

# OUR 2017 LENTEN PROGRAM

## “TALKING WITH CHRISTIANS”

28 March, 2017

Lent started on Wednesday 1 March with our Ash Wednesday noontime worship service conducted by our theological student and Ordinand Roxana Teana Teleman and with the blessings and imposition of ashes by Fr David. This also means that all of March has been the season of Lent – the 40 days and 40 nights that will lead up to Easter morning.



*Roxana Teana Teleman speaking about Anglicanism and Ecumenism in France.*

This year is unique with the Latin Western churches of Roman Catholicism and the Reformation churches, joining in with the various Orthodox Eastern churches to all mark Easter on the same day – this year Sunday 16 April. This means that Ash Wednesday and each of the Sundays in Lent will be celebrated on the same days by all the different denominations within Christianity. In celebration of this, All Saints Marseille has been holding a series of talks on Ecumenism and Inter-Faith dialogues.



Roxana Teana Teleman started us off with a lecture on Ecumenism in France. She gave us a map of how the different denominations have split apart from Rome and then spoke on a special emphasis about the Malines Conversations on church unity in the 1920s between Lord Halifax of the church of England and his good Roman Catholic friend Abbé Portal under the hospitality of Joseph Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines in the province of Antwerp, Belgium.



*Amanda Haste speaking about music and the effects various musical instruments convey.*

Our second presentation was by Dr Amanda Haste who spoke to us about the universality of church music amongst all denominations and then examined a specific interest of hers, how different instruments give different flavours and bring different moods to a performance and how some instruments have been historically discouraged from religious use for being too sensual or controversial.

Our third presentation was from our priest-in-charge, Fr David Greenwood. His presentation was on the history of the modern ecumenical movement from the leading figures of the 1910 World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland and the leadership shown by Charles Henry Brent, John Mott, and Nathan Söderblom in the development of the World Council of Churches. He then explored the 1952 Lund Principle which states that all “Churches should act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately” and the various key documents produced by Vatican II which brought the Roman Catholic church into

dialogue with the World Council of Churches and into many bi-lateral dialogues with other denominations.

Our final talk, on Sunday 2 April, will again be by Fr Greenwood and will address the theme of his doctoral dissertation on Inter-Religious Dialogues and what is the rationale for Christianity working with, respecting with dignity, and gathering collegially with peoples of other faiths.



*Fr David Greenwood speaking about churches working*