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

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# THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 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**

**THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL  
BORDIGHERA**

**EUCHARIST**

**WEDNESDAY 11 JULY - 10.30am**

**NO SERVICE IN AUGUST**

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

**EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

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

Bishop Robert gives his report of the 70<sup>th</sup> celebration of the birth of the World Council of Churches. For the full report please see the Diocesan website

### WORLD COUNCIL of CHURCHES

120 Christian leaders, lay and ordained, gathered recently in Geneva to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the World Council of Churches (WCC). The WCC was founded in 1948 at a time when Europe had been bitterly divided by war, and the whole world was deeply conscious of the need for reconciliation on all fronts. The initially pan-Protestant body welcomed the Orthodox community into its number in the 1960s. It is now a fellowship of 346 churches present in 110 countries committed to unity, justice and peace.....

.....With the help of skilled moderation and careful preparation from the staff, we generated official statements on issues ranging from the peace process on the Korean Peninsula, to violence in Columbia, to the situation in Gaza and Jerusalem. And we ended with a sense of joy and deepened fellowship at a service led by our very special guest, Pope Francis .....

..... in his closing sermon to us Pope Francis said: 'the Lord bids us set out ever anew on the path of communion that leads to peace. Our lack of unity is in fact openly contrary to the will of Christ but it is also a scandal to the world and harms the most holy of causes, the preaching of the Gospel to every creature. The Lord asks for unity; our world torn by all too many divisions that affect the most vulnerable, begs for unity.'

As one of the principal organisations fostering Christian unity in the world, I came away feeling that the WCC surely does merit our prayers and support.

+ Bishop Robert

### ***PRAYER for the PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION of the KOREAN PENINSULA***

15<sup>th</sup> August is Liberation Day in both North and South Korea. It marks the date in 1945 when Korea won independence from Japanese colonial oppression yet, ironically, it was also the day when the peninsula was divided into two countries.

The prayer is based on Romans 14 : 19

**'Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding'**

*(from the World Council of Churches)*

### NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

**Locum** Revd. Ray Andrews continues as locum Sunday 1 July. He will be followed by Canon Barbara Moss from 5 July until 12 August.

**St. Paul's, Monaco** Revd. Lawrence McLean was licensed as Chaplain pf St. Paul's, Monaco on Saturday 23 June.

**Margaret Picchiotti** Margaret was a member of St. John's for several years before her return to the UK. She was a friend of Margaret Turner and enjoyed painting. You may remember their pictures hung on the walls in the Gibraltar Room. At one of the Braderies they were snapped up by an enthusiast and almost sold by mistake!

News of Margaret has been received from her son, Walter Tomlin. " .... *she is still at Camelot Care Home (now aged 103!) although finding hand writing difficult - she is able to read books and letters – plus her eyesight is OK – I am sure she would be pleased to receive further Menton news. She was fond of St. John's and took an active part being on the P.C.C. for instance..... My mother is not ill in herself – just immobility and confined to her bed.*"

**Eucharist - English Cemetery Chapel, Bordighera** Please note there will be no Eucharist in the English Cemetery Chapel, Bordighera, in August The next service will be Wednesday 12 September.

**Holiday time!** Have you saved a good book to read – many people do. You might consider *the Good Book* – take a pocket edition of the Bible and read and concentrate on one of the books you do not know very well. It could be life-changing - certainly enriching.

Here are some quotable quotes about the Bible:

**The Bible contains the vitamins for a healthy soul**

**Dusty Bibles makes for dusty lives**

**Don't just know the book of the Lord, know the Lord of the book**

**The person who merely samples the word of God never  
acquires much of a taste for it.**

From *A Box of Delights* by J. John and Mark Stibbs, Monarch Books

**READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in JULY 2018 - YEAR B**

**Memorial – Yvonne Molinari (1921-2017)**

July 1 <b>TRINITY 5</b>	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23-24 30 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43
July 8 <b>TRINITY 6</b>	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 2.1-5 123 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13
July 15 <b>TRINITY 7</b>	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Amos 7.7-15 85. 8-13 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29
July 22 <b>TRINITY 8</b>	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 23.1-6 23 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56
July 29 <b>TRINITY 9</b>	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	2 Kings 4.42-44 145.10-19 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

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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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What an enjoyable day spent with family and friends as they remembered Yvonne Molinari at her Memorial on 16 June.

It began in the chapelle Saint Roch with a service to commend her to God's keeping, to remember before God her life, and to comfort those who mourn. The prayers led by Revd Ray Andrews, with readings from the Bible, and hymns, were particularly meaningful. Although remaining a devout Catholic, Yvonne often read the Lesson at services in St. John's, amazing all by reading without glasses. She was also frequently present at services in the Chapel in Bordighera.

The congregation listened with delight to the addresses given by Jonangelo Molinari, Sara Molinari, Lucy McCormick, and Wanda Gaynor. She was known as a warm, friendly hostess, accepting all who turned up to stay. Yvonne's driving skills were specially vivid in many memories.

During lunch in the Royal Westminster Hotel, it seemed Yvonne was present, passing from table to table, as photographs of her life were projected onto the wall of the dining room. They were from her childhood in London and Maidenhead, in South Africa and Paris as a young woman, in Ventimiglia in her latter years, and on holidays with her family in the UK, Europe and elsewhere. So many places visited. They provoked comments of surprise, interest and laughter and, of course, other memories shared with those sitting at table.

Yvonne had such a full, long life, only partly shared by each of those at her Memorial, but what a wonderful example. Editor

**A few thoughts that make children write to their minister .....**

- \* I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Arnold aged 8
- \* Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9
- \* I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen Age 9
- \* My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9
- \* Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10

## Gardening is SO good for you

Never mind if you feel a bit stiff after gardening all afternoon – did you know that gardening is actually keeping you young? Gardening helps older adults to be more active, feel younger, and have more of a 'zest for life' than those who do not garden. A recent study also found that over-50s who enjoy their gardens are also more likely to be optimistic and eat more fruit and vegetables than non-gardeners.

Gardening is also good for your brain. A session in your garden will leave you more mentally alert than doing puzzles indoors. Gardeners, it seems, tend to be better at planning, organising a diary, and score higher on general 'life satisfaction'. So – go on – get out there and reconnect with nature!

*If you haven't got a garden but would like to join St. John's 'Gardening Team' – It's never too late to start! Please contact Barbara Corry.*

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## Wondering what to do this summer ?

How about volunteering to help or join in a summer course offered by A ROCHA; their slogan : "**Creation, Christian Faith and a Precious World**".

A Rocha has two sites in France:-

\* Les Tourades Centre, situated near the town of Arles in Provence. It was their first permanent environmental study centre acquired in 2001.

\* Les Courmettes Centre, situated on the Courmettes estate high above the Côte d'Azur and 45 minutes from Nice, Antibes and Cannes, perched at 850m. above sea level at the foot of the Pic des Courmettes (summit – 1238m) giving it a unique panorama over the famous coastline.

The centre's primary role is as a base for the scientific surveys and land management work they carry out. Their efforts are concentrated on the Vallée des Baux and its fauna, flora and ecosystems – wetlands, evergreen oak woodlands and chalk massifs.

Activities offered at Les Courmettes :

- seminars and discovery weeks
- youth camps
- nature walks and workshops
- walks on the marked trails

Visitors are also welcome to stay, depending on availability of guestrooms. For details, and information about AROCHA see: [www.france.arochoa.org](http://www.france.arochoa.org)

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## THREE RIVERS

There is a river where we have thrown our wastes, poisoned fish, and stripped banks of their vegetation. Now it flows lifeless amid factories and freeways and threatens us with inundation.

Palestine has a river which has witnessed miracles, washed away sins, nurtured civilisation, yet it has seen conflicts, flowed with blood, been stained by our greed and depredation.

Ezekiel saw a river flow from the house of God and John saw the same in exiled revelation. It ran deep with refreshment and its banks bore trees for the healing of every nation.

*[Harry Hunter]*

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## Readings for Sunday Services in August – Year B

August 5 TRINITY 6	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Exodus 16. 2-4, 9-15 78. 23-29 Ephesians 4. 1-16 John 6. 24-35
August 12 TRINITY 7	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	1 Kings 19. 4-8 34. 1-8 Ephesians 4. 25 - 5.2 John 6. 35, 41-51
August 19 TRINITY 8	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Proverbs 9.1-6 34. 9-14 Ephesians 5. 15-20 John 6. 51-58
August 26 TRINITY 9	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18 34. 15-22 Ephesians 6. 10-20 John 6. 56-69

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## World Refugee Day - 20/06/18

by [bishopeurope](#)

Some thoughts from me for World Refugee Day in light of the recent treatment of the Aquarius rescue ship, & a poem from the Revd Carolyn Cooke, from La Côte chaplaincy in the Diocese in Europe, written for today:

Migration is the biggest challenge facing the EU – bigger than Brexit. And it will be for years to come. The attitude of European authorities towards migrants has been increasingly geared towards proper management and security. In this they have been more successful than people generally realise. The number of irregular migrants arriving in Europe has fallen dramatically in 2018 compared with the period 2015-2017. This reduction has been achieved by a variety of measures such as strengthening the border force, Frontex, and co-operation with frontline states, including Italy.

Italy does carry an unfair burden for welcoming refugees. However, arrivals in Italy via the central Mediterranean migration route fell from 181,436 in 2016, to 119,369 in 2017 to just 12,105 in the first five months of 2018. In that light, the refusal of the Italian authorities to allow the MSF and the SOS Mediterranean sponsored ship Aquarius to land is hugely upsetting. Those on board are human beings created in God's image. Both as a matter of faith and of human rights they ought to have been treated as precious human beings not as problematic cargo.

The Diocese in Europe is deeply committed to the welfare of migrants and refugees. We are involved in the care of refugees in Italy and Greece. We are part of a humanitarian corridor bringing vulnerable migrants legally into Belgium. We are partnering with the Diocese of Canterbury and USPG to sponsor a refugee projects officer in Calais. Our motivation is natural human compassion, the love of Christ, and a divine mandate to care for the stranger and the refugee.

Lord God, we lift to you our government leaders, officials of the European institutions and the United Nations. Please provide insight and wisdom to ensure an effective response to the refugee crisis and to solve the underlying causes of conflict.

We give thanks for all in the Diocese in Europe who are working with refugees. Give us understanding, compassion and generosity of spirit.

Help us all to be open to the gifts which refugees share with us and to be inspired by their courage and their faith.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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## A poem for World Refugee Day

### #thankrefugees

A Word of thanks ... to you in exile

A Word of thanks ... to you who have risked so much

A Word of thanks ... to you who have left behind loved ones and now offer love and care to the likes of us, strangers who, God-willing, become friends

A Word of thanks ... for the deep wisdom of your heritage and experience

A Word of thanks ... for the creativity and vibrancy of your cultures, which we glimpse and savour

A Word of thanks ... for your stamina to learn ... new languages, new humour, new food, new systems, new rules spoken and unspoken, new views, new manners, new just about everything

A Word of thanks ... for not giving up in the face of prejudice and misunderstanding

A Word of thanks ... for not giving up on the troubling wait for papers that spell permission to stay, permission to breathe easy, permission to put down roots with equal rights as those around you

A Word of thanks ... for eliciting some good in us, sometimes, and being gracious and humble enough to accept our help

A Word of thanks ... for your forgiveness and kindness towards us as we make mistakes and say hurtful things in our attempts to understanding

A Word of thanks ... for your honesty, for the vulnerable truth of your humanity, your dignity even as you deal with dreams of trauma while still dreaming of lighter days ahead

A Word of thanks ... for your sense of humour

A Word of thanks ... for your hunger for life

A Word of thanks ... for your resilience

A Word of thanks ... for your faith which inspires and challenges our faith

A Word of thanks ... to you in exile opening our eyes to so much truth and beauty

So many words of thanks ... still so much more to say ...

**#thankrefugees      World Refugee Day      20.06.2018**

Carolyn Clarke

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## What NOT to do before you go on holiday

Criminals just love Twitter and Facebook. Now they can locate unattended homes so much more easily – often within seconds of people posting comments about being on holiday on these social networking websites.

Thieves once had it hard – having to wander about neighbourhoods, peering over hedges, bribing milkmen, looking for empty houses. Now it is so much simpler; they stay at home and surf the internet – and can track down your address from a one-line posting within 60 seconds, according to researchers. Thieves look for messages such as 'packing my cases' and 'just landed' with a smiley face, only hours after the sender's location was given as an airport.

How do they do it? A check on the family name and, for instance, the name of their child's school, cross referenced with an online address database, shows the location of the home. The study, by Co-operative Travel, goes on to warn people that their children are the worst offenders, as 51 per cent of young people tell all their friends about the forthcoming holiday .... (from: The Beacon, July 2011)

*Be warned, and NOW there's WhatsApp etc. etc..... (Editor)*

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## Prayers through the summer

- Give thanks for long sunny days and the pleasures summer brings
- give thanks for holidays and time to relax with family and friends
- pray for those who work in the leisure services in town
- pray for safety on the roads
- pray for the congregation in the church where you are on holiday
- pray for patience in hot weather
- give thanks for your bible, books and the pleasure of reading them
- give thanks and a warm welcome to the visitors who attend church
- listen to all who want to talk to you – first of all, God
- give thanks for the beach attendants
- pray for anyone you know in hospital and not able to have a holiday
- give thanks for the locums
- terrorists, that God would bring about a change in their hearts
- Ask God to bless each person as you meet them today
- pray for the safety of children, often left alone
- give thanks for anyone who has encouraged you in your faith
- think of what you can volunteer to do to serve God and help others
- give thanks for all the good things you have received this month

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## Life at St. James-the-Least

## The Rectory

### St. James-the-Least

*My dear Nephew Darren,*

*A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.*

*The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day.*

*I explained to them all that naturally I would have been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.*

*We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list; the only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the under gardener.*

*I never realised that Dr. Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.*

*The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up using a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.*

*During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup – apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong.*

*Your loving uncle, Eustace. (not, of course, the case at St. John's - very well kept)*

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