



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

The Chaplain writes:

It has been a pleasure to welcome visitors and guests to our services over the summer months. I hope those of you who have been away have enjoyed holidays and visiting family in the UK and elsewhere. Our *rentrée* brings a number of events, as we build up to our 175th anniversary celebrations at All Saints' tide.

In particular, we look forward to welcoming two guest preachers to Marseille - on **Sunday, 13th October** The Revd Prebendary Marjorie Brown from England, and on **Sunday, 3rd November (All Saints' Sunday)** our Archdeacon, The Ven Peter Hooper.

Sunday, 14th July

The second Sunday in July marked two events, in addition to being Bastille Day.

We celebrated Sea Sunday at All Saints', when we were delighted to welcome Marc Feuillebois, Manager of the AMAM Seamen's Club in the port of Marseille. During the offertory, Marc and some members of our congregation who volunteer with AMAM brought to the altar items reflecting our work with seafarers.

At the end of the service, Dimby and Tatiana Razafintsambaina celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary with a renewal of their marriage vows, after which Tatiana led the congregation singing the worship song *You raise me up*. The celebration continued with drinks after the service.



Olympics in Marseille

Our celebration of the Olympics, some events of which were taking place in Marseille, continued with All Saints' being open on two afternoons a week for visitors to come and watch the Games, share refreshments and enjoy some cooler air than the 35+ degrees outside.

Manosque congregation (Please note new service time from September)

As last year, there were no services in Manosque in July and August, but to keep members in contact over the summer two families from the congregation kindly hosted lunches at their homes – Jane and Garry Quarmbly on 23rd July and Irene and David Smith on 20th August.



We will be starting our services of Holy Communion again at the Eglise Protestante Unie in Manosque on **Sunday, 15th September**. After consultation with the congregation, we have decided to move the service time to **9.15 am on the third Sunday of the month**.



Also, in future our **Sunday services on Zoom** will all be shared from Marseille at **10.00 am**.

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, all 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, 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 €10 per person, covering the rental of the premises. (We will now be providing the lunch ourselves, so this element of the cost has been reduced.) If you haven't already signed up, please let Roxana know if you would like to attend - assistant.chaplain.marseille@gmail.com.

News from the Seamen's Club

Gaston Roumieu writes:

We recently received by post a parcel containing six woolly hats generously knitted by some parishioners from the Cahors branch of the Anglican chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrénées - Aude. The local priest – Revd June Hutchinson – kindly supervised this work, as she has been doing for several years now, following Anne & I encountering her at the 2018 Archdeaconry Synod in St-Jacut-de-la-Mer near Saint-Malo. No doubt these will be very much appreciated by sailors when the weather turns cold.



Wedding Blessings

We have three more wedding blessings this summer –

Stephen Hansen and Kerrisha Jenkins in Aix on 31st August
Luke Harries and Capucine Brunet in L'Isle sur la Sorgue on 7th September
Ryan Collins and Gaby Forte in Gordes on 1st October

Please remember them in your prayers.

Dates for diary – September Services

Sunday 1st September Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
(shared via Zoom)

Wednesday 4th September Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom

Friday 6th September Evening Service with Prayers for Healing at 6 pm via Zoom

Sunday 8th September 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 11th September Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom

Sunday 15th September Holy Communion at 9.15 am at the Eglise Protestante Unie,
Manosque
Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
(shared via Zoom)

Wednesday 18th September Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom

Sunday 22nd September Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille

Wednesday 25th September Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom

Sunday 29th September Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille
(shared via zoom)
Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-
en-Provence

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