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Holy Communion or Shared Prayers: Wednesdays 12.30
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The English Library, St. John's Church, Menton - Closed at present

Books available on loan in The Louvre on Saturday mornings from 9.30-11.30am
Refreshments also available

The British Association

Chairman of the Association: Birgitt Nordbrink 04 93 28 10 02
A representative of the Association is present in the Louvre, Saturdays 9.30-11.30am

THE CROSS-BORDER



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January	4	Epiphany Sunday	Eucharist 10.30am
“	11	The Baptism of Christ	Eucharist 10.30am
“	18	Second Sunday of Epiphany	Eucharist 10.30am
“	25	Conversion of Paul	Eucharist 10.30am
February	1	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Eucharist 10.30am

The English Cemetery Chapel, Bordighera

Eucharist - 10.30am - Wednesday 14 January
(join us at lunch afterwards in a Restaurant in Bordighera Alta)
(please check date and time with Barbara Corry)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Monday 19 January – 20.45 hours
Cathedral of San Siro, Sanremo
Homily: David Hart TSSF

The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genova

EVERY SUNDAY - EUCHARIST -10.30am

WEDNESDAYS: Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – 12.30

See the website for more information : www.anglicanchurchgenoa

Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and are in good standing in their own Church shall be admitted to Communion in accordance with Canon B 15A.
Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing.

WOULD IT BE ANY DIFFERENT?

If he came to us now, God's Son on Earth,
A Twenty-first-century man,
And appeared in the middle of Regent Street,
Creating a traffic jam ...

Would the awe-struck Constabulary hold up a hand,
And hush the abuse flying round,
Or would it be, 'come on there, move along son,
Or your grubby feet won't touch the ground.'

If he walked in the park or a quiet village street,
And said, 'Little ones, come to me',
And gathered the children from where they played,
And took one of them on his knee ...
Would the mums push them forward
Their facers aglow, and beg him,
'here, Lord, please bless mine!'
Or united in hate, keep him under restraint
And rush off to dial 999.

If his words, wrapped in mind-blowing, laser-lit sound
Brought a message of hope to us all;
If his faithful disciples spelled out his name
In red paint, four feet high, on a wall ...
would we listen in awe, or say, "Turn off that creep.
You're polluting your minds - you're nothing but sheep.
Pop music will ruin you all."

If the PC, on oath, said, "Last night, your Worships,
I picked up this vagrant at one,
Claims his name's Jesus Christ – a relation of God
(makes a change from Attila the Hun)' ...
Would their Worships rejoice that their Saviour had come
And reverently fall to their knees;
Or barely glance up at the hairy fanatic,
With one or two slates coming loose in the attic,
And fine him for Breach of the Peace.

HELEN LAWES

MESSAGES

We have just come through a time of ‘messages’: Christmas and New Year cards to friends and family, the Queen’s Christmas Day broadcast, government New Year greetings and plans, our own proposals for the coming year, etc. etc. In the Book of Revelation John gave messages to the seven churches asking them to be more attentive to certain aspects of their faith:

- To the church in Ephesus - love
- To Smyrna - suffering
- To Pergamum - truth
- To Thyatira - holiness
- To Sardis - live (wake up)
- To Philadelphia - all opportunities
- To Loadicea - move from lukewarm to spiritually strong

What would be his message to St. John’s today? And how long would it have taken to reach us?

The contemporary Church has a greater opportunity to share the good news than at any other time in history. Radio, TV, internet, using everything from social media and mobile-friendly websites to more traditional publicity methods. We receive information almost as soon as it happens and the National Institutions of the Church of England in ‘In Review’ have brought to our attention this month:

the Book, “100 WAYS TO GET YOUR CHURCH NOTICED” by Neil Pugmire (first published in 2006) rewritten and expanded to include details of how churches can use social media, create mobile apps and put together websites that look good on mobiles and tablets. It also includes advice on making good use of church buildings and noticeboards using text messages and email newsletters, taking good photographs and spreading a word-of-moth reputation by helping out in the local community.

St. John’s and the Church of the Holy Ghost have already begun to enter the modern world with their newsletters and information about the churches on their websites www.anglicanchurchmenton.com., www.anglicanchurchgenoa.org . A great help they are giving, as they do, up-to-date information of living churches. It helps us to feel closer than the few hundred kilometres that separate us and part of the global ministry. As John Wesley, who travelled miles on foot or horseback, said “All the world is my parish”.

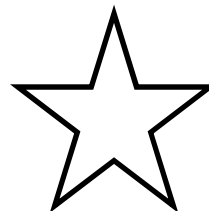
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AT LAST! Our churchwarden Ennis informed the congregation on Sunday 14th December that work had begun in partially demolishing the annexe to St. John’s church to make the structure safe and for the developer to do some technical work on his side. This is indeed good news. The church has also received further money from the Insurance company. Good news all round! Pray that all the work necessary in restoring the church will now go forward quickly, safely and well.

RIVIERA CLERGY MEETING Saturday 10 January David, together with the clergy representing ACR (Anglican Chaplaincies along the Riviera) are meeting our new Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes at Holy Trinity Church, Cannes, and will be having a light supper with him.

MAGNA CARTA The 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta was recognized by the Synod of the Church of England as an important opportunity for churches to celebrate the Carta’s principles “which established that the English Church and all our citizens shall live in freedom”.

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY has joined more than 20 British faith leaders calling for Lord Falconer’s Assisted Dying Bill NOT to be enacted. In a joint statement published ahead of the House of Lords debate, faith leaders said, that if passed, the Bill would have “a serious detrimental effect on the well-being of individuals and on the nature and shape of our society”.



God of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
You have given us many promises and prophecies
about your Son Jesus Christ’s birth,
and they have been fulfilled.
May we see from the past to the present,
the present to the future
and know that your loving hand guides all things.
Amen

our Bishop Robert Innes writes his First Christmas Message to the Diocese

The Nine Lessons and Carols Service from King's College Cambridge is listened to by millions of people all over the world. It is one of England's most distinctive and successful religious exports! For me, the service has especial resonance, because this was the college where I studied as an undergraduate and so the distinctive sound of the treble voices and fulsome reed organ stops brings back happy memories of my student life.

Eric Milner-White introduced the Nine Lessons and Carol Service in 1918. He had been appointed as Dean of King's at the age of 34. He developed the carol service because his experience as an army chaplain during the war had convinced him that the Church of England needed to introduce more imaginative worship. The nine lessons and carols format quickly became popular – and how quickly innovations become 'traditions'! Today, it is widely copied and imitated. In our European chaplaincies 'the carol service' is now one of the best loved services in the whole year and is a delight for people of many different nationalities.

The beauty of our Christmas music has the ability to touch and soften the hearts of those who would not respond to a more prosaic declaration of Christian truth. But it is not enough for us to offer a delightful aesthetic experience. We long for people to encounter God! And if Milner-White were alive today, I am sure he would be urging us always to be vigilant about the need to be imaginative as we portray the extraordinary story of the birth of the Saviour – to do it, in a way that would impress upon skeptical 21st century listeners the incomparable meekness and majesty, suffering and glory of the first Christmas.

We need to feel again the shocking reality of God becoming incarnate in conditions of extreme vulnerability and deprivation. For, as the evangelists tell us, God's Son was born in a feeding trough far from home as the first child of an unmarried, and presumably very scared young mother. From his birth he was hunted down by a mad and bad tyrant. Whilst still small, he and his parents were forced to migrate into neighbouring Egypt where I suppose they lived as refugees.

I always find it striking that in Matthew's account of Christmas, the first half of chapter 2 which relates the adoration of the new-born King by the magi, is counter-balanced by the second half which graphically relates the attempts of the hostile powers of his day to end this would be King's young life before it has scarcely begun.

2014 has been marked for many of us by commemorations of the outbreak of World
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Let us pray together each day in January

Heavenly Father, We pray for Thank you for

1. Thank you, Lord, that you make all things new
2. the protection of young people that they may grow up without abuse
3. Sophie Macfarlane on a 12 week course in St. Augustine's Hospital, Tanzania
4. '*Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service*' (Psalm 72.11)
5. Epiphany – that Christ may shine upon those outside the churches
6. for all who are travelling
7. children returning to school
8. guide and strengthen our council in their work and decision making
9. accident and emergency services
10. the local clergy fraternal at their meeting with our Bishop Robert Innes in Cannes
11. '*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders*' (Ps.29.3)
12. grace to always give a kind word and a smile
13. for Muslims who live in our towns that they may live in peace
14. those who work for justice in world trade
15. all who work in the care homes in our towns – the staff and volunteers
16. all those you love and who love you
17. give thanks that work is beginning on the restoration of St. John's church
18. '*I will thank you because I am marvellously made*' (Psalm 139.14)
19. Ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity this evening in Sanremo
20. let us never bring discredit on the name of Christians
21. give thanks for the technology which assists the blind and physically disabled
22. thank you, Lord, for the gift of your bible; may we use it as our guide
23. may we pass this new year in joyful obedience and firm faith
24. those who live and sleep on the streets
25. '*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you*' (Ps. 67.3)
26. give thanks for all the good things the holiday season brought you
27. for those whose lives are ruined by addiction
28. and for those who work to help them overcome addiction
29. give thanks for the pleasure of reading
30. help us to hear another person's need, and to be there for him/her
31. ask God's blessing on others who are praying that His will be done

Thank you for listening, Lord,

May we, too, listen and act according to your will,
Amen

For those of us who were not in church at the beginning of December, here is news from Sophie McFarlane, who is taking part in a twelve-week course in St. Augustine's Hospital in Tanzania. The hospital is part of the mission work of US (formerly USPG – the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) which, coincidentally, is the Society which provided finances for our church of St. John to be built in 1867. Sophie wrote the letter to her relatives and we thank John and Jill Wason for sharing it with us.

28 November 2014 – Africa week 1

..... upon arrival: Juma Ayoub is a very trustworthy and nice employee of Dr Collins picked me up from Dar and put me in a hostel for a night. I thought that hostel was basic until I arrived in Muheza. Anyways next day hopped onto a bus with lots of other people, it was good because people didn't sit on top of each other like on a 'dalla dalla' here in Muheza. I was promptly approached by 2 males with gifts of 1) crisps and 2) cashew nuts which was much appreciated, though no marriage proposals as I was promised. I instantly felt as though I was going to vomit as soon as I hopped on and then it just disappeared and I haven't felt sick since so that's good. I arrived in a pool of sweat in Muheza where Michael a local nurse here showed me to the hostel, made sure I got a key and settled in then took me into the local village to have egg and chips for dinner. Their food here is nice but if I continue to eat kebabs chips fried banana and diet coke I will return the size of a bus and ruin all opportunity for African AND Western marriage proposals.

Night one I was alone and terrified and thought that I was going to die. I think I had an 'everybody is trying to rob rape or kill me' attitude upon arrival which upon reflection is not actually healthy, most of the Tanzanian people have been lovely and so willing to help. I thought that I was being broken into and then realized that it was actually monkeys climbing on the roof. Silly mzungo. Next day much to my relief the other girls arrived. There are 2 Scottish girls and 2 English girls, but I try not to hold that against them. Three of them are med students from Dundee University and have been showing me the ropes here and been such a blessing. The other is a girl named Leilah who is an English nurse and is in the same house as me. The three med students are leaving tomorrow sadly, I will miss them very much but have said that if they ever come to NZ to get in touch. Leilah is here with me for another 2 weeks and we have some Australian students coming out and arriving this Sunday. I will try not to hold this against them either. It seems like other students come for shorter periods of time (4-6 weeks at a time) than me so I suspect there may be more times coming where I will be alone during the turnover but hopefully not for too long.

Re the house I am staying in, it is very basic and my shower consists of pouring a jug of cold water over my head as there are severe water shortages here. You do get used to it though and begin to smell like everybody else. My bedroom is probably

the nicest part as I have a double bed with a big mosquito net, quite the African princess style. The fridge smells like something has died in it but I will stop avoiding it and get around to cleaning it at some stage. Our house is right by the hospital so is literally a 2 minute walk to morning meeting.

The British girls were extremely useful in that they took me to a local town called Tanga that has a western food shop (I almost bought some Nutella in there but resisted) and to a hotel where you can swim and eat western meals. I imagine I will go to Tanga once a week to keep my sanity and escape the fried food and the heat. It is boiling. I wake in a pool of sweat, and I go to sleep in a pool of sweat. But this is Africa. I avoid being outside between the hours of 2pm and 4pm and that helps.

The hospital is very chaotic and lacks staff. Resources are extremely lacking, they don't even have blood pressure cuffs that work let alone ECG machines and CT machines. Today there was a massive road accident nearby which was extremely sad as at least 15 people died and 60 were admitted with injuries. It was awful, they lined the bodies up and let relatives come and identify them so there was a lot of wailing. The worst part was the journalists that just roamed around with no respect filming the dead and the grieving because there's no hospital policy to stop them. Initially there were so many people that I thought there had been some religious extremists who had come and shot people but it was a truck to bus collision. We were swiftly into the major trauma room cleaning wounds and helping where we could. It was scary and I had never experienced anything quite like it but it was good clinical experience in terms of how to deal with trauma patients. Some general principles for those interested:

- Always remember your ABCs (airways, breathing, circulation)
- Clean and dress any wounds with iodine, suture if needed
- Pain relief here – diclofenac and sometimes morphine
- Consider CXR – often pneumothorax's following an accident
- Insert a cannula into any vein, get some fluids in, blood if needed
- Send to Xray then decide whether to operate or refer to bigger hospital.

So today was a bit hectic. All hospital were hands on. The language barrier is really difficult so I constantly have to shadow an English speaking clinician. I think I will end up spending most of the time in theatre where I can actually help out physically as I can't really take a history from any of the patients. Tonight we are off to the local pub before we say bye to the British medics. Michael the nurse will take us and look after us. Tomorrow I am going off for a weekend with Leilah to a place called Peponi in Pangana (you can google). Apparently we can swim and go snorkelling there so will be a good time. In a week or so some boys from my class will meet up with me and we are going on Safari so I have that to look forward to as well. That is most of the news for now (Thank you Sophie) (page 6)