosque will be followed by a Harvest Supper – please let Jane know if you’d like to come for catering purposes. We are inviting our friends from the Eglise Protestante Unie to join us.

Chaplaincy Council

The Chaplaincy Council met on 1st September and Ronnie our secretary has kindly sent this report of what was discussed and decided.

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 Church.

At our September meeting

- It was mentioned that some people make their financial contribution to the Church by direct bank payments and these people sometimes felt embarrassed when requested to put what would be a further donation in the collection plate. It was agreed to provide a small laminated card, placed at the back of each church, for members of the congregation who give by bank transfer to put in the collection plate as it is circulated.
- The wearing of masks for all during services was discussed. It was decided that as from the beginning of September masks would become voluntary. The Church would still provide masks and gel for anyone wishing to use these and members would be asked not to come to church if they had Covid symptoms or had tested positive.
- The Council was given an update on the continuing investigation into the building issues in the cellar at Marseille.
- We are keen to increase the numbers attending our services in church and we need to become more active in promoting our services in the English-speaking communities. The information held at the tourist offices in both Marseille and Aix has been brought up to date. A few visitors and newcomers have found their way to us over the summer through an internet search.
- It was agreed to have a stewardship campaign in October, linked to Harvest Festival, in each Church.
- Plans are to be considered by a small ad hoc group to organise a Christmas Fair, to raise funds, which hopefully can be held in the Church in Marseille this year, subject to any pandemic developments.

Cake recipe

I was asked so many times on 18th September for the recipe for the Norfolk Ginger Cake that I promised to put it in the Newsletter – so here it is. It's from Mary Berry.

Ingredients:

450 g of mixed fruit and nuts – apricots, cherries, sultanas, raisins, prunes, walnuts etc

100g butter

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

175g soft muscovado sugar

225ml water

2 eggs beaten

275g self-raising flour

2tsp ground ginger

150g stem ginger, drained of syrup and roughly chopped.

Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin.

Measure all the chopped fruits and nuts into a large saucepan with the butter, bicarbonate of soda, sugar and water. Bring to the boil for 3 minutes.

Allow to cool and then add the eggs, flour, ground ginger and stem ginger. Mix thoroughly and turn into the prepared cake tin.

Bake in the oven preheated to 160C, Gas mark 3 for about an hour and a quarter or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean and the cake is firm to the touch.

Dates for Diary

Sunday 2 nd October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille - Harvest Festival Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Wednesday 5 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 7 th October	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 9 th October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède - Harvest Festival Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom
Wednesday 12 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 16 th October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque - Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper
Wednesday 19 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 23 rd October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence - Harvest Festival
Wednesday 26 th October	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 30 th October	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 11.30 am via zoom

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