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

Refreshments also available

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

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# THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2016  
SUMMER

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am  
in the Chapelle St. Roch, Place Saint Roch, Menton**

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**ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL, BORDIGHERA**

**EUCCHARIST 10.30am**

**WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2016**

**NO SERVICE IN AUGUST**

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**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA**

**EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am  
HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS every Wednesday 12.30**

**READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY/AUGUST 2016 - YEAR C**

July

3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 66. 10-14 66. 1-8 Galatians 6. (1-6), 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20
10 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 25. 1-10 Colossians 1. 1-14 Luke 10. 25-37
17 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 18. 1-10a 15 Colossians 1. 15-28 Luke 10. 38-42
24 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 18. 20-32 138 Colossians 2. 6-15, (16-19) Luke 11. 1-13
31 <sup>st</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23 49. 1-12 Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 12. 13-21
<u>August</u>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 15. 1-6 33. 12-22 Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12. 32-40
14 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 23. 23-29 82 Hebrews 11. 29 - 12.2 Luke 12. 49-56
21 <sup>st</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 58. 9-14 103. 1-8 Hebrews 12. 18-29 Luke 13. 10-17

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Divine love is the opposite of extinction.  
God creates our future in a multitude of colours ...  
colours that cry out .....  
continuity.....sanity.....*

*The force and hope of life.*

*Life is not for putting out, destroying,  
annihilation.*

*Life is the celebration of creating, renewing,  
co-operating with all things.*

*(US - sharing faith in today's world.)*

*PREPARATION FOR THE UNEXPECTED*

*Go with us, O Lord, into this unknown day, and help us in all  
the duties and pleasures which lie ahead.*

*Make us prepared for the unexpected things as well as for those  
which we know will take place; keep us watchful against the  
sudden attack of temptation, that it may not take us unawares.*

*Make us quick to seize every opportunity of helping someone  
who is in need. Keep us ready for the request we could not foresee,  
and the problem we did not anticipate.*

*So grant, O Lord, that this day may be one in which we prove  
your help in our lives, and find happiness in our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*John Eddison*

## Days Gone By . . . .

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40s, 50s and 60s probably should not have survived.

- Our baby cots were covered in brightly coloured lead-based paint, which we promptly licked and chewed.
- We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, or latches on doors or cabinets, and it was fine to play with pots and pans.
- When we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, just flip-flops and fluorescent 'clackers' on our wheels.
- As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or airbags. Riding in the front passenger seat was a treat.
- we drank water from the garden hose and not from bottles – tasted just the same!
- We ate dripping sandwiches, bread and butter pudding and drank fizzy pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.
- We shared one drink with four friends from one can or bottle and never actually died from this.
- We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then went at top speed down a hill, only to find out that we had forgotten the brakes. After running into something a few times we learned to solve the problem.
- We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as were back before it got dark. No one was able to reach us all day and no one minded.
- We did not have Playstations or X-Boxes. No video games at all. No 99 channels TV (or possibly no TV!). No DVD movies. No surround sound. No mobile phones. No personal computers. No Internet chat rooms. We had friends, and we had to go outside to find them.
- we played elastic and street rounders and sometimes that ball really hurt.
- we fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth. There were no lawsuits. They were accidents. We just learned not to do the same thing again.
- We had fights, punched each other hard and got black and blue. We got over it!
- We walked to and from friends' homes.
- We made up games with sticks and balls and ate live stuff, and although we were told it would happen, we did not have many eyes out and the live stuff did not live in us for ever.
- Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.
- The idea of a parent baling us out was unheard of. In fact they sided with the law. But this generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We knew freedom,, failure, success, and responsibility, and we leaned to deal with it all.

**IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM,**

**CONGRATULATIONS !**

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28<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

First Reading	Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18 or Proverbs 25. 6-7
Psalm	112
Second Reading	Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 14. 1, 7-14

## SWALLOWS

I had only seen one swallow in the Carei Valley this year and was delighted to learn the other day that there is actually a couple. They have built a nest on a house about 200m. from mine.

Yesterday I was cutting back grass that had seeded and I wonder if I disturbed insects who took off, because the swallows were almost dive-bombing me and they did it for some time before swooping off into the valley.

When I was at Synod and closed the shutters, the swallows who were after insects suddenly started diving very low – almost into my hair – I certainly felt the air move. And I thought then that as I closed the shutters insects that were living in the climbing plants must have been disturbed and the swallows caught them.

In both cses it has been a wonderful experience to be so near to these wonderful creatures. I'm looking forward to seeing the babies later on.

*Valerie Aucouturier*

## FAMILY FAITH IN THE HOLIDAYS

Helping families to think about faith as they enjoy a different pace of life over the summer holidays is at the heart of a new e-newsletter, specially designed for parents.

The Next Steps newsletter comes out 4 times a year with practical tips to encourage prayer, things to try out with friends and wider family and encouragement to keep in touch with the local church when on holiday.

This season's newsletter has lots of lovely ideas, so why not encourage your family contacts to sign up and continue to explore a journey of faith over the summer months?"

One of the simple ideas in this edition of Next Steps suggests asking God to bless a family as they set off on a journey. The Rev Ally Barrett, who creates and writes the activities in the newsletter, says: "A simple way to do this is to take out the little card from the luggage label on a suitcase or bag, and on the back write the simple prayer, 'God bless us on our journey'. Replace the card in its holder and nobody will know the prayer is there except you and God.

To subscribe to the Next Steps e-newsletter visit: [www.bit.ly/nextstepsnewsletter](http://www.bit.ly/nextstepsnewsletter) (2)

**The Archbishop of Canterbury preached and gave the blessing  
at the National Service of Thanksgiving  
at St. Paul's Cathedral Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

The following is the text of Archbishop Justin Welby's sermon:

*You knit me together in my mother's womb... I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made [Psalm 139:12]*

Ninety years ago, Her Majesty The Queen was born, like every human being knit together in her mother's womb, and today we thank God for the way in which she, like every human being, is fearfully and wonderfully made.

Before we ever come to light, God marks our journeys. No one at The Queen's birth knew for what she was destined. Today we recognise that God knew.

*You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me [Psalm 139:4]*

Sixty-three years ago at the Coronation, again in the words of the Psalmist, God uniquely laid his hand upon Her Majesty, anointing her as our Head of State, our Monarch.

We are here today to worship the God who made our Queen, and to celebrate the way in which God's hand has been so uniquely evident in her life.

Psalm 139 explores fear and wonder, and the connection between them.

In life there is much to fear. Over and again the Psalm describes those things we might be afraid of – the fears we harbour individually as well as the fears we share corporately. Fear makes us want to flee – from God, from one another, often even from ourselves. But over and again that fear is turned into wonder as we see that God is before, behind and beyond it.

Over the 63 years and the 90 years there has been much to fear: at times of personal challenge or national crisis. But just as the psalmist sees through fear to something more stirring and more extraordinary, so we look back on Your Majesty's 90 years in the life of our nation with deep wonder and profound gratitude. Through war and hardship, through turmoil and change, we have been fearfully and wonderfully sustained.

The one who turns fear to wonder is Jesus. The story of Jesus shows us that God enters into the most fearful places imaginable in our lives – of sin, betrayal, violence, rejection, even death – and turns each one of them from horror into glory.

MIGRANT SITUATION

Since the report in the June issue of Cross Border there has been a reversal of the situation of the migrants arriving in Ventimiglia. According to the charity Caritas and the Muslim Brotherhood Centre some 800 migrants are now camped along the Roia River with make-shift equipment to shield them from the elements. One night during a heavy rain storm, the nearby Roman Catholic church opened its doors to allow the migrants to seek shelter inside. The next morning the migrants helped clear the church to allow normal services to be held as usual. And so it goes on.

It has been decided by the Home Office to prepare a centre in the Roia Park, Ventimiglia. 30 containers will be made available for migrants passing through the area. They will house 150 people - a lot less than the number already on site. More containers will be needed if the numbers present remain large. Work in clearing the site and providing electricity, hygiene facilities, a kitchen etc. are underway, but it all takes time.

The local Council and other emergency entities, Caritas, the Red Cross, and the Roman Catholic Church hope to provide and support the site by the end of July.

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**MORNING**

Clear - the dawn,  
The waiting hour;

Clear - the air;  
Horizon's rim;

Swift - the hues,  
The sunbeam's ray;

Swift - the rush;  
The onward tide;

Joy - the song  
The birds now trill;

Joy - begins  
This new born day.

*“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognised by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy”.* [George Bernard Shaw]

"The mountains and hills may crumble,  
but my love for you will never end;  
I will keep for ever my promise of peace.'  
So says the Lord who loves you.

ISAIAH 54 : 10

Quote about the Bible:  
Don't just know the book of the Lord,  
know the Lord of the book



General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches (CEC), who reminded me that CEC is bigger than the EU.

The referendum campaign was a bruising one and it exposed some raw feelings and emotions. Not least, I think we have seen the extent to which a good many British people feel alienated from mainstream London and Brussels-centric political discourse. I have particular concerns about the implications for Ireland and for Scotland. There is now a need for a good deal of listening and healing as the UK finds a new future for itself both internally and in its place in the wider world.

Of course, I have particular concerns for the people of my diocese many of whom are British ex-patriots living on the European continent. They will be worried about health care, employment rights and pensions in the coming months and years. For the present, we don't know the precise implications of the vote. I do plead that British and EU diplomats will take heed to the situation of those living overseas (whether in Britain or on the continent), who will be feeling especially vulnerable at the moment.

People in Britain have expressed their discontent with the structures of the EU. Actually, these discontents are widely shared by other Europeans. I hope that EU leaders and officials are able to bring about the reform to European political structures that is needed for these structures to endure. And I pray that they do endure. Because they were constructed to serve the cause of peace and reconciliation after the two terrible world wars. The task of reconciliation is never done, and I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy the kind of European peace which my generation has known. In the meantime, I continue my own work of pastoring our European diocese, sharing the good news of Jesus and encouraging people in their faith. I pray for the future of the United Kingdom and of our European continent I long for our continent to be a place of faith, of hope and of neighbourly care, with political institutions that serve the cause of justice, peace and prosperity.

24 June 2016

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**From the Eurobishop BLOG written by Bishop David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop in Europe**

**We remain a European Church which serves all people. Let us resolve to be even more faithful to this calling.**

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Like so many in the UK, Europe and across the world, I awoke today to the news of the outcome of the Referendum with deep sadness. As a Scot with background in Burma and Canada and who serves the Church of England as a bishop I have been immensely proud of my red EU passport and feel such regret that the UK electorate has voted the way it has.

Our Diocese in Europe is part of the Church of England, but it is wholeheartedly a European Church. Our responsibility as a diaspora jurisdiction is to serve English-speaking and Anglican Christians from around the world who make our beloved European continent (plus Morocco and Turkey) their home. Our clergy will now take seriously their ministry to members of our churches, particularly to those UK passport holders who may now be filled with worry about their life on the continent, the future of health care, their pension provision, the right of residence, their freedom to work and study, and perhaps also anxious about the future of children and grandchildren whose place within the world's largest free-trade and economic area is now far less certain. Our pastoral care and accompaniment is offered to them as a matter of priority.

Our clergy and lay leaders will no doubt be asked for explanations by our sister and brother Christians and our European neighbours among whom we live. We will wish to reassure them that the UK referendum result is not a rejection of them, their nations, cultures, gifts, hospitality and generosity. It was a political decision and certainly not an ecclesial one. Now we will need to redouble our efforts to demonstrate our commitment to the common good, rejecting narrow nationalism and selfish individualism. Our alliances, covenants, commitments and unity agreements with sister European Churches will be all the more important now so that we can demonstrate our solidarity and communion as Christians together on the continent. For as Christians we are committed to the unity of all people.

With great shame the UK may have initiated a possible domino effect in the EU in general, fragile as it is in these days, as right wing parties may now feel inspired to seek a similar path to the UK decision. (indeed the beginning of the dismantling of the EU itself is what Mr Nigel Farage himself has expressly wished). But we will want to make clear to our neighbours and friends that such a wish is very far indeed from the position of UK folk who live in other EU countries, who find there a welcoming home.

The Church of England is a European Church. St Alban our first martyr was a Roman soldier. Our first Archbishop of Canterbury, St Augustine, was from Italy. The list of our Archbishops includes such luminaries as St Theodore of Tarsus, St Anselm, Lanfranc, and even more recently Rowan Williams, all Europeans from outside England. The Church of England is a member of the

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The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing.