



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

The Chaplain writes:

The Revd Patrick Cassidy RIP



Many of you will know that our former chaplain, Patrick Cassidy, died peacefully on 12th June, in hospital in Marseille after a short illness. We held a Requiem Eucharist for him at All Saints on 19th June, which was followed by a private cremation.

Since retiring as chaplain in 2005, Patrick remained a faithful member of the Marseille congregation. He will be much missed in the community, not least for his beautiful speaking and singing voice which enriched our worship for so many years.

Copies of the tributes given at his Requiem by Aidan Hamilton and Jane Quarmby, along with current chaplain Jamie's address, are attached to this newsletter.

The Revd Alan Amos – Visit to Marseille 13th-16th June

We were delighted to welcome back to Marseille Alan Amos, who served as a locum Chaplain here a few years ago. On Sunday, 16th June Alan preached at All Saints and on Zoom, after which he and Aidan Hamilton gave a short concert in church which was very well received.



For those who missed it, the concert can be viewed on our YouTube channel at this link – <https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsmarseille4399/streams>

News from Marseille seamen's Club

Thanks to Gaston Roumieu, Alan was also able to revisit AMAM, the seamen's club in Marseille, where he enjoyed trying out a grand piano that has recently been donated to them.



The club was quiet that day, but manager Marc Feuillebois explained that it is sometimes swamped by visitors, including seafarers and those working on ships in the nearby dry docks. It was noted how difficult it is to plan for adequate human resources, which is why volunteers – including those from All Saints – make up an important part of the club's ability to extend a welcome to seafarers from across the world.

Ecumenical relationships

This month we said farewell to Gill Daudé, Pasteur of the Eglise Protestante Unie (EPU) in Aix-en-Provence, and his wife Séverine, who are moving westwards to take up a new ministry in the Cévennes.

Gill was one of the architects of the 2001 Reuilly Agreement between the EPU and the Anglican Church, signed in Canterbury and Paris, in which the churches committed to witnessing and serving together where possible. Gill used to say that our monthly services held at the EPU in Aix are a tangible expression of the Agreement, and on several occasions during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we have held joint services with their community.

Pascale Cougard held a supper party at her home in Aix for ecumenical representatives to wish Gill and Séverine well and thank them for all they have done to foster good ecumenical relations in the city.



Also in June, Jamie and Jane Quarmby were invited to meet Monseigneur Emmanuel Gobilliard, Bishop of Digne (whose Diocese includes Manosque and the surrounding area) over lunch in one of the local villages. It offered a good opportunity to develop our ecumenical links. Through different points of contact over the last year, Monseigneur Emmanuel has got to know all the members of our ministry team (David and Christine are regular worshippers in his Diocese, and he also met Roxana and Jamie at the ecumenical service organised to greet the Olympic Flame in Marseille). The Bishop made clear his warm support for the work of the Anglican church in the area.



Lastly, Jamie recorded a week's worth of morning prayer reflections for the local ecumenical radio station in Marseille, Dialogue RCF. (Happily he did not have to get up at 6 am to deliver them live!)

Quiet Day – Saturday, 14th September – ‘Hope in uncertain times’

A reminder that, as part of the celebrations marking 175 years of Anglican presence in Marseille, you are warmly invited to join us for a Quiet Day on Saturday, 14th September at the Roucas Blanc Centre of the Chemin Neuf community in Marseille: <https://roucas.chemin-neuf.fr>. The centre, 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 per person, covering lunch and the rental of the premises. If anyone cannot afford this amount, reductions are available on an individual basis. We hope you can join us for this special

occasion. If you are interested, please let Roxana know as soon as possible - assistant.chaplain.marseille@gmail.com

Oppède musician

We are pleased to announce that Katherine, who recently joined our congregation in Oppède, has taken on playing the keyboard for our hymns, relieving Jamie of this added responsibility when taking the service for which we all are most grateful. After our service on the 9th June Katherine kindly invited members of the congregation to a lunch in her garden to get to know everyone.

Dates for diary – July Services

[Please note that, as we reduce some activity over the summer while people are away:

- **there will be no services in Manosque in July and August**
- **there will be no service in Aix in August (though there will be a service in July)**
- **there will not be any Sunday zoom services between 15th July and 31st August]**

Wednesday 3 rd July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Friday 5 th July	Evening service with prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 7 th July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (shared via Zoom)
Wednesday 10 th July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 14 th July	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
Wednesday 17 th July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 21 st July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
Wednesday 24 th July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom
Sunday 28 th July	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille Holy Communion at 5.00 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence
Wednesday 31 st July	Compline at 10 pm via zoom

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