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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 9.30-11.30

Refreshments also available

The British Association, Menton Chair: Birgitt Nordbrink Tel. 04 93 28 10 02

A representative of the Association is present in the Louvre, Saturdays 9.30-11.30

The Anglican Community, Bordighera

The English Cemetery Chapel, Via del Campo, Bordighera, Italy

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THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter
OCTOBER 2015

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S

REOPENS

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

EUCCHARIST - 10.30am

The Chapel, the English Cemetery, Bordighera

EUCCHARIST - WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 10.30am

Please check date and time of service with Barbara Corry

(join us at lunch after the service in a Restaurant in Bordighera Alta)

The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genova

EUCCHARIST - EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am

WEDNESDAYS - Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – 12.30pm

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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.

**ST. JOHN'S REOPENS FOR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER – EUCHARIST – 10.30am**

We welcome Father Neville and Sean Griffiths for the month of October while David, our Priest-in-Charge, is away.

Assisted Dying Bill overwhelmingly rejected by MPs

The Church of England has welcomed a vote by MPs to overwhelmingly reject a move to legalise assisted suicide.

James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, and lead bishop of the Church of England on health care and medical ethics said, “ The vote in the House of Commons sends a strong signal that the right approach towards supporting the terminally ill is to offer compassion and support through better palliative care. We believe that all of us need to redouble our efforts on that front.”

Archbishop Justin Welby, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, and the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis joined more than 20 other faith leaders in signing an open letter to MPs opposing the Bill.

Archbishops encourage the Church to welcome those needing sanctuary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have spoken out on the refugee crisis affecting tens of thousands of people.

In a statement on his website Archbishop Justin Welby urged a compassionate response and called for joint action across Europe to help those in need,

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34) and to seek the peace and justice of our God in our world today.....

The opportunity before us is to rise above narrow self-interest, however defined, and to embrace the highest parts of our humanity to respond in a way that shows generosity, compassion and most of all self-sacrificing love.....

The Complete article can be found on :
ArchbishopofCanterbury-bit.ly/CanterburyRefugee

Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for Creationtide

A service of prayer celebrating Creationtide in the Taizè style will take place in the small park adjacent to the Rumenian Orthodox Church, Corso Cavallotti, Sanremo on Friday 2 October at 9.00pm.

The service will continue with an Inter-Faith Ceremony. An olive tree will be planted as a symbol of our shared desire for God's peace.

St. James-the-Least

Beware what lurks in the church vestry

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in which are kept “just in case” and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains; disc brakes and inner tubes.

I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can't bear to throw away, as iron filings race towards a magnet. But flower arrangers looking for space for boxes of twine, decorators hoping to store cribs and Easter gardens and choirmasters for overspill for anthems must be repelled vigorously.

Only hardy souls should enter a vestry. You will be confronted with all of your predecessors staring down at you reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, will stare smugly, knowing full well that you cannot equal their standards. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, will look mildly reproachful, reminding you that your abilities have fallen well short of their intellectual stature. Those from previous centuries, hand drawn and looking as if they have recently ingested a pint of vinegar, will tell you that, whoever you are and whatever you may become, you are a disappointment. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor and perpetually irritate him.

It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five foot, 18 stone incumbent will leave a cassock for his six foot, ten stone successor – and then will let his disappointment be known that the new arrival is not using his kind gift. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.

Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the relief of Mafeking.

My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – although you may try claiming that the engine oil was brought in for anointing the sick. Your loving uncle, *Eustace*

* According to the IF campaign, one billion out of a total of eight billion on the planet is truly poor.
 ** Chesil Beach is part of Dorset's Jurassic coast where the study of fossils began.

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A SPIRITUAL

*Going home, going home, I'm a-going home.
 Quiet-like some still day, I'm just going home.
 It's not far, just close by, through an open door.
 Work all done, cares laid by, going to roam no more.
 Mother's there expecting me, father's waiting, too
 lots of folk gathered there, all the friends I knew.
 Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done.
 Shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun.
 There's no break, there's no end, just a-living on;
 Wide awake, with a smile, going on and on.
 Going home, going home, I'm just going home.
 It's not far, just close by, through an open door.*

By William Arms Fisher – music Antonin Dvorak
 (from Margaret Turner's funeral service)

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READINGS IN OCTOBER

4 th	Animal Welfare Psalm 8	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 2.18-24 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10. 2-16
11 th	18 after Trinity Psalm 90.13-17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Amos 5.6-7; 10-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 17-31
18 th	19 after Trinity Psalm 91.9-16	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 53.4-12 Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45
25 th	20 after Trinity Psalm 126	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31.7-9 Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46B-52

ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY

4 OCTOBER - 10.30am Eucharist

Give the name of the animal you wish to have blessed to Valerie before the service begins

SUMMERTIME ENDS

CLOCKS TURN BACK, BACK, BACK

24/25 OCTOBER 2015

19-26 OCTOBER

BREAKING CHAINS - MAKING CHANGE WEEK

“To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”
 Nelson Mandela

A prayer

Compassionate God and Father of All,
 we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world.
 Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
 turn around the hearts that hate.
 Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
 peace that passes our understanding but changes lives,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 Amen

Collections received – Bordighera – September €81,20

R.I.P.
MARGARET DENISE TURNER
14.1.1922 – 9.9.2015

Following Margaret Turner's deep desire to see the church of St. John restored and open again for worship, her funeral rightly became the first service to take place there since its enforced closure almost five years previously.

It was a dark gloomy morning with cloud and rain threatening. Inside, the church was dim with no electric light or sun to greet the people come to honour Margaret and to thank God for her life among us. The obvious damage, and material piled up waiting to be moved, completed the sad picture. The pews filled up and the service began.

Margaret spent many years of her life in France and the beautifully ordered service she prepared in French and English reflected her strong Christian Belief and love and respect for both countries.

Canon Nicholas Turner, Margaret's son, assisted by Father David Perks and Father Walter Raymond, led the requiem mass.

The Collect and the Comfortable Words came from the Book of Common Prayer. The readings were from Revelation 21.1-7, and the Holy Gospel according to John 11. 17-27.

Eulogies were given by General Claude Grosjean and Birgitt Nordbrink.

Margaret chose three hymns:

- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind forgive our foolish ways;
- Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

As the congregation made their communion, accompanied by a recorded soloist singing the spiritual written by William Arms Fisher to the music of his teacher, the Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, from the New World Symphony, sunbeams began to play on Margaret's coffin, the skies cleared and as her body was committed and carried from the church full sunshine poured through the stained glass windows so recently restored.

All donations in memory of Margaret will be given towards the restoration of St. John's church.

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**A climate change version of St. Francis'
Canticle of the Creatures**

A lighthearted version with a serious message, by Hugh SSF

- 1 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to you be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure; from you alone creation came; but for its ruin we're to blame.
- 2 My Lord be praised by Brother Sun who through the void makes light waves run, giving us solar power.
Help us to use you rather than our Neighbours Coal and Oil to burn.
- 3 From Sister Moon let there be praise, and from Aunts Galaxies and Stars that fused life-forming carbon. Let climate, flood, drought, storm and calm, and weathers all, repeat the psalm.
- 4 Of Cousin Carbon we are told; he warms the earth from Arctic cold but causes global warming.
Help us, O Lord, to limit him – four hundred parts per million.
- 5 O Sister Water, we waste you in factory and flushing loo.
Let's simplify our lifestyles.
Pray for mother and her daughter who trudge for hours to find water.
- 6 My Lord, be praised by Aunts the Trees and also by diverse species in Amazonian forests.
From damage by pollution steer, protecting all the biosphere.
- 7 By Minerals, my Lord, be praised, our Uncles mined from underground.
Help us to know their sources.
Teach us, O Lord, who really owns the metals in our mobile phones.
- 8 My Lord be praised by all the poor, the one – in – eight whom we ignore,* the billion who are hungry.
May not nine billion suffer dearth of food supplied by Mother Earth.
- 9 By death, our Sister, praised be a natural part of life to see but please, no more extinctions.
But blest be those who do your word and tread more lightly on the world.
- 10 By dinosaurs our Lord was praised, on Chesil Beach now fossilized, ** a former generation.
Let's wonder at the long time-scale while Mother Earth has told her tale.
- 11 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to you be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure;
Let every creature thankful be and serve in great humility.

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