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MARCH 2023

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MENTON

EUCHARIST - EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Parkman

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THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL
BORDIGHERA

Eucharist Thursday 9th March at 10.30am

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Parkman

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

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EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30

HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS – WEDNESDAYS 12.30

The Food Bank is open every Sunday and Wednesday after the Service

My dear Nephew Darren,

So, your vicar has appointed you magazine editor; I wonder what you have done to so offend him. Our own magazine editor has only held her post for the last 30 years because she is deaf, has no phone and always spends the fortnight after the publication of each issue on a remote Scottish Island.

I think that your hope of now being in charge of an organ that will convert the entire parish to Christianity within a couple of editions may be a little optimistic. Most recipients of the magazine use it for finding the phone number of the local plumber or undertaker – or both if there was a major burst in the pipe.

If you want to keep any piece of information utterly confidential, then publish it in the magazine; that will ensure that everyone will remain wholly ignorant of it. On the other hand, if you accidentally transpose the names of the ladies responsible for the altar pedestal and lectern on the flower rota, it will be spotted within seconds of publication. It is helpful so people can consult the staffing rota to find out who took the collection a little too aggressively at Evensong the previous Sunday. The reports of the meetings of the monthly groups are also useful for reminding those who attended what happened, as they slept blissfully through most of it.

I would suggest you keep the first page which lists all the church officers with their phone numbers – although do omit your own number, so that complaints will have to go to someone else. It also seems to be a tradition that while all the digits of every number will be there, they are generally published in an incorrect order. This gets people to talk to one another as they phone round trying to find out the correct number for the treasurer.

If you submit any articles yourself, then I would suggest that your final paragraph does little other than repeat the penultimate paragraph, since when it is printed, the final few lines of any article are invariably accidentally omitted. My final piece of advice is to omit any deadline for submission for the following month. Such information only ensures that everything will be sent in the week after your requested date.

I wish you many happy hours deciphering illegible script and checking up on tea rotas.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

What is prayer like for you?

Is it life-giving and a deep part of your life?

Or like many of us, do you struggle with it – with lots of questions, not finding it anything other than a bit of a routine (if at all), do you feel guilty it isn't as it should be, does it make you feel your faith is a bit weak?

If so, join the club!

And come along to reflect on what prayer is really about, hear ideas about how to think about it and practice it differently. We will meet for 1½ hours each Wednesday during Lent, over a simple shared lunch of a bowl of soup and bread.

12h45 – 14h15 in the Church Library

Please contact Revd. Chris Parkman
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06 51 52 50 49 or at a church service

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**THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER** WWDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's programme is written by WWDP committee of Taiwan.

Instead of the normal first Friday in March, the service will be held in the Lutheran Church, Via Garibaldi, Sanremo on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm.

**THE LEMON FESTIVAL - ROCK & OPERA** We thank Revd. Chris for hosting the Sunday services in his apartment in February when the Carnival procession took place on Avenue Carnot and people could not enter the Church.

**CHRIS'S LENT REFLECTION** See separate attachment :-

## BISHOP IN EUROPE'S LENT APPEAL 2023

The Diocese is seeking to develop an independent new chaplaincy in Rabat, the capital city of the Kingdom of Morocco and within the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar.

Morocco is officially a Muslim country. His Majesty King Mohammed VI very graciously permits the Church of England to operate in his country ministering to the Anglican faithful from abroad.

This new work in Rabat builds on his special permission.

It has been the tradition of the Bishop's Lent appeal to focus on a particular need *within* our diocesan family. We have pockets within the diocese where the reality is much more like the developing world than what is experienced in the comparatively rich north. One such area of the diocese is Morocco.

Many have now settled in the region of Rabat, where we have not had a permanent Church presence. Thanks to the vision of past chaplains in Casablanca and the dedication of a core of supporters in Rabat a new congregation is being built up. **This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is to support this congregation in the next crucial phase of its development.**

The current congregation there is dedicated to St. Augustine of Hippo, an African saint reflecting its largely African composition, and they use a beautiful modern chapel, kindly donated for our use by the local Catholic Archdiocese, with whom we have good ongoing ecumenical relationships.

**Read more details of the need, its development, and how to participate in the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023 - see the attached document .**

*Seen on a Church Hostel notice board:*

If you sleep in it - Make it up

If you wear it - hang it up

If you drop it - pick it up

If you spill it - wipe it up

If you eat out of it - wash it up

**HOUSE RULES**

If you open it - close it up

If you empty it - fill it up

If it rings - answer it

If it howls - feed it

If it cries - love it

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## A TALE of TWO PORTRAITS continued .....

Canon Tony Dickinson has done more research into General H.S.H. Jones CB, Jones's sister Eliza Stack (née Jones) and his wife Emma Jones (née Buchanan). He found that they had all travelled to New Zealand aboard the Dinapore in 1857. Canon Tony has given us the websites below in which we can find some information about the General's working life, which took him to several countries in the world; the hobbies of his sister and wife are given and we can see what all three looked like in photos. It makes fascinating reading.

The websites give perhaps some explanation of why the Jones's were in Bordighera. General Jones and his wife had a house, the Villa Mona, and Eliza often visited them there. At the same time George MacDonald (d. 1905) lived in Bordighera and his grave and that of his wife Louise and two of their daughters can be found in the English Cemetery – just a few metres away on the same terrace as the graves of the General and his wife Emma. Also Clarence Bicknell arrived in Bordighera as Chaplain in 1878 and at his death in 1918 was buried in Tende. He had shared similar interests to those of the Jones's family; surely they knew each other when Bicknell published his book “Flowering Plants and Ferns of the Riviera and Neighbouring Mountains” in 1885? Then of course Sir Thomas Hanbury and his Gardens at La Mortola – did they meet? Or did Daniel Hanbury, his brother, meet Emma Jones as they had shared different experiences with Joseph Dalton Hooker; Daniel as a botanical explorer in the Middle East and Emma by providing fern specimens used by Joseph in his “Handbook of the New Zealand Flora”. More could be discovered, either through the newspapers of the day, or activities in the various places where the British met in Bordighera; the clubs, the theatre, the Bicknell Museum or even in the Hanbury archives.

<https://collections.tepapa.govt.nz>

[https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TC19021202.2.8?items\\_per\\_page=10&query=humpfrey+herbert+stanley+jones+death+1902&snippet=true](https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TC19021202.2.8?items_per_page=10&query=humpfrey+herbert+stanley+jones+death+1902&snippet=true)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth\\_Stack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Stack)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma\\_Jones\\_\(naturalist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Jones_(naturalist))

The profile is growing - If you discover something different about any of the family, let us know; it will be passed on in the newsletter/website

*I do apologise for the typing error in last month's newsletter. The year date of the death of the General's wife Emma is 1894 (not 1884).*

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- praying for ourselves and others
- claiming God's mercy

### Remembering

God speaks and we listen through

- reading the Bible
- hearing the sermon
- confessing our faithfully

### Celebrating

Jesus invites us to eat and drink in the uniquely Christian celebration of thanksgiving (Communion or Eucharist)

- proclaiming that Jesus has died, is risen, and will come again
- as a sign of our fellowship with God and with each other

### Sending

The Holy Spirit nurtures and enables us to go out into our world

- loving our neighbours as ourselves
- offering the gift of God to others

### THE CHURCH'S YEAR

The church's year is made up of different seasons, special days, holy days, and saint's days. Seasons and special days are marked by the use of different colours for altar hangings, and clergy dress. The four standard colours are: white, purple, green, and red, and are known as liturgical colours.

**Advent** is the time of waiting before Christmas. Colour = purple.  
**Christmas** celebrates the birth of Jesus, God's gift to the world. Col. = white  
**Epiphany** is when the church thinks about the glory of Jesus. Col. white then green. **Lent** is the 6½ weeks before Easter. Colour = purple. **Easter** is the joyful celebration of the day Jesus rose from the dead. Colour = white  
**Pentecost** - the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus' followers. Col. Red then green

## IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
 Because he was not treated fairly in things He didn't like!

If only once He had sat down and said, "That's it, I'm through!  
 I've had enough of those on Earth so this is what I'll do:-  
 I'll give my orders to the Sun: 'Cut off the heat supply!'.  
 And to the Moon 'Give no more light! I'll run the ocean dry.  
 Then, just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
 I'll turn off vital oxygen till every breath is gone."

You know He would be justified if fairness was the game,  
 For no-one has been more abused, or met with such disdain  
 Than God and yet He carries on supplying you and me  
 With all the favours of His Grace and everything for free!  
 Men and women say they want a better deal and so on strike they go.  
 But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe!  
 We don't care whom we hunt or harm to gain the things we like.  
 But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike!

*( Grace Woolls, Mellietta congregation )*



### Diocesan Prayer for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

We pray for the people of Southeastern Turkey and North West Syria,  
 whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.

Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd to bring comfort, relief, shelter  
 and human kindness.

Shield people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the  
 provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine  
 your light and hope in the midst of despair.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Based on an article produced by the Mothers Union

### THINGS TO DO WITH CHILDREN BEFORE WORSHIP

- \* On the way to church talk about what will happen when you get there what it will be like, and any expectations that you have.
- Find out where the toilets are (in St. John's they are located midway down the nave through the door on your left); where you can get a drink of water for your child (from the kitchen further down on your left) and what is available for children to do during the service.
- Sit where the child is able to see what is happening at the front of the church.
- Point out the pulpit, altar, lectern, organ, etc. Explain how they are used.
- Look for colours and symbols in the windows, banners, and pictures. Explain that all of these things remind us of God's love and care.
- Count all the crosses in the church. Tell your child that the cross reminds us of Jesus.
- Talk about the people who help during the service and the jobs they do. Chaplain, welcomers, organist, readers etc.

### THINGS TO DO WITH CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

- Try to be consistent in what you expect of your child during the service.
- Allow your child to sit comfortably.
- Don't worry if your child wriggles; adults wriggle too!
- Your child will be watching and modelling your actions. Try to relax and enjoy yourself
- Be gentle and forgiving towards your child.
- Listen with your child for a key word such as "Amen".
- Briefly explain what is happening as the service progresses.

- Encourage your child to join in the worship. Hold the hymn book together. Fold your hands for the prayers. Stand and sit at the appropriate times.
- Some children enjoy Sunday School. Others prefer to remain with the adults. If your child chooses to stay in the service, provide or select quiet activities.

### THINGS TO DO WITH CHILDREN AFTER WORSHIP.

- \* Investigate the baptismal font, lectern, pulpit, organ, etc. Explain simply how and why each is used.
- \* Greet those who led the service, at the door. Encourage your child to say "hello" and shake hands.
- \* Talk about the service by mentioning things that you particularly enjoyed, the singing, prayers, communion, etc.
- \* sing a hymn or song together.

### THINGS TO DO WITH CHILDREN DURING THE WEEK

- \* Say simple prayers together, before meals, playgroups/school or at bedtime.
- \* Play church at home.
- \* Buy or borrow a "toddler's", or "beginner's Bible" to read at home.
- \* Speak positively about worship. Make "going to church" a special event
- \* With your child, put aside a small amount of money for the offering. Explain that it is a gift for the work of the church.

### WORSHIP IN CHURCH IS .....

Gathering

God calls us to meet together

- joining in songs of praise

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