



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

*The Chaplain writes:*

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Services**

We will be holding Harvest Thanksgiving services in each of our congregations during October:

6<sup>th</sup> October – All Saints' Marseille. The local food bank (the Banque Alimentaire des Bouches-du-Rhône) have asked for donations of cooking oil, so please bring some bottles of oil to the service.

13<sup>th</sup> October – Oppède. There will be a collection of dry food goods (packets, tins, etc) for the local branch of Les Restos du Coeur.

20<sup>th</sup> October – Manosque. Again, there will be a collection of dry food goods (packets, tins, etc) for the local branch of Les Restos du Coeur.

27<sup>th</sup> October – Aix. There will be a cash collection for Les Restos du Coeur.

### **Guest preacher**

On **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** we look forward to welcoming The Revd Prebendary Marjorie Brown, formerly Vicar of St Mary's Primrose Hill in London, who will be preaching for us at the 10.00 am service in Marseille and on Zoom. Following the service, Marjorie will give a talk on Pilgrimage and we will then share lunch in church.

### **Ecumenical service**

A celebration of Ecumenical prayer will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Temple des Gros, between Gordes and Les Baumettes at 8 p.m. Father Marcel Bang will celebrate alongside Pastor Cécile Plaâ. For the occasion, Angelo Cavarra, clarinetist, and one of his musician friends, pianist, will accompany this celebration.

### **Illustrated talk on Mary Magdalene**

On **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30 pm**, our congregation member Dr Diana Barsham will give an illustrated talk at the Eglise Protestante Unie, 4 Rue Villars, 13100 Aix-en-Provence entitled 'An Hour with Mary Magdalene – Gospel Enigma, Resurrection Apostle, Patron Saint of Provence'. Diana has written extensively on Mary Magdalene and it promises to be a fascinating afternoon.

## AMAM - Seamen's Club

*Thanks to Gaston Roumieu for the following report:*

In the port of Marseille, at the latest Plates & Medals ceremony on September 19th, the Seamen's Club was represented by two members of All Saints', Gillian and me. During the traditional speeches, I gave the captain a 2024 Olympic Games cap that we sell at the Seamen's Club together with a few vouchers for the crew. The ship was Mystic Cruises' World Voyager, built only in 2022 - fairly small by modern days standards: only 200 passengers with 130 crew. Because of its small draft it was able to moor close to the town, right next to the Mucem museum. The Ukrainian captain spent a long time with us, giving us the history of the cruise line (and part of his own career). Despite the company being very new, it seems that the economic model is quite successful, to the extent that the construction of a forth ship is now planned. Afterwards we were given a tour of the ship by the captain himself, including a visit to the bridge: just the same as on the bigger ships albeit everything on a smaller scale but just as modern, including all the necessary systems to navigate in Arctic and Antarctic waters. We finished the visit too early to be invited for lunch, so I took Gillian to one of my favourite eating places in town!



## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations



### Quiet Day

Our chaplaincy's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations began with a Quiet Day on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Roucas Blanc Centre of the Chemin Neuf community in Marseille. Around 20 of us gathered on a bright sunny day to reflect on the theme of 'Hope in uncertain times'. The Revd Ray Andrews, Spirituality Adviser to the Diocese in Europe, who was to have led the day, was unfortunately unable to attend at the last minute through ill health. But he had structured the day and provided materials which enabled Roxana and Jamie to lead the reflections in his place.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch on the terrace of the Centre overlooking the Mediterranean, and the day concluded with a Eucharist in the chapel with 'cello music provided by Aidan Hamilton.



## All Saints' Day

On **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November** at All Saints' Marseille there will be a service of Holy Communion for the Deanery of the South-East of France at 11.30 am, followed by lunch in church. Please let us know if you plan to attend the lunch. Our preacher will be the Area Dean, the Revd Ben Harding, who is the Chaplain of Trinity Church Lyon.

## All Saints' Sunday

Our celebrations will conclude on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, when we look forward to a visit from our Archdeacon, Peter Hooper, who will preach and celebrate at the 10.00 am service of Holy Communion at All Saints. This will be followed by a lunch in church. Do join us for this special celebration. We will be inviting our ecumenical partners and other friends also. Please let us know if you plan to attend the lunch.

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## News from Manosque

*Jane Quarmby writes:*

We now have a Facebook site for the congregation at Manosque to publicise our services and presence in the area. Many thanks to Emily Roberts for setting this up and looking after it.

Services have resumed at Manosque now after the summer break (when we got together for lunch instead) at the new time of **9.15 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**. We now adjourn for croissants rather than cake after the service!

## Dates for diary – October Services

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Evening service with prayers for Healing at 6 pm via zoom
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints' Marseille (shared via Zoom) – Harvest Thanksgiving Ecumenical service of prayers at the Temple des Gros near Gordes at 8pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	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 – Harvest Thanksgiving

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holy Communion at 9.15 am at the Eglise Protestante Unie Manosque – Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holy Communion at 10 am at All Saints’ Marseille, Holy Communion at 5 pm at the Eglise Protestante Unie, Aix-en-Provence – Harvest Thanksgiving
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Compline at 9.30 pm via zoom

### **The EU’s new Entry/Exit System (EES)**

*The British Embassy writes:*

We have updated our [Living in France - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) document with information on the new digital **Entry/Exit System (EES)** that the EU will introduce in Autumn 2024. Non-EU nationals, including UK nationals, visiting the EU will need to create a digital record when entering the EU’s Schengen Zone. This includes providing biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) at the border. UK nationals with rights under the Withdrawal Agreement will be exempt from EES registration if they have the correct documentation.

Our Living in France guide gives important information and outlines what people need to know and what documents are accepted. In particular, those resident in France with children under 18 years old will need to apply for a DCEM card for the children to be exempt from EES registration. There is already a link to how to apply for this in the living in guide Passport and Travel section, just above the EES section.

We will be keeping our [France travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) updated and sending information on our social medial channel on X (@UKinFrance) and Facebook (British Embassy Paris). The [British Community Committee of France \(britishinfrance.com\)](http://britishinfrance.com) have also added our EES information on their website.

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