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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

FEBRUARY 2019

# Sundays before Lent

**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)

**EUCCHARIST**

**EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

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**THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL  
BORDIGHERA**

**EUCCHARIST**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - 10.30am**

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

**EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am**

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

**READINGS for SERVICES in FEBRUARY 2019 - YEAR C**

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| February 3<br><b>Fifth Sunday before Lent</b>   | First Reading<br>Psalm<br>Second Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 6. 1-8, (9-13)<br>138<br>1 Corinthians 15. 1-11<br>Luke 5. 1-11                    |
| February 10<br><b>Fourth Sunday before Lent</b> | First Reading<br>Psalm<br>Second reading<br>Gospel | Jeremiah 17. 5-10<br>1<br>1 Corinthians 15. 12-20<br>Luke 6. 17-26                        |
| February 17<br><b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>  | First Reading<br>Psalm<br>SecondReading<br>Gospel  | Genesis 45. 3-11, 15<br>37. 1-12, 41-42<br>1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50<br>Luke 6. 27-38 |
| February 24<br><b>Second Sunday before Lent</b> | First Reading<br>Psalm<br>Second Reading<br>Gospel | Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-25<br>65<br>Revelation 4<br>Luke 8. 22-25                             |

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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.

**LORD of HEALING**

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| Lord of my darkest place:<br>Let in your light.             | Lord of my oldest grudge:<br>Let in your forgiveness. |
| Lord of my greatest fear:<br>Let in your peace.             | Lord of my deepest anger:<br>Let it out.              |
| Lord of my most bitter shame:<br>Let in your word of grace. | Lord of my loneliest moment:<br>Let in your presence. |

Lord of my truest self – my all:  
Let in your wholeness.

*(ALISON PEPPER from “An Emerging Rainbow” poems on Christian themes)*

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**BIBLE QUIZ**

The answer to each question is the name of a person in the Bible – (its book is in brackets).

1. She was at the Temple when Jesus was presented (Luke 2)
2. Abraham's nephew, his wife turned to salt (Genesis 11)
3. One of Israel's greatest prophets
4. A Queen who was deposed by Ahasuerus (Esther)
5. Timothy's mother (2 Timothy 1)
6. Father of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27)
7. Another name for Dorcas (Acts 9)
8. He built the ark (Genesis 6)

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**Useful tips**

- Biro ink on your fingers will come off easily if you rub it with a little white toothpaste.
- Don't throw out white socks, when the soles get stained. Just add a little bicarb to the washing water and they will be like new again.

## TWO CHARITIES

Two charities to support – ONE, to give young people and their families in Ethiopia a good start in life with the opportunity to study together with the possibility of learning how to support themselves in the future – the SECOND to retain religious freedom as in the UK and which we have as members of the Church of England.

**The Centre of Help for Ethiopia** has often been written about in this newsletter. Barbara Caula visited it at the beginning of this millenium and has supported it ever since. Last year the Centre celebrated 35 years since its inception in 1983. This Christian charity operates in five different areas – **Infancy, Education, Health, Productive initiatives, and Humanitarian Assistance**. From the many repeated distributions of foodstuffs to villages suffering from famine last year, the Centre responded to a request from local government to intervene at the Prison in Gimbi, where they constructed new latrines with 50 hygiene facilities for the prisoners and also donated 2,300 bunk beds and mattresses for them. Barbara and friends support the 'Adoption from a Distance' initiative by covering the cost of educating a little boy. Children are often from poor families or families that are in difficulty because one or both of the parents have died, or are without work.

**Barnabus Fund** is an **Aid Agency for the persecuted church** – bringing hope to suffering Christians. Their publications have been passed on to us by Valerie Aucouturier. The Fund is celebrating 25 years serving the global persecuted Church. At present they are seeking a new Act of Parliament in the UK to guarantee fundamental aspects of Freedom of Religion. They write that “tracing the heritage of religious liberty takes us back more than 800 years to Magna Carta, the agreement signed between King John of England and his barons in 1215. Magna Carta's affirmation that 'the English Church shall be free' was gradually worked out over the centuries into seven specific aspects of freedom of religion

- Freedom to read the Scriptures in public (achieved in 1537)
- Freedom to interpret the Scriptures without government interference (achieved 1559)
- Freedom of worship (achieved 1689)
- Freedom to choose, or change, your faith, or belief (achieved (1689)
- Freedom to preach and try to convince others of the truth of your beliefs (achieved 1812)
- Freedom to establish places of worship (achieved 1812)
- Freedom from being required to affirm a particular worldview or set of beliefs in order to hold a public sector job, stand for election, work in professions such as teaching and law, or study at university (achieved between 1719 and 1888)

*Two worthy charities to support.*

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## NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

**Locum** We are pleased to welcome Bishop Rob Martin and his wife Sue. They will be with us from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Restoration of St. John's** The main door has been placed in the West wall under the windows. Look if you go by – the annex has gone and the stonework is very attractive. Keep praying that the restoration will all be completed this year. See our website for photos.

**86<sup>th</sup> Fête du Citron** The Lemon Festival starts on Saturday 16 February and continues until Sunday 3 March. Our services during that time, starting 17 February, will be held in the church of the Penitents Noirs, which means we shall have three Sundays in which to make sure we get to church on time! If you are coming by car think about where you will park and leave enough time to walk any extra distance. The theme of the Lemon Festival this year is **Des Mondes Fantastiques** which promises to be beautiful – especially at night when the gardens with decorative figures and scenes made with oranges, lemons and other citrus fruit are lit up.

**New Website** The Ecumenical Group in Sanremo is forming a new website to publicise the different Christian churches and their activities, thus promoting their ecumenical fellowship. A photograph of each church will be shown. A short history explaining how they came to be in this area together with their present day activities will also be included. The website is [www.sanremoikoumene.it](http://www.sanremoikoumene.it)

**Christian Unity – 25 January 2019** Padre Claudiu of the Rumenian Orthodox Church informs us that €333 was collected during the Prayer for Christian Unity. €61 will go towards the expenses for 2019 of the ecumenical internet site and €272 will be for the game in wood for children which will be placed in the Park near the Station, which at the moment does not have a game for them. As the total cost of this game will be about €1000 he hopes the different churches will have collections in their own churches to arrive at the necessary amount.

**Apologies** I apologise for the delay in the issue of this newsletter. Problems with the computer gave many days of frustration ..... fortunately a technician was able to put it right. Editor

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“The adventure of the Christian life begins when we dare to do what we would never tackle without Christ.”

(William Penn, Quaker 1644-1718)

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Let us pray together through February .....

MARGARET PICCHIOTTI - RIP

Heavenly Father, We pray / give thanks for:-

1. All those involved in the restoration of St. John's – their decisions, their work, their safety
2. the newly baptised
3. *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart'*
4. the safety of children going to and from school
5. give thanks for our locums – their commitment and gifts of ministry
6. those who read in church
7. give thanks for Home Helps
8. give thanks for the comfort and love our pets give us
9. the meeting in the Louvre this morning – time for a chat and making friends
10. *I the LORD, test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.'*
11. the health services and local hospitals – the medical staff, the ambulance drivers
12. refugees – save them from despair and bless all that is being done to help them
13. our churchwardens and council members – their responsibilities
14. St. Valentine's Day – may we show our love for all those we meet
15. those preparing for marriage
16. the imagination at the '*Des Mondes Fantastiques*' Lemon Festival starting today
17. *'Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.'*
18. those who need our prayers – the sick, the lonely, the homeless, the anxious
19. give thanks for the work of the 'Gardening Team'
20. the migrants and all working on the border
21. The people and government of the UK during final Brexit negotiations
22. all those who mourn the loss of loved ones
23. those who help prepare our services – the hymns, bread, readings, prayers,
24. *'You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty'*
25. The charity LS Cooperativa Sociale ONLUS which manages the English Cemetery in Bordighera – their needs
26. give thanks for the signs of Spring – lengthening daylight, flowers, rain
27. those who have an uncertain future
28. all the churches along the coast – in France and Italy

Thank you Lord for talking to us in our prayers,  
may we listen and act  
Amen

*“All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator  
for all I have not seen,”*

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

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ALICE ODELL

Sadly, we bring you the news that Margaret Picchiotti died just before Christmas on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at the age of 103 - possibly our oldest former member. Walter Tomlin, her son, said she had been reading in bed when she died peacefully. He said Menton was her favourite part of the world - she had had a lovely life. She had returned to the UK some years ago and lived the last five years in a Care Home. Perhaps you did not know her at St. John's. She had served on the Council and been very active and helpful when the anglican church of Menton shared their chaplain with the church in Sanremo. Margaret enjoyed painting and one of her pictures hung in the Gibraltar Room. Perhaps we shall see it again when the church reopens. She continued to receive and read our newsletter until she died. We send our very best wishes to Walter at this sad time.

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CANDLEMASS DAY - FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>

Candlemass Day – February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Christian festival of candles commemorating the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is so called because of the practice of blessing candles and carrying them in procession. Most religions include lighted candles as part of their worship.

In Jewish homes a lighted candle burns on the Sabbath during the Passover meal and on the anniversary of the death of a family member.

The Hindu festival of Diwali is essentially a festival of light, celebrating the triumph of light and good over darkness and evil.

Buddhists use candles at their main festivals celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death.

In Japan it is believed that the spirits of dead ancestors pay an annual visit to the family home during their summer festival. Candles are lit, special food is prepared and entertainment provided for the benefit of the unseen visitors.

With the coming of Christ the Light of the World it was natural that lighted candles should be one symbol of the Christian faith. Whether or not we feel that candles are helpful in public or private worship we must surely agree with an old Chinese proverb:-

'It is better to light one candle  
than to curse the darkness'

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