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Books & DVDs available in The Louvre on Saturday mornings from 9.30-11.30

Refreshments also available

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

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Eucharist - Sundays 10.30am

Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30

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CROSS BORDER

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019

ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY

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

**THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL
BORDIGHERA**

EUCCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019 - 10.30am

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS every Wednesday 12.30pm

The Bible Society

Working in over 200 countries The Bible Society is a charity on a global mission to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child. It believes that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change – for good.

It translates and distributes Bibles around the world so people can experience the Bible in their heart language, especially in China, Middle East and Southern Africa.

Bibles have even been read and left on the moon – see their website to discover who, how, why and when.

www.biblesociety.org.uk

Bible Sunday is on 3rd November this year.

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CHANGING SEASONS

The long, hot Summer has ended. It has rained. What a relief. Plants, animals and humans are happy.

Time to put the vegetable garden in order: pull out the dead plants, the sticks; put the cooking apples and the fully grown mature marrows in a dry, cool, airy place; bottle the last plums; plant the winter vegetables – lettuce, broccoli, fennel, cabbage, and anything else if there is space.

The fruit trees are still producing; the persimmons turning orange – lemons and oranges still green and growing larger. Olives are falling from the trees; first those attacked by the dreaded olive fly, then the ripe black fruits. It is time to take them to the mill for pressing into extra vergin oil. But first the land needs to be cleared of weeds, the nets laid under the trees. The day is fixed - 7th October – the earliest date since our records began in 1994. The latest date for pressing was 3rd December 1996! Since then it is getting earlier and earlier every year. Climate change?

The wild boar have left their trademark – a ploughed terrace done by hoofs, tusks and snouts. They visit regularly after the first rainfall, then make their way up the valley to higher, safer ground in the woods when the hunting season starts.

Autumn has begun – cool, energy-giving Autumn for every living creature.

Elizabeth Cordone

READINGS for SERVICES in OCTOBER 2019 YEAR C

October 6 ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 37.1-10 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10
October 13	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15b 111 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19
October 20	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 32.22-31 121 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 Luke 18.1-8
October 27	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 84.1-7 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 Luke 18.9-14
November 3 BIBLE SUNDAY	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 45.22-25 119.129-136 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4.16-24

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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.

Locum We welcome back the Revd. Neville Griffiths and his wife Siân. They arrive on 4th October and remain with us until 25 November.

THE BAROMETER SIGN outside our Church of St. John. Have you seen it? You can't miss it if you walk by the church or stand at the bus stop. It is advertising the need for **Funds to Complete the Church Renovation**. Please tell your friends and acquaintances and encourage them to donate and make the **barometer soar**.

The Louvre, Saturday mornings, 9.30-11.30

On sale: books, DVDs, bric-a-brac in aid of church funds for the restoration of St. John's. Refreshments are also served while you chat with your friends and meet new ones. We look forward to seeing you. Do come.

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ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY

in San Roch Chapel

6th October 2019 10.30am

a Retiring Collection will be made and the amount received donated to an Association dealing with the care and adoption of abandoned animals

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A Warning

Keep an eye on your belongings while you are in church.

Sadly, Jill Wason's handbag was stolen during a service in September.

Fortunately it was found on the other side of Menton

in front of a lady's gate. The lady kindly got in touch with Jill.

Everything was recovered except the money inside.

Jill says: "be careful, do not leave your possessions unattended at any time".

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am absolutely delighted to hear that you are thinking of getting a dog. It must be something substantial, and not one prone to making amorous advances towards parishioners' dogs or parishioners' legs. A mongrel may be all very well for you as a curate, but think to the future when you are an incumbent, and get a pedigree. It sets a tone at the Rectory. It should also be a breed that sheds hair copiously, which should deter your more fastidious parishioners from bothering you at home. If it also slavers that is a bonus. I would recommend you do not get a sheepdog. They become neurotic trying to round everyone up as they roam round your lawn at the annual Summer Fete.

It can be quite useful giving your dog a name that – naturally, by coincidence – is remarkably similar to that of an awkward parishioner. Being able to bawl out commands to "come", "sit", and "stop that", along with the pet's name, can be cathartic to you, salutary to the parishioner concerned and instructive to the rest of your congregation.

Dogs keep every confidence you tell them, are infinitely sympathetic when you moan about the flower arrangers and make an excellent audience when you rehearse your Sunday sermon on them. Just like parishioners, my Labrador instantly curls up and falls asleep once I start to preach to her. The look of well-meaning incomprehension on her face is another similarity.

When gentlemen of the road call, before you open the door, make a series of very audible commands that imply you are restraining a ravenous beast. That your ravenous beast is on its back, feet in the air and tail wagging, is irrelevant. It will make your caller hesitate to ring the bell another time.

Dogs also provide an excellent excuse for terminating endless meetings, overlong phone calls, parish socials and visits to the bishop. Even the hardest of hearts cannot stop you from dashing home to give your pet a toilet break, much, of course, as you would like to continue enjoying yourself with whoever it is you are obliged to flee from.

But do not take them to your church council meetings; when difficult decisions have to be made, you can never rely on them voting the way you want.

Your loving uncle

Eustace

AND GOD CREATED LAUGHTER

Some Aphorisms

A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation

- The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow
- Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail
- If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all
- A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water
- Why is it at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job
- There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity
- No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning
- Be careful about reading the fine print – there's no way you're going to like it
- the trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket
- Do you realise, that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies
- running around with tattoos
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.



“The world is a book,
and those who do not travel
read only a page.”

(St. Augustine)



MEA CULPA : In last month's issue of the Cross Border there were some typing errors – among them SNORKLING! SNORKELLING! So sorry for all of them.

Play a game - see how many you can find

Elizabeth Cordone

Let us pray together through October.....

Heavenly Father, We pray / give thanks for:-

1. Give thanks for a new month and pray that we see all its opportunities
2. Give thanks for the rain that has fallen recently
3. pray for all who have terminal illnesses ...
4. and those who care for them and care about them
5. Give thanks for all wild animals and domestic animals
6. *'Wait patiently for the Lord'* Psalm 37
7. Give thanks for our pets, their companionship and the joy they give us
8. pray for our churchwardens and council acknowledging all they do
9. Lord, help us to be content
10. for people facing the challenge of unemployment
11. Praise the Lord God for what He is!
12. ask for God's help in your struggle with a particular aspect of your faith
13. *'The works of the Lord stand fast for ever'* Psalm 111
14. give thanks for those whose lives are a model to emulate
15. pray for all who work in government at a local level
16. for the fundraising effort to cover the final costs of the restoration of St.John's
17. give thanks for PC technology – may we use it wisely and avoid its dangers
18. grandparents & grandchildren – may we appreciate and learn from one another
19. World Peace
20. *'My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.'* Psalm 121
21. help us Lord to accept the physical limitations of growing older
22. give thanks for the hospice movement
23. pray for children who are heads of their families through war or illness
24. for all who care for migrants travelling through our countries
25. for reconciliation between different churches and faiths
26. the worst poverty is spiritual poverty. We pray to God for spiritual wealth.
27. *Happy are they who dwell in Your house!* Psalm 84
28. give thanks for those who translate the Bible so that all may receive your Word
29. pray for the wholeness and well-being of all on our sick list
30. may we be good stewards of all that is entrusted to us
31. give thanks to the Lord for the gift of literacy and the joy of reading

**Lord, thank you for talking to us in our prayers
may we listen and act**

amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals

ASWA was founded in 1972 to help Anglicans and others to become more aware of the importance of animal welfare issues.

For Christians, the belief in a loving God is central to our faith. Indifference to suffering is incompatible with our understanding of the Deity and we cannot imagine God being uninterested in the pain of living creatures with thoughts and feelings. We also believe that human beings have been given a special responsibility by their Creator to take care of the animals with whom they share the planet. This is the true meaning of concept of 'dominion' in Genesis 1:26. In a Christian world-view, those with power are given it in order to look after the weak and vulnerable, not to exploit them.

Consequently, caring for animals is a fundamental part of living a Christian life. It is not an optional extra, any more than embracing mercy, justice and compassion for the poor are optional extras. It is sometimes suggested that there is too much human suffering in the world for us to be concerned with animals, but this to tragically miss the point. Compassion is not a finite resource, if our hearts are open then we are moved by *all* pain, human and animal. Also, on a pragmatic note, human and animal suffering almost invariably go hand in hand. Often addressing animal abuse is part of building a better future for everybody.

ASWA exists to promote animal welfare from a Christian viewpoint, to protect and celebrate the beautiful and sentient creatures with whom we are privileged to live.

Revd. Dr. Helen Hall

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**JUST WHY
DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?**

Below are opinions of great minds from all over the world upon this earth-shattering subject.....

- PLATO: For the greater good.
- BUDDHA: If you ask this question, you deny your own chicken-nature.
- DARWIN: It was the logical next step after coming down from the trees.
- CAPTAIN KIRK: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before
- RONALD REAGAN: I forget

R.I.P.

DAVID PERKS
A Requiem Mass
was held in St. Michael's Church,
Lewes
on 27th August

Dorothy, David's wife, informed us that she and their daughters, Bridget and Tamsin were with David in hospital when he died on 1st August. He had been suffering from heart failure and circulatory problems, particularly to the legs.

David was baptised, confirmed, ordained and was curate for 5 years at the above church before moving to HMP Lewes. He had been a regular locum at St. John's and the English Cemetery Chapel in Bordighera when he retired.

Dorothy sent a copy of the Requiem Mass, which she said was lovely with a very full church and people from all the Churches in Sussex that David had officiated at - and children/grandparents that he taught in Lewes when Dorothy and he were first married!

We remember David with great affection and send our heartfelt condolences to Dorothy and his family and friends.

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CLOCKS GO BACK 26/27 OCTOBER

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Harvest Festival - 22 September 2019

With the Retiring Collection of €131:- 21 Kg. Pasta, 5 Kg. rice, 11 Kg. olive oil, 2 Kg tinned tonno, 15 tins of fruit in syrup, 1 Kg Padano cheese, and 5 kg. turkey/chicken Würster, were bought and given to the 'Primo Fiore' kitchen/dining room for the needy, and run by volunteers in Sanremo. They send their warm and grateful thanks.

Elizabeth Cordone