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

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Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30

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THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter
MARCH 2018

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

(until restoration of St. John's Church is completed)

**EUCHARIST
EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

LENT

**THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL
BORDIGHERA**

**EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY - 10.30**

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30

HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS every Wednesday 12.30

Let us pray together through March

Heavenly Father,

We praise You and give you thanks and in our prayers

- 1 We give thanks for meeting You in the booklets "Praying together – Lent 2018"
- 2 WWDP – Bless the services in Sanremo & worldwide prepared by Christians in Suriname with the theme "*God saw that everything he had made was very good*"
- 3 Pray that people may always come before profit, and that any profit be shared
- 4 *'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth'* Psalm 104
- 5 Pray for all elected to serve in government – may they be driven with the desire to achieve basic rights for all, rather than the few.
- 6 pray for God's blessing on those you love
- 7 pray to hear God's voice and to be changed by His message
- 8 Thank God for women who have been a positive inspiration to you
- 9 Lord, forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to help
- 10 Give thanks for longer, brighter days to enjoy God's creation
- 11 *'Our God will come and will not keep silence'* Psalm 50
- 12 Lord, enable mothers to love and care for their children in whatever society they live
- 13 may young & old appreciate one another & be ready to learn from one another
- 14 bless the service in Bordighera this morning
- 15 give thanks for neighbours and friends – pray for their needs
- 16 take a moment to reflect before God on how He has called you to be different
- 17 pray for the new chaplain to be installed today in Genova Revd. Tony Dickinson
- 18 *'O Lord how I love your law'* Psalm 119
- 19 forgive us Lord when we use prayer as the last resort rather than the first course of action
- 20 Give thanks for the workmen restoring our church – pray for their safety
- 21 pray for the environment – may we cherish it and care for it
- 22 pray for parents and grandparents – their commitment to family life
- 23 pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- 24 give thanks for the ways in which friends support us and enrich our lives
- 25 *'All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.'* Psalm 22
- 26 grant us the grace to live in loving service to you and to others
- 27 pray for the priest which God is preparing as chaplain for our church of St. John
- 28 pray for those suffering fear for the present, fear for the future
- 29 help us Lord to learn from Your Son's true humility
- 30 let us be grateful for older people in our community – their wisdom & experience is invaluable - may we respect and care for them always
- 31 give thanks for the rain this winter season, and the new growth it is producing

Thank You for listening, Lord,
May we, too, listen and act.
Amen

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Locum We welcome back Revd. Neville Griffiths and his wife Siân from 8 March right through to 11 April.

The Restoration of St. John's Work on the demolition and securing of the building continues. The anticipated completion of that work is 31 March. Once the building is safe, work can begin on the interior. Please pray for the builders that they may work in safety and well.

Gardening with Barbara Barbara thanks all those who are helping to keep the church garden tidy. All who would like to join her check with Barbara at what time she is there. It is usually the afternoon of the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Service during the 85th Fête du Citron Menton The last Sunday of the Lemon Festival is 4 March, and because of security against terrorism, and thus not being able to use the Chapel of San Roch, we continue to have our service in the Chapelle of the Penitents Noirs.

For those who have not yet been to the Chapelle:- from the Mairie on rue de la République walk towards Italy, pass the Parking, Galeries Lafayette, cross over the road, straight on and the Chapelle is in the next bend on your left. It will be open from 9.30am.

Barbara's bottle Every Sunday, at the back of the chapel of San Roch is a glass bottle. It is there to collect all small coins, euros or others, which fill up your purses or which you do not wish to take with you on returning to the UK. Those coins which are put in the bottle are taken to the Bank to swell the finances of our church and help pay all our expences, and restoration costs. What? - you think? Is that possible? Probably not, but it is surprising how much the coins add up to, so pop your superfluous money in the bottle. We need it. Thank you very much.

New chaplain – Church of the Holy Ghost, Genova The Revd. Tony Dickinson is to be installed as chaplain of the Church of The Holy Ghost, Piazza Marsala 3, Genova by the Archdeacon of Italy & Malta on Saturday 17 March at 3.30pm.

A date for your diary The **Annual Chaplaincy Meeting** will take place on **Sunday 22 April** after the service. All are invited to attend this important meeting to learn about our chaplaincy; however, only enrolled members of the chaplaincy may vote.

Important Request When leaving a telephone message for churchwarden Valerie, please state clearly your name and telephone number and repeat it again at the end of your message, so that she may reply. Her telephone recording system is not always clear and she is not able to get a repeat of the message. After hearing it once the message disappears and she feels very bad about not being able to get back to the sender.

READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in MARCH 2018 - YEAR B

March 4
LENT 3
First Reading Exodus 20. 1-17
Psalm 19
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25
Gospel John 2.13-22

March 11
LENT 4
MOTHERING SUNDAY
First Reading 1 Samuel 1. 20-28
Psalm 127. 1-4
Second Reading Colossians 3. 12-17
Gospel John 19. 25b-27

March 18
LENT 5
First Reading Jeremiah 31. 31-34
Psalm 51. 1-12
Second Reading Hebrews 5. 5-10
Gospel John 12. 20-33

March 25
LITURGY OF PALMS
Gospel John 12. 12-26
Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29

LITURGY OF THE PASSION
First Reading Isaiah 50. 4-9a
Psalm 31. 9-16
Second Reading Philippians 2. 5-11
Gospel Mark 14. 1-15.47
or Mark 15. 1-39, (40-47)

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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.

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Life at St. James - the - Least

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

On the nonsense of a lavatory at church

*My dear Nephew Darren,
This year, the rigours of Lent have taken second place to a far more pressing matter: the installation of a lavatory at St. James the Least. Personally, I entirely disapprove of this additional sign of decadence in our moral fibre; we have survived perfectly happily for the last 800 years without one, so why is there such an urgent need now? And being surrounded by acres of fields, there seems to be a completely acceptable alternative.*

It also spoils the pleasure I used to take, informing ushers at weddings, having liberally refreshed themselves at our local pub before the Service, that we have no facilities and that they would just have to wait. Their look of pained resignation, developing to clear signs of repentance as the Service progressed, was most cheering. It also meant that wedding parties did not linger after the Service, but disappeared with commendable speed to safe havens.

I anticipate that now we have the thing, a sub-committee will inevitably form to devise a commissioning Service for the person who will be in charge of its maintenance. I can already foresee Lady Bartlett proposing an appropriate set of robes for the office holder – although it will need some tact to select suitable insignia on the sleeves.

In fact, the project has not been entirely successful; we still need to have a lock fitted and so at present, occupants have been advised to sing hymns loudly, preferably something rousing; “Onward Christian soldiers” would be ideal. A Hymn book has been installed as an aide memoire.

The greater difficulty arises from our antiquated plumbing system. A member of the congregation can leave a Service perfectly discreetly; they can enter the lavatory unseen by anyone, but on flushing, water is drawn through pipes running the length of the inside of the building with a thunderous roar that obliges me to stop preaching until the cataract has subsided. By the time the customer returns quietly into church, all noise has ceased and they remain oblivious of the chaos they caused and the stoic politeness of the congregation.

I am sure that in your worship centre you will have lavish cloakrooms furnished with colour co-ordinated walls and towels, baby changing facilities and video monitors relaying everything going on, so that users will not be denied a single second of your hour-long sermon.

Our congregation should be grateful for what they now have. And to think that someone even suggested it should have heating!

Your loving uncle, Eustace.

In response to her report on the Interfaith Service for Migrants in the January issue of the Cross Border, our churchwarden Carolyn received this article from her friend, Mary Webb in Florida, whose Senior Pastor wrote it for their MIDWEEK MESSAGE 18 January, 2018 :-

HOMETOWN MAN PREACHES - CAUSES UPROAR

Mathias Avram, Nazareth Gazette, Special Correspondent

Nazareth, Galilee - Tensions flared as hometown product Jesus ben-Joseph made his first preaching appearance at the synagogue, offering a controversial message of inclusion and diversity.

In a sermon titled, “The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me,” Jesus was initially received with thunderous approval by the standing-room-only crowd.

“I remember him when he was just barely old enough to pick up a hammer,” said Zaccariah Yousseff, a next-door neighbour. “Who knew he would grow up to become a preacher? His message really resonated with me. At first.”

Jesus' opening was filled with populist messages of liberation for the oppressed, recovery of sight for the blind, good news for the poor, and freedom for the enslaved, all issues that rank high among the latest opinion polls, according to several recent surveys.

“It definitely started out as a rousing speech,” said Reuben Aretz, holding a large sign emblazoned with “I'm with Jesus” in giant letters. “He set the scroll aside, sat down and said, 'Today the Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' There was so much cheering I couldn't hear myself think. We were right there with him.”

But according to several eyewitness accounts, the speech then took a surprising turn.

“Suddenly, he started talking about blessing foreigners. And that made me uncomfortable,” said Yousseff.

A written transcript obtained by the *Gazette* reveals that Jesus then referred to several ancient Hebrew stories involving immigrants from foreign countries. He mentioned God's blessing of the widow of Zarephath, from the country of Sidon, a long-time oppressor of the Hebrew people and birthplace of evil queen Jezebel. He then described God's healing of Naaman, a leper from Syria, a stronghold of the troublesome Canaanites.

“Clearly, that's when Jesus started to lose the crowd.” said Aretz. “People's signs started to droop, and the mumbling got louder. One guy next to me said, “Why would we want to allow people from Sidon, Syria, and all those other dung-hole countries ? Get 'em out of here.”

Tempers then flared as Jesus concluded his sermon, with people having expected Jesus to return to a more populist message.

“Things really got out of hand,” said Yousseff. “People started pressing in on the guy, threatening to lock him up in jail. At one point, people chased him out of the synagogue and over towards the ravine. I thought for sure people were going to pick him up and toss him over.”

But according to officials, who later appeared on the scene, Jesus was able to escape the crowd, calmly passing through them, without saying a word.

“I don't know what happened there at the end,” said Aretz. “One minute we all wanted to kill him. And, then, just like that, he was gone.”

“I just don't know. Gives you something to think about, I guess.”

(This is a developing story. For the latest updates, visit Luke 4:16-30)

Grace and Peace,
Magrey

*Revd. Magrey deVega,
Senior Pastor,
Hyde Park United Methodist
Tampa, Florida.*



*Time is
too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice,
but for those who love -
time is not.*

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2018

This year the Bishop's Lent Appeal hopes to aid the plight of unaccompanied child migrants in the Calais area. These youngsters have been reduced to sleeping rough in the open since the closure of the refugee camps last year. They are extremely vulnerable.

We hope two projects will benefit: Firstly, a safe house and outreach ministry to child migrants run by an Old Catholic monk – Br Johannes Maertens – who is a member of our congregation in Calais. The project is called Maria Skobtsova House, named after an Orthodox Saint and Martyr who took care of Russian refugees, migrants, the homeless and Jewish people in Paris during the last century. Brother Johannes asks us to help in the following words:

“As you have seen on social media the situation in Calais is getting tense and goes from worse to dramatic. It is estimated that around 600 refugees now live on the streets, parks and grasslands of Calais. The refugees are dependent on the local associations for a warm meal, clothes and sleeping bags. Refugees are often exposed to violence on the streets and their sleeping bags are taken by the police. One Eritrean refugee who speaks good French says he wants to leave France as he doesn't feel safe anymore. 'They treat us almost as if we are animals. I don't feel safe here.'”

The average age of refugees is young to young adults, some boys are only 14 years old, girls 16. These are very vulnerable to being trafficked as they are often unaccompanied minors. The police don't seem to distinguish between the adults and minors; they DO NOT guide the minors to the social services responsible for minors. We need an urgent Christian response to this inhumane situation.

Secondly, in partnership with Canterbury Diocese and the USPG, we are recruiting a priest who will serve as Chaplain to the Pas-de-Calais congregations and as a refugee project officer to give pastoral support and assistance, liaising with the various NGOs and agencies present on the ground. So, the second purpose of the Appeal is to raise funds to help the new priest by having financial resources to hand to support small projects.

Being able to get out of the cold for a while and talk to a friendly face, to have help to understand the administrative system, to have help with language learning or other practical skills are all tasks that our fund could help with. Helping with these could make a world of difference to the lives of the stranded migrants in the Calais area.

Some facts: The plight of the many migrants from the Horn of Africa and the Middle East, including many children without accompanying parents, who have ended up on the north coast of France, is repeatedly in and then out of the news. (3)

With the Lemon Festival in Menton and the sight of so many bright yellow ripe lemons on the trees of gardens everywhere along the Rivas, you may like to make this simple microwave lemon pudding. You could even make your own lemon curd!

MICROWAVE LEMON PUDDING

Ingredients: 100 g. caster sugar
100 g. softened butter
100 g. self-raising flour
2 eggs
zest of 1 lemon
1 tspn. Vanilla essence
4 tbspsn lemon curd
crème fraiche or ice cream to serve

1. Mix the sugar, butter, flour, eggs, lemon zest and vanilla together until creamy, then spoon into medium microwave-proof baking dish. Microwave on High for 3 minutes turning halfway through cooking until risen and set all the way through. Leave to stand for 1 minute.
2. Meanwhile heat the lemon curd for 30 seconds in the microwave and stir until smooth. Pour all over the top of the pudding and serve with a dollop of crème fraiche or scoops of ice cream.

LEMON CURD

Ingredients: 4 lemons 120 g / 4 oz. butter
5 eggs 455 g / 1 lb. sugar

Wash and dry the lemons, then grate the rind from each thinly. Squeeze out all the juice. Put rind and juice in a double saucepan. Add the eggs, previously beaten, with the butter and sugar. Heat the mixture, stirring it well with a wooden spoon, until the sugar dissolves and the curd thickens. Remove pan from the heat, strain the curd into hot sterilised jars, and cover at once.

It is best to make this favourite preserve in small quantities, as it does not keep long.

BON APPETIT ! BUON APPETITO ! ENJOY !

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**Time for a smile:** What kind of meringues repeat on you?  
Boo-meringues.

## THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to Fr Bruce and the Diocese of Salisbury for the gift of booklets '**Praying Together – Lent 2018**' to accompany us all in our Lent meditations. In their meeting on Wednesday 21 February, the Prayer Circle made use of the day's Reading (Mark 1. 35-39) and followed that with comments shared and prompted by the *Reflect* section before praying together. The 'liminality of the desert' brought forth quite a lot of discussion and insight. It is a very helpful and stimulating little booklet that together with the Online Lent Course '**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**', which Fr Bruce also suggested, gives plenty to meditate on and pray about during Lent.

From the inside cover of '**Praying Together – Lent 2018**' the following prayer:-

**God our Father,  
renew our hope.  
By the Holy Spirit's  
power  
strengthen us to pray  
readily,  
serve joyfully  
and grow abundantly  
rejoicing in Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen**

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's Day of Prayer has been prepared by women of the Christian churches in Suriname. They have chosen as their theme:

**And God saw everything that he had made,
and behold, it was very good
(Genesis 1.31)**

The service will take place in the Waldensian Church, Via Roma, Sanremo, on Friday 2 March 2018, at 3.00pm. They look forward to welcoming you.

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When the news cameras move on elsewhere they do not cease to exist. If anything their plight is worse than when they are in the spotlight of media attention. The Calais Jungle Camp which was demolished in October 2016 may no longer be there, nor the official refugee camp which caught fire in Dunkirk, but the number of migrants subsisting in the surrounding area sleeping out under the trees or the stars has hardly changed. Valiant volunteers from France and Britain struggle to meet the most basic needs of these migrants (with generously donated food, clothing and blankets). But what they and the migrants themselves are urgently seeking is human warmth and hope.

In the middle of 2017, a survey of unaccompanied minors, who had been living in the area on average 7–9 months, was undertaken. A fifth had been there for more than a year. More than 95% had experienced police brutality. 75% had been arrested and detained for varying periods of time. More than half had experienced being woken up in the middle of the night and moved on with nowhere to go. More than a third had family in the UK but the process of getting permission for reuniting with their family was causing long delays. Less than five per cent had been given access to any information about asylum law.

Please do consider how you can support my appeal.

I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent. You can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office or email Nick Wright, in the diocesan finance office.

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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### JACK & MARY PATTERSON

After losing contact with friends Jack and Mary Patterson this Christmas, news of them has been received from their daughter-in-law, Christine Chisholm.

Jack and Mary commuted between Canada and Menton for many years and were very active members of our church: Jack taking on the responsibility of churchwarden while here, and Mary regularly serving the teas when the church and library were open on Tuesdays and Saturdays. As they grew older the time came when they realised their travelling days were over and they retired permanently to Canada. For the next few years they entered happily into the life of the church they joined until first Mary, then Jack, needed the professional care of a Home.

They are now both in the Home Mary went to and, although they have difficulty in communicating, seem to be aware of one another's presence and spend their days together.

Christine has very kindly given her email address if you would like to contact her :-  
cchisholm09@hotmail.com

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