



Within the space of two weeks, All Saints has hosted two very different events.

The first one was the AGM of Amam (Association Marseillaise d'Accueil des Marins) which runs the port Seamens' Club (Cf article in Newsletter) where some volunteers from the chaplaincy regularly work.

Then on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the church was open again for the 2018 Marseille World Day of Prayer Celebration.



For a few years now, our congregation in Marseille has been involved in this “global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice” (extract from <http://worlddayofprayer.net> ).



Every year, a country is chosen. This year, it is Surinam, a small country in the North West of South America. The World Day of Prayer does not only involve praying for Surinam. The day itself is organized by the women of the country. It is the occasion of praying in their manner and also to discover their country, its beauty, its problems, its challenges. In addition, they have also selected a heavily loaded theme i.e. creation, and the importance to preserve environment. And in order to express this challenge, they have selected God's words in Genesis, when He has completed his creation : « Indeed, it was very good”.

After several weeks of preparations, the various churches in Marseille participating to this event staged a presentation of Surinam, interspaced with prayers, after a word of welcome by Fr Alan (*in French*)

All Saints' hosted the event, an occasion for many local people to discover the church.