



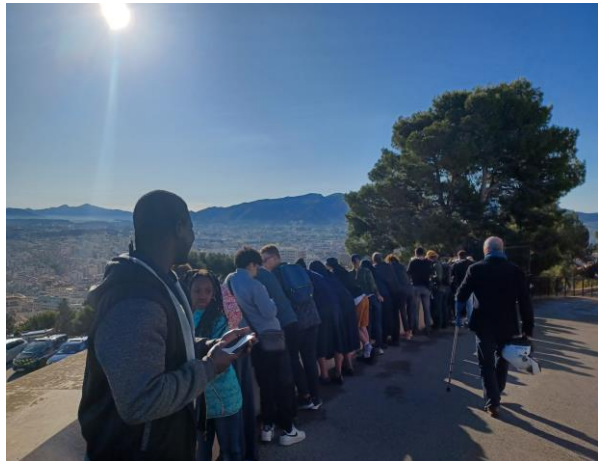
## Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille with Aix en Provence and the Luberon Newsletter – May 2024

### Ascension Day / Olympic Flame

*The Chaplain writes:*

On 8<sup>th</sup> May the Olympic Flame arrived in Marseille aboard the sailing ship Belem, where it was greeted by President Macron on the Vieux Port with fireworks, music and celebration. Before it arrived we took part in devising and leading an ecumenical service at the Eglise Saint-Ferréol, attended by around 150 people. The Bishop of Digne (whom we know through our work in the Manosque area) was there and it turned out that he is currently the Vatican's delegate to the Olympics, so he kindly pronounced the blessing at the end of the service.

Ascension Day on 9<sup>th</sup> May began with a small group of us taking part in the launch of the Olympic Torch Relay, as it began its journey across France from the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille. Later in the morning we held a service at All Saints followed by lunch, attended not only by members of our congregation but also other clergy from the Deanery - Jeremy Auld, the new Chaplain in Nice, and Chris Parkman, the Chaplain in Menton.



## **Guest preacher – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

On Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June we look forward to welcoming back to Marseille **The Revd Alan Amos**, who served as a locum Chaplain here a few years ago. Alan will be preaching at the 10.00 am service at All Saints (shared on Zoom), after which he and Aidan Hamilton will give a short concert in church.

## **Quiet Day – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – ‘Hope in uncertain times’**

As part of the celebrations marking 175 years of Anglican presence in Marseille, all are warmly invited to join us for a Quiet Day on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at the **Roucas Blanc Centre** of the Chemin Neuf community in Marseille: <https://roucas.chemin-neuf.fr>. The centre, which lies in four hectares of wooded parkland offering stunning sea views, is conveniently accessible by public transport and has parking facilities.

The retreat, entitled ‘Hope in uncertain times’, will be led by **The Revd Ray Andrews**, Diocesan Adviser for Spirituality. The estimated cost for the day will be approximately €25-30 per person, covering lunch provided by the Chemin Neuf community and the rental of the premises. If anyone cannot afford this amount, reductions may be available on an individual basis. To assist with our planning, we would be grateful if you could inform Roxana of your interest before the summer break - [assistant.chaplain.marseille@gmail.com](mailto:assistant.chaplain.marseille@gmail.com). We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

## **For your prayers**

Our former Chaplain, Patrick Cassidy, is currently in hospital in Marseille. He is grateful for the messages of goodwill he has received from across the chaplaincy.

Johnson, a former member of our Marseille congregation, is now living near Paris where he and his partner have just welcomed the arrival of a daughter. They are delighted with the gifts of baby clothes, equipment and money received from members of the Marseille and Luberon congregations, which Jamie took to them in Paris last week. If anyone else would like to make a contribution, please let Jamie know – [anglican.marseille@gmail.com](mailto:anglican.marseille@gmail.com).

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June we will be celebrating the wedding blessing of Austin Rehm and Claire Lee, both from New York, in St Rémy-de-Provence.

Please remember them all in your prayers.

## **News from the Seamen’s Club etc**

*Gaston Roumieu writes:*

### **News from Marseille seamen’s Club**

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June we shall celebrate the 20th anniversary of the installation of the club house at the terminal for cruise ships in the port. In 2004 the historical *foyer* located in the

centre of Marseille had to be vacated and, with the fast-expanding cruise line activity, the port authorities granted us at first a place in the main terminal, and soon after built us tailor made amenities nearby.



### **Work in the All Saints' church building**

Andrei Teleman and I recently replaced all the traditional lights in the church with modern (LED) ones. Apart from having a better lit church, this should bring a noticeable saving in electricity costs and help us on our way to meeting the Diocese's ecological targets. We took all necessary measures to ensure that the work was done safely and it was completed over two weeks.



## **Annual Meeting / Election of Churchwardens and Council members**

On Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May we held our annual meeting at All Saints, with others joining online via Zoom. The annual report, accounts for 2023 and budget for 2024 were adopted, following which elections were held for Churchwardens. Jane Quarmby and Peter Smith had kindly agreed to stand again and were duly elected. Two vacancies on the Chaplaincy Council were then filled by Anne Roumieu and Gray Walker, who was duly elected Treasurer at the Council meeting that followed.

Thanks to our Secretary, Ronnie Ogier, for her very efficient handling of the meeting, and to Jane, Peter, Anne and Gray for volunteering for their respective roles.

### **Dates for diary – June Services**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (shared via Zoom)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via Zoom
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (shared via Zoom) Holy Communion at 10.30 am at the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, Oppède Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Manosque
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (shared via Zoom), with guest preacher The Revd Alan Amos, followed by a short concert given at All Saints by Alan Amos and Aidan Hamilton
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	(International Olympic Day) Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille 11.45 am Zoom service (tbc – otherwise the 10 am service will be shared via Zoom) Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Compline at 10 pm via zoom

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille  
11.45 am Zoom service

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