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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**  
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**Eucharist Service: usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – 10.30am**

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**Eucharist Service - Sundays 10.30am**

**Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30**

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# THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter  
OCTOBER 2017

## ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Services held in the Chapelle St. Roch, Place Saint Roch, Menton

**EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

## ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE

Chapelle St. Roch

10.30am

8 OCTOBER 2017

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## ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL

BORDIGHERA

**EUCCHARIST - 10.30am**

**WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017**

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## THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

**EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

**HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS every Wednesday 12.30**

**When the film makers come to church**

My dear Nephew Darren

It has been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble for going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life. The issue of whether the outbreak of salmonella poisoning in the cast had anything to do with the catering caravan being liberally coated is to be settled in the courts.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project - which is about Elizabethan poverty.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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**Locum** The Revd. Neville Griffiths, accompanied by his wife Siân, will be with us for the months of October and November.

**Gardening with Barbara** Need some exercise? Come and help tidy up St. John's garden with Barbara during the afternoons of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Tools supplied. Contact Barbara for times when she will be there.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** A full church celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving. With the retiring collection of €80 food was bought and taken to the Primo Fiore kitchen, which provides an evening meal for the poor and needy in Sanremo every day.

**Diocesan Office** Mike Fegan has joined the team at Diocesan Office in London as Interim Diocesan Secretary.

**Visit of Archdeacon the Venerable Meurig Williams** The Archdeacon of France and Monaco, the Venerable Meurig Williams, spent time with some of us at St. John's on Wednesday 30 August. He was delighted to visit the church for the first time and see at close quarters the work that needed to be done.

He pledged his support to the restoration project, saying that "the beautiful building, which is St. John's, has huge potential in a community such as Menton. It is strategically placed and lends itself to inspiring worship, community engagement and cultural activities. As Archdeacon of France, I'm struck by how many of our churches are willing to go beyond just recreating the past so that a fresh vision of Christian life can emerge. We need to respond with imagination to the spiritual hunger that is all around us in France."

Archdeacon Meurig also told us that he looks forward to meeting with our church council in the near future in order that details of the appointment of a new priest to St. John's can be finalised.

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**A Prayer for Animal Welfare Sunday**

We thank You for the companionship which so many ceatures afford us in our homes.

Make us sensitive to their needs as well as to our own, and guide us as to how we may support the work of animal welfare organizations as they seek to combat cruelty and to promote the well-being of all domestic animals.

Amen

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**READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in OCTOBER 2017 - YEAR A**

October 1  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32
Psalm	25. 1-9
Second Reading	Philippians 2.1-13
Gospel	Matthew 21. 23-32

October 8  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
SUNDAY

First Reading	Isaiah 5.1-7
Psalm	80. 7-14
Second Reading	Philippians 3. 4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 21. 33-46

October 15  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading	Isaiah 25.1-9
Psalm	23
Second Reading	Philippians 4. 1-9
Gospel	Matthew 22. 1-14

October 22  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading	Isaiah 45.1-7
Psalm	96. 1-9, (10-13)
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10
Gospel	Matthew 22. 15-22

October 29  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18
Psalm	1
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Gospel	Matthew 22. 34-46

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**BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS**

arrangements may be made by contacting  
the churchwardens

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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.

a day to remember . . .  
**MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)**

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben in Saxony in 1483, the son of a copper miner .... After Erfurt University, fearful of death and judgement, he entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt but did not find the peace with God he anticipated. Taking his vows as a monk in 1506, he was ordained priest in 1507. He turned to the study of theology at which he excelled and by 1512 he had received both his doctorate and the chair of theology at Wittenberg University.

At some point between 1512 and 1515 Luther had his so-called "Tower experience" which marked a fundamental shift in his theology and faith. By studying the Scriptures – notably Romans 1:17, 'the righteous shall live by faith' – he came to believe that Christians are saved, not through their own efforts, but by the gift of God's grace, which they accept by faith. Once he had grasped this truth he was transformed from someone fearful of God's wrath into a fearless critic of a Church that was failing to teach this fundamental truth.

Luther's increasing disillusion with the Catholic Church was brought to a head by the indulgence controversy which resulted in his Ninety-Five Theses, published on 31 October 1517. What was intended to initiate an academic debate quickly got out of hand and Luther was excommunicated in 1521. But his views struck a chord with others, and a bloc of anti-Catholic states began to emerge in Germany. By 1529 the word 'Protestant' had been coined to describe their beliefs.

Though reform not schism was his aim, Luther stuck to his beliefs when Rome declined to reform itself, even along the conservative lines favoured by Luther. In addition to the doctrine of justification by faith he asserted the priesthood of all believers, the concept of national Churches, vernacular Scripture and liturgy, the use of hymns in worship and the freedom for clergy to marry.

Luther was successful in challenging the might of the Catholic Church partly because the intellectual changes of the Renaissance made such challenges acceptable, partly because the political situation in Germany was favourable to a new religious dimension, and partly because the technology to disseminate ideas (the printing press) had recently been invented. But, most importantly, it was his personal courage and willingness to risk his life for the truth that allowed the Reformation to be born and to develop. He died at Eisleben in 1546.

... **the day we remember Martin Luther is 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
**the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation .....**

## Feeding Shepherds to Feed their Flocks

Twelve priests have just completed a training course to take part in a new form of ministry in the Diocese in Europe. The course (from 11-17 September) is believed to have been the first Interim Ministry Training course in the Church of England. Seven of the participants had been chosen from a large number of applicants, who might in future serve as Interim Ministers in the Diocese in Europe.

The newly trained priests will work in local church situations in need of experienced leadership and guidance for specific situations, after a lengthy interregnum or periods of conflict and challenge. Their role is to prepare these churches to work with a more permanent priest in the future.

Chaplaincies which feel that an Interim Minister could be appropriate for them are invited to contact their Archdeacons or Canon Monberg for more information.

(see Diocesan Website)

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## ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY

Sunday, 8 October 2017 - 10.30am

We celebrate Animal Welfare Sunday on 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Chapelle St Roch. The Patron of the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals and former Bishop of Lambeth, the Rt. Revd. Richard Llewellyn explains how it all came about:

*"I first spoke out about the suffering man inflicts on animals after seeing the live animals being exported from Dover – calves to cruel veal crates, sheep on long harrowing journeys to slaughter. I was frankly amazed and overwhelmed by the response; literally hundreds of letters (more than I had ever received on any other issue), so many beginning 'Thank goodness someone from the Church has spoken out at last....' I was left in no doubt about the deep concern so many feel about the widespread and often unnecessary suffering inflicted on animals in this technological age and their longing for the Church to actively demonstrate its concern."*

While we remember with joy and gratitude all God's creatures whose beauty and diversity enriches our lives, we bring before Him the millions of animals who are abused or who suffer in laboratories, abattoirs, on intensive farms or from cruel treatment by their owners.

A retiring collection will be made after the service and products bought and given to a local animal protection organization to care for animals in need. (3)

## PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER .....

Heavenly Father,

We praise You and .....

- give thanks for a new month and pray that we may seek out all its opportunities
- pray for those who are lonely in a crowd
- pray for all who have terminal illnesses ....
- .... and for those who care for them and care about them
- pray for our churchwardens and council acknowledging all they do for us
- pray for all locums
- pray for all who have given their lives for their beliefs
- pray for all who do dangerous jobs, whose loved ones live in fear of accidents
- pray for medical staff in our hospitals .....
- ..... and for the 'backroom' people who work in our hospitals without whom the treatment of patients would be impossible
- pray for all school teachers
- ..... those behind the scenes who enable schools to function properly ...
- ... and for all the pupils and students in our schools
- we give thanks for the beautiful autumn colours and wonders of God's creation
- pray for all who are less well off than ourselves
- we give thanks for those who translate the Bible so that all may receive your Word
- We pray for all Christian churches that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit

... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

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..... **CLOCKS GO BACK 28/29 OCTOBER**

Thought for the month .....

*IS YOUR PLACE A SMALL PLACE?*

*TEND IT WITH CARE! HE SET YOU THERE.*

*IS YOUR PLACE A LARGE PLACE?*

*GUARD IT WITH CARE! HE SET YOU THERE.*

*WHATE'RE YOUR PLACE,*

*IT IS NOT YOURS ALONE*

*BUT HIS, WHO SET YOU THERE.*

(John Oxenham)

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