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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 #33(0)4 93 28 10 02

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

**The Anglican Community, Bordighera**

The English Cemetery Chapel, Via del Campo, Bordighera, Italy

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

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**Eucharist - Sundays 10.30am**

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

**Website: [www.anglicanchurchgenoa.org](http://www.anglicanchurchgenoa.org)**

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# **CROSS BORDER**

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2018

## **REMEMBRANCE**

## **PEACE RECONCILIATION**

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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

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

**EUCCHARIST**

**EVERY SUNDAY . 10.30am**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2018**

**10.30am**

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**BRITISH & COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY  
BORDIGHERA**

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

**MONDAY - 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 - 10.30am**

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**THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL  
BORDIGHERA**

**No service in the Chapel this month**

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – 12/11/2018**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter in 1917. Sir Fabian Ware was the Commission's founder and four principles marking its activities still hold good today:

- Each of the dead should be commemorated individually by name on headstone or memorial
- Headstones and memorials should be permanent
- Headstones should be uniform
- There should be no distinction made on account of military or civil rank, race or creed.

There are war graves in some 150 different countries; mostly in the 2,500 war cemeteries and plots constructed by the Commission. One such can be found in Bordighera, in which the first soldiers were buried in June 1918.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Robert Lorimer and maintains the architectural features of all the Commission's cemeteries throughout the world. A plaque to the left of the entrance gate shows the campaign in Italy and a niche to the right of the gate holds a booklet containing information of the 84 dead buried in the cemetery – 68 British, 3 West Indians, 1 Indian and 12 Austrian prisoners of war. A cross dominates the scene and the site is embellished with horticulture to give the casualties a fitting and peaceful commemoration.

King George V, speaking in Flanders in 1922, said “*We can truly say that the whole circuit of the earth is girdled with the graves of our dead .... And, in the course of my pilgrimage, I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace on earth through the years to come, than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war.*”

This year the **Service of Remembrance will take place on Monday 12 November at 10.30am** led by the Revd. Neville Griffiths, St. John's Church, Menton and Bordighera. Canon Tony Dickinson, Chaplain of the church of the Holy Ghost, Genova and Ministers from other churches in the area, British and Italian civil authorities, and Commander Michael Healy MBE from the British Legion will be present at the ceremony.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION 100 YEARS SINCE THE ARMISTICE ON 11/11/1918.**

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**Locum** The Revd. Neville Griffiths and his wife Siân remain with us for the month of November.

**Remembrance Sunday** This year marks 100 years since the end of the Great War. There will be a Remembrance Service in Chapelle St. Roch on Sunday 11 November at 10.30am The following day, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a Remembrance Service in the British and Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Bordighera at 10.30am. This cemetery holds 72 military from Britain and the Commonwealth and 12 prisoners of war from Austria. They had all been hospitalized in Bordighera hotels.

**Harvest Festival – Retiring collection** The sum collected of €125 allowed food to be bought and given to 'Primo Fiore' – the kitchen which prepares food and serves it once a day to the needy. They were very grateful for our harvest gift.

**Animal Welfare Sunday – Retiring collection** With the sum of €155 food and medical supplies were taken to a cat and dog home, for which the volunteers who look after the animals gave their grateful thanks.

**Eucharist, Bordighera** There will NOT be a Eucharist service during the month of November in the Chapel, Bordighera.

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**Bishop David's Blog** Two interesting articles:-“Table Talks – Anglicanism in Sicily” dated 13 October, and “Clare Amos – A vision may be lost through Brexit” dated 3 October. Table Talks involved two congregations in Sicily St. Alberto of Trapani in Randazzo and St. George's, Taormina. The purpose was to engage the members of the congregations in dialogue about being Anglicans in Sicily, especially the challenge associated with being Italian-speaking or bilingual Italian-English Anglicans. It was a ground breaking initiative, encouraging reflection by the communities involved on questions of Anglican identity, ministry in a minority context, ecumenical sensitivity and linguistic challenge.

Clare Amos' article reflected on the nature of the continent of Europe and the implications of Britain's decision to leave the EU. Clare is a member of an Anglican church near Geneva and she has noticed how much more diverse the congregation has become in the last seven years, both in terms of ethnicity and the geographical origins of people. She writes '*such diversity is definitely something to be celebrated and built on.*' Having worked at the Anglican Communion Office on a document “Signpost statement on the Anglican Way” she writes “*Part of its vision is certainly of an Anglican tradition which gives space for diversity in unity*”. She fears by leaving the EU the UK seems to be turning its back on that vision of diversity and unity. (See the Diocesan Website: <https://europe.anglican.org>) (2)

**READINGS for SERVICES in NOVEMBER 2018 - YEAR B**

November 4 All Saints' Sunday	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25. 6-9 24. 1-6 Revelation 21. 1-6a John 11. 32-44
November 11 Remembrance Sunday	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE in the Chapelle St. Roch 10.30am	
November 12	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE in the British & Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Bordighera 10.30am	
November 18 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Daniel 12. 1-3 16 Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18) (19-25) Mark 13. 1-8
November 25 Christ the King	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 93 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18. 33b-37

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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.

**Jack Patterson - 1925 – 2018**

**RIP**

We have received the sad news that Jack Patterson passed away 19 September 2018. Christine Chisholm, his daughter-in-law, kindly sent the Memorial Service leaflet and a copy of her 'Eulogy for Jack'. Mary (Jack's wife) was with Jack the day before he died, but Christine is unsure if Mary was aware of her surroundings, however she writes, 'Jack's eyes became very bright and a smile came across his face when Mary was brought into the room.'

Below are excerpts from the Memorial leaflet.

> John “Jack” Frederick Patterson was born June 8<sup>th</sup> 1925 and raised in Toronto, ON and was the eldest of five siblings. Following his service in the Air Force in WWII, Jack attended the University of Toronto where he met his wife Mary (Caden) and in 1950 earned his Degree in Modern Languages and Literatures.. He taught high school in Kitchener until 1972 when he accepted a position at St. Thomas University in Fredericton where he taught French and Spanish until his retirement.

Jack was a very humble, gracious and generous man whose life was filled with adventure and service to others. Along with his passion for sailing, nature, animals, education, music, theatre, Christianity, swimming, singing, painting and reading, Jack enjoyed offering service to others through his volunteer work tutoring, translating, serving lunch at the Trinity lunch programme, mission work in Mexico, and at the youth Choir Camp in Rothesay. He was an exceptionally loving and attentive husband to his wife Mary of 66 years and together they shared a passion for travelling. They enjoyed many years wintering in their second home in Menton, France, where hiking, touring and enjoying time with friends and their church family at St. John the Evangelist Church were a significant part of their lives. <

Christine's Eulogy for Jack is well worth reading as it gives insight and explains a lot about Jack's personality and interests. Valerie has a copy if you would like to read it.

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*“There are three things my soul delights in, and which are delightful to God and to all people : concord between brothers, friendship between neighbours and a wife and husband who live happily together.”*

Ecclesiasticus 25 : 1

## *The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month*

It was a few minutes before the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. I stood at the window of my room looking up towards Trafalgar Square, waiting for Big Ben to tell that the war was over . . . . Suddenly the first stroke of the chime.

I looked again at the broad street beneath me. It was deserted. From the portals of one of the large hotels absorbed by Government Departments darted the slight figure of a girl clerk, distractedly gesticulating while another stroke of Big Ben resounded. Then from all sides men and women came scurrying into the street. Streams of people poured out of all the buildings. The bells of London began to clash. I could see that Trafalgar Square was already swarming.

Around me in our very headquarters disorder had broken out. Doors banged. Feet clattered down corridors. Everyone rose from the desk and cast aside pen and paper. All bounds were broken. The tumult grew. It grew like a gale, but from all sides simultaneously. The street was now a seething mass of humanity. Flags appeared as if by magic. Streams of men and women flowed from the Embankment. They mingled with torrents pouring down the Strand on their way to acclaim the King.

Almost before the last stroke of the clock had died away the strict, war-straitened, regulated streets of London had become a triumphant pandemonium. At any rate it was clear that no more work would be done that day. Yes, the chains which had held the world were broken. Links of imperative need, links of discipline, links of brute force, links of self-sacrifice, links of terror, links of honour which had held our nation, nay, the great part of mankind, to grinding toil, to a compulsive cause – every one had snapped upon a few strokes of the clock.

*Winston Churchill*

### **A prayer for Remembrance Sunday**

O Lord, our maker and our strength,  
from whose love in Christ we can never be parted either by death or life,  
May our remembrance this day deepen our sorrow for the loss and wastes of war,  
make us more grateful to those who courageously gave their lives  
to defend this land and commonwealth;  
and may all who bear the scars and memories of conflicts, past and present,  
know your healing love  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

## *Is It the End ?*

The curtain falls upon the long front in France and Flanders. The soothing hands of Time and Nature, the swift repair of peaceful industry, have already almost effaced the crater fields and the battle lines which in a broad belt from the Vosges to the sea lately blackened the smiling fields of France. The ruins are rebuilt, the riven trees are replaced by new plantations. Only the cemeteries, the monuments and stunted steeples, with here and there a mouldering trench or huge mine-crater lake, assail the traveller with the fact that twenty-five millions of soldiers fought here and twelve millions shed their blood or perished in the greatest of all human contentions.

Merciful oblivion draws its veils; the crippled limp away; the mourners fall back into the sad twilight of memory. New youth is here to claim its rights, and the perennial stream flows forward even in the battle zone, as if the tale were all a dream.

Is this the end ? Is it to be merely a chapter in a cruel and senseless story ? Will a new generation in their turn be immolated to square the black accounts of Teuton and Gaul ? Will our children bleed and gasp again in devastated lands ? Or will there spring from the very fires of conflict that reconciliation of the three giant combatants which would unite their genius and secure to each in safety and freedom a share in rebuilding the glory of Europe ?

*Winston Churchill*

### **A prayer for peace and reconciliation**

Lord God,  
your Son proclaimed your peaceable Kingdom in both word and deed,  
open our hearts and minds, we pray,  
to receive his Easter gift of peace.  
And as we seek to witness to your purpose of peace,  
give us generosity of spirit in times of disagreement,  
patience in times of difficulty,  
the desire to pray for those who oppose us,  
and above all make us to be interpreters and bridge-builders  
between those who are at enmity.  
This we ask in the name of Christ  
who has destroyed every wall that divides us,  
and whose sacrifice has made our peace with you,  
the Father of all humankind.  
Amen.