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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

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Newsletter
NOVEMBER 2015

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EUCHARIST SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30

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FORGET

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

BRITISH & COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY
BORDIGHERA

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 10.45am

Officiated by Jonathan Boardman, Archdeacon of Italy and Malta
assisted by Ministers from other churches in the Ecumenical Group

(book for lunch after the service with Barbara Corry – numbers limited)

We are pleased to say **Father Neville and Sean Griffiths** remain with us until Father David, our Priest-in-Charge, returns Advent Sunday - 29th November.

Fr. Ian Naylor is retiring as Chaplain of St. Andrew's, Pau, but will continue as Archdeacon of France.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Food gift to 'Primo Fiore' the Kitchen/Restaurant for the Needy. During the festivities of the Patron Saint of Sanremo in October, the **San Romolo Prize** was awarded to Angelo Mariani, the administrator of 'Primo Fiore', in recognition of social services to the town. St. John's is thanked for their gift of food to the Kitchen which serves a meal to some 40/50 poor and needy people every evening.

ChurchLive broadcasts CofE services across the world

ChurchLive has been in conjunction with Twitter as a way of showcasing a broad range of live church services to global audiences simply and accessibly through use of a smartphone. ChurchLive could be the first taste of Church for those unfamiliar with church services and an introduction to the best of worship, preaching and prayer. ChurchLive will also enable other people to rediscover church in a new way or for those in other countries to learn more about Church of England services. Rev. Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council said: "This is a project designed to bring Church of England services from Malton to Miami, Middlesbrough to Milan and Manchester to Mumbai. Those who may not make it to church on a Sunday for all sorts of reasons will have the opportunity to be part of a service."

Follow @ChurchLive on Twitter and get involved with the initiative by visiting bit.ly/cofechurchlive

Archbishop's XI cricket team blessed ahead of Vatican match

The Archbishop of Canterbury has given his blessing to the Archbishop's XI cricket team before they head out to Rome to play a Vatican side.

Team members shared the Eucharist with Archbishop Justin Welby, who afterwards wished them success in their second Twenty20 match against the St Peter's Club. The Archbishop's XI will travel to Rome, where it is expected they will meet Pope Francis.

Last autumn, in a historic first match between Vatican and Anglican sides, the Archbishop's XI narrowly triumphed with five balls to spare in a memorable showdown at Kent County Cricket Club ground in Canterbury.

The match, played in front of a 1000-strong crowd, including Archbishop Justin Welby and the Papal Nuncio, raised money for the Global Freedom Network, a joint anti-trafficking initiative.

Orange Crisp Biscuits

Oranges are beginning to ripen on the trees so try this simple recipe for crumbly biscuits sent in to The Guardian by young readers Tom (11) and Peter (9) Morice and passed on to us by Riana.

Makes 16

- 125g self-raising flour
- 100g butter
- 50g caster sugar
- Zest of an orange

1. Put all the ingredients into a mixing bowl and rub together.
2. Roll the dough into a sausage shape
3. cut the sausage shape into 16 equal pieces and roll into balls
4. put the balls on to a greased baking tray and press gently with a fork
5. Bake at 180°C/350F/gas mark 4 for 10 minutes or until lightly golden
6. sprinkle with caster sugar and allow them to cool slightly before lifting on to a cooling rack.



From the REGISTER

Baptism Saturday 24 October 2015 Tristan Xavier

We welcome him into the Family of the Church



The following were taken from actual court reports:

- Q.** You were not shot in the fracas?
- A.** No, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel.

- Q.** What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
- A.** Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

- Q.** What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?
- A.** He said, "Where am I Cathy?"
- Q.** And why did that upset you?
- A.** My name is Susan.

READINGS IN NOVEMBER

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| 1 st | All Saints' Day | First Reading | Isaiah 25. 6-9 Psalm 24, 1-6 |
| | | Second Reading | Revelation 21. 1-6a |
| | | Gospel | John 11. 32-44 |
| 8 th | 3 rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday | First Reading | Jonah 3. 1-5,10 Psalm 62. 5-12 |
| | | Second Reading | Hebrews 9. 24-28 |
| | | Gospel | Mark 1. 14-20 |
| 15 th | 2 nd Sunday before Advent | First Reading | Daniel 12. 1-3 Psalm 16 |
| | | Second Reading | Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25 |
| | | Gospel | Mark 13. 1-8 |
| 22 nd | Sunday before Advent Christ the King | First Reading | Daniel 7. 9-10, 13, 14 Psalm 93 |
| | | Second Reading | Revelation 1. 4b-8 |
| | | Gospel | John 18. 33-37 |
| 29 th | Advent Sunday | First Reading | Jeremiah 33. 14-16 Psalm 25. 1-6 |
| | | Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 |
| | | Gospel | Luke 21. 25-36 |

A Prayer for the Refugee Crisis

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all goodness, generosity and love,
We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome
and reach out our hands in support,
that the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

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46th Annual Ecumenical Kermesse

Fontvieille Chapiteau

Saturday 5 December – Doors open 10.00am – 6.00pm

This is a date NOT to be missed. A fun day out for all the family and a great way to find preChristmas bargains. There are over 25 stalls and a Snack Bar.

If you can help in any way contact. Merville on 377 93 15 02 89 or # 06 78 63 28 01

A prayer from the US website

God, you call us to go and serve you in this world.
We give thanks for the gift of mission to the church,
which opens our hearts and homes to your people.
While our minds are fearful, strengthen our resolve;
where our actions are small, widen our vision
and show us the wonders you are doing all the time.

Amen

*(US - formerly USPG the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel,
are the owners of St. John's church)*

Should a Christian go to war?

War is one of the consequences of living in a fallen world in which sinful men and women are unable to settle differences between each other by peaceful means.

I believe there are just wars. World War Two, for example, came about when a tyrant sought to take over the world while at the same time eradicating an entire race of people. Only war put a stop to his bloodshed and enslavement of others.

We must accept our responsibility as citizens. A man may protest against war and criticise his government for becoming involved in war, but as a citizen accepting the privileges and benefits of his government, he must also accept certain responsibilities. If we are in entire disagreement with our government, we can always elect to take our citizenship elsewhere. John the Baptist said one time, when soldiers inquired of him concerning their duty: "Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse any one wrongfully, and be content with your wages." But he did not tell them that they must cease being soldiers.

A Christian would find it hard to be a loyal citizen in a nation that promoted warfare. We can thank God that we are part of a nation that first seeks to solve problems by peaceful means.

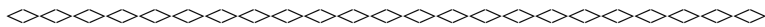
From *Answers to Life's Problems* by Billy Graham, W Publishing Group.

Billy Graham was born in the month that WW1 came to an end

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE OLD WHEN

You run out of breath walking Down the stairs
Your knees buckle but your belt won't
The waiter asks you how you'd like your steak and you say, "Pureed"
You can't get your rocking-chair started.
'Getting Lucky' means finding your car in the Tesco car park.
The Rolling Stones still look young to you.
You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
The names in your little black book all belong to doctors.
You need two attempts to drive over a speed-bump.
Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes when you're barefoot.
You'd like to be nostalgic but you can't remember anything.
Your easy chair has more controls than your car.
You look both ways before crossing a room
You need your false teeth and hearing aid before you can ask where you left your glasses.
Your actions creak louder than your words
You and your teeth no longer sleep together
Everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt doesn't work



Your Life, Your Choice: Everyday Relationships

How do we live with an awareness of Jesus' presence to our everyday relationships i.e. spouse, children, neighbours, or work colleagues? We can express our spirituality through the way we love others: "*A new command I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another.*" (John 13.34) Different practices will train us in being more like Christ. Using Jesus as our example, how can we be more loving in everyday relationships?

Listening First we need to listen to others, just as Jesus did. He asked questions of people and waited for them to process their answer. According to James, '*everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry*' (James 1.19) You can become more loving by listening more to those around you. When someone is talking, try resisting the urge to jump in with a comment, but say, '*tell me more!*' Too often we don't listen to others, as we are already thinking of what we want to say before they've finished speaking. Listening takes time; you can't rush it!

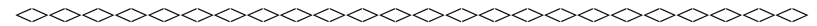
Touching Jesus reached out to touch the untouchables in his world, including lepers, the sick and children, which was completely out of character for rabbis of his

day. In a survey that was conducted it was discovered that we all need at least 8-10 meaningful touches a day to maintain emotional health! A warm handshake, touch on the arm or hug can be of real value. Of course, it should be appropriate touch – helpful for the other person, not just for ourselves.

Speaking Jesus often spoke to those he came into contact with, using words of grace and truth: '*the Word became flesh.... full of grace and truth*' (John 1.14). In the course of our everyday relationships we all have the opportunity of speaking words of grace, including offering comfort, giving encouragement or expressing care and concern. However, we should also be prepared to speak words of *truth*, including asking for forgiveness, seeking reconciliation or addressing conflict. These are the things which we all try to avoid addressing, however Paul encourages us to be '*speaking the truth in love*' (Ephesians 4.15 – literally '*truthing in love*').

So, if you want to be more loving in your relationships, why not try training yourself in the practice of loving others?

From *The Beacon*

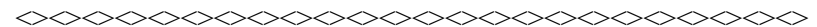


1st November - All Saints' Day

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

The feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians.



Temptations are everywhere and so is the grace of God

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