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Sunday Service – Eucharist – 10.30

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Eucharist Service - Sundays 10.30

Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30

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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 – 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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Cost to produce 60 cents per copy. Your donation welcome.

The fourth Sunday of Easter we find Psalm 23 in our Common Worship Service for Holy Communion - the following may help us understand it more

The Lord is my shepherd ...

That's relationship!

I shall not want ...

that's supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ...

That's rest!

He leadeth me beside still waters ...

That's refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ...

That's healing!

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness ...

That's guidance!

For his name's sake ...

That's purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ...

That's challenge!

I will fear no evil ...

That's assurance! ...

For thou art with me ...

That's faithfulness!

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me ...

That's shelter!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ...

That's hope!

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NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

ST. MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Beaulieu-sur-Mer

The Diocese in Europe has announced the next Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's Anglican Church is to be Revd. Anthony Ingham, at present serving as a Chaplain with the army. Fr. Ingham with his wife Fiona, will move to Beaulieu-sur-Mer towards the end of May and will begin his ministry in early June.

Arrangements are now in hand for the Archdeacon of France, the Venerable Ian Naylor, to license Fr. Ingham on the feast of Corpus Christi (4th June 2015) in St. Michael's at a time to be confirmed.

COMMON WORSHIP A few copies of the purple booklet, *Holy Communion Order Two – Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, are being bought for use in the Chapel at the English Cemetery, Bordighera.

DIGITAL HYMN PLAYING MACHINE A new machine has now arrived to enhance our hymn singing during services, provided we can work it! Any technically minded person willing to help – please get in touch with David or the churchwardens.

IN MEMORY of SANDRA LAWSON An in-House sale by Sandra Lawson's sister, Elly, to clear the flat after Sandra's untimely death, raised €600 and was kindly donated to church funds. If you would like a keepsake of Sandra, please get in touch with Elly when she returns in May to continue clearing the flat.

FRENCH ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD will take place at St. Jacut de la Mer from 15-18 April. Valerie Aucouturier is our representative and welcomes any queries you may have or matters you wish her to discuss with the other representatives.

GLASS JARS As well as filling glass bottles with your euro coins for church funds, would you please keep small and medium sized glass jars for Riana Ito to fill with delicious chutney during the time she is here in the Summer, and which she then sells in aid of the church.

HARD PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS These can be recycled and in our village the proceeds from their sale have resulted in the buying of a defibrillator. The apparatus has been placed on the municipal wall in the main square and is ready to be used by anyone to help a person suffering from a heart attack. The Middle School pupils are also saving bottle tops and are using the proceeds to aid children in Tanzania. Please give any tops you save to Elizabeth Cordone who will pass them on to the School. Thank you.

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ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING

Chapel St. Roch

Immediately after Sunday Eucharist - 26 April

Collections - St. John's January 04 €78 – 11 €169 - 18 €154 - 25 €154
February 01 €151 - 08 €153 - 15 €227 - 18 €50 22 €176
Bordighera January €102 - February €101 - March €45

USEFUL TIPS

- * When planting out seedlings, sprinkle sand around them to discourage slugs
- * clumps of bulbs which haven't flowered can be dug up, divided and replanted deeper with a good manure round them. (before digging up, leave the leaves to wither slowly – do not cut off or tie together)
- * to remove biro ink from cotton, wool, silk, impermeable material: place a piece of material or absorbent paper under the mark and tap it with material soaked in 90° alcohol.
From furnishing materials, woolen carpets, leather, wallpaper, linoleum: rub with alcohol
- * to remove wine stains: from cotton – cover immediately with fine salt, then rub with hot lemon juice
from wool: cover the stain with fine salt, then rub with diluted hydrogen peroxide

and a few lexophiles.....

- to write with a broken pencil is pointless
- the guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered
- a thief who stole a calendar got 12 months
- with her marriage she got a new name and a dress
- a boiled egg is hard to beat
- did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- he had a photographic memory which was never developed
- when she saw her first grey hair she thought she'd dye
- acupuncture is a job well done. That's the point of it.
- a bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- a will is a dead give away.
- the batteries were given out free of charge

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Don't Let Them Con You

Every year millions of people fall victim to post, telephone, e-mail and internet scams, such as fake lottery and prize draw wins, bogus psychic predictions and 'miracle' health cures. Older people are particularly vulnerable. Avoid becoming a victim by following some simple tips.....

X never reply straight away to an offer. Speak to a relative, friend, neighbour or your carer before you do anything.

X never send money to anyone who says you've won the lottery or a big prize –

you'll never see your promised winnings.

X never give your bank account details or other personal information to people you don't know.

X Never send money off in response to bogus psychic mailings. Identical letters predicting good or bad luck are sent to thousands of people

What is a scam?

A scam is a scheme to con someone out of their cash. Many scams take the form of bogus and fraudulent offers sent by post, telephone or e-mail.

Common Scams

Letters predicting the future: so-called psychics or clairvoyants promise to make predictions that will change the course of your life – but first you have to pay a fee.

Bogus foreign lotteries: You are informed of a large lottery win – but you have to send off administration, tax, and customs fees to claim your winnings. You get nothing.

Foreign money offers and advance-fee scams: You are offered a huge sum of money in return for helping to get money out of a foreign country, or you are told you are the sole heir to an inheritance. You are asked for your bank details or told to send a fee. You will get nothing in return, and your bank account may be raided.

'Golden' investment opportunities: You are offered the chance to invest money in things like shares, fine wine or gemstones. They are often over-priced, very high risk, and difficult to sell on.

'Miracle' health cures: You are promised 'miracle' cures for ailments such as arthritis. The claims are often exaggerated to con you out of money.

Don't let them con you!

This information comes from **THE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING**

BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2015

“We are an Easter People and Hallelujah is our Song!”

The great St. Augustine of Hippo wrote these words 1600 years ago and they have spoken to people through the ages down to our own time. Being an Easter people means that resurrection is part of our life experience. Easter celebrates how Jesus is present in our daily work, our relationships, the joys and sorrows of the world.

We are an Easter people, in a Good Friday world. Within Europe, many countries continue to live with the grinding effects of austerity. In the South of the continent, we have a whole generation of young people growing up without work. Eastern Ukraine has faced the misery and devastation of armed struggle. This is in addition to the conflicts in the wider world – in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria and Iraq – with their tragic humanitarian consequences.

In this kind of world, it could seem that the only God in whom we might believe, or refuse to believe, would be a deist god – that is, a god who may have created the world back in the mists of time but has since then left it alone to run down by itself. Whilst philosophers might find it interesting to debate whether or not such a god exists, the deist god would not make any practical difference to the way the world is.

By contrast, the Christian Easter insists that God is not a god who is far off, but one who in Jesus draws very near. In Jesus, God himself comes among us. As the Church Fathers insisted, “what God has created, only God can redeem”. In his bursting from the tomb on Easter Day, God releases new energy into the world. Far from allowing his world to decay, according to a relentless law of entropy, God in Christ initiates a programme of renewal. Beginning with the first disciples a new community is created that exhibits a remarkable degree of joy, hope, and love. 2000 years later, the Easter people is still growing rapidly in number, especially in Africa, in China and in some other Asian countries.

Unfortunately, in the old continent of Europe, the churches (or at least the traditional churches) are generally not enjoying numerical growth. Our own Church of England has been declining at the rate of about 1% per year for many years. On top of this, the average age of our church has increased so that it is now much higher than the average age of the UK population. This means that, even if we manage to replace all those who leave the church, we will still decline as a large proportion of our current membership comes to the end of their lives. Moreover, a bulge in the clergy age distribution means 40% of our clergy are due to retire in the next 10 years.

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Faced with this reality, one approach would be to dig our heads in the sand and either pretend that decline wasn't happening or that it doesn't matter. If our God was a God who had simply left the world to decline in its own way, then that might be permissible. But as an Easter People we simply daren't do this!

Aware of the great challenge facing the church, the General Synod at its meeting in February approved a range of reports that constitute an ambitious programme of 'Reform and Renewal'. At the heart of these is a renewal commitment to personal discipleship across all dioceses. There are plans to alter the way in which central church funds are distributed so that the church particularly addresses areas of deprivation and possibilities for growth, plans to increase the number of candidates for ordained ministry by 50%, proposals to simplify the process of church planting, all backed by a significant investment programme from the Church Commissioners.

The February General Synod was a gathering of some historic significance, and it left me with a real sense of hope in the future of our church. But all of us are aware that 'renewal' is not something that can be programmed or managed centrally. Renewal happens personally and locally. It is in our local communities that minds are challenged and hearts transformed.

This Holy Week, I will be spending Palm Sunday in Naples and Easter Sunday in Florence. I am deeply thankful to all our clergy and lay people who will be involved in the preparation and conduct of worship for Holy Week and Easter. I pray especially for those who will be endeavouring to communicate the Easter message in ways that will connect with regular churchgoers and visitors alike. I hope there will be an expectancy that people will come to faith in Jesus through the welcome and worship we offer. We have a great story to tell and a wonderful song to sing!

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter,

+ **Robert Gibraltar in Europe**

But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!
(Amos 5:24)

READINGS IN APRIL

5 th	EASTER DAY	First Reading	Acts 10. 34-43
		Psalm	118. 1-2, 14-24
		Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15. 1-11
		Gospel	John 20. 1-18
12 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	First Reading	Acts 4. 32-35
		Psalm	133
		Second Reading	1 John 1.1 - 2.2
		Gospel	John 20. 19-31
19 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	First Reading	Acts 3. 12-19
		Psalm	4
		Second Reading	1 John 3. 1-7
		Gospel	Luke 24. 36-48
26 th	4 th Sunday of Easter	First Reading	Acts 4. 5-12
		Psalm	23
		Second Reading	1 John 3. 16-24
		Gospel	John 10. 11.18

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AROUND THE TABLE

Lord around your table
now we kneel in prayer,
totally unworthy
in this feast we share

As we share these symbols
of your darkest hour
may we know the blessing
of your spirit's power.

yet we dare approach you
conscious of our sin.
Sanctify and cleanse us;
make us pure within.

Strengthen and refresh us
as we leave this place,
that our words and actions
may reflect your grace.

ALICE ODELL

PRAYERS FOR APRIL

Heavenly Father,

We acknowledge all we have comes from You, so with a grateful heart we give You thanks and pray for.....

1. The gift of laughter and all that makes us happy
2. Be with those who are exhausted by long working hours.....
3. and with those who are unemployed and would love the opportunity of a job
4. the recently bereaved and those who seek to bring them comfort
5. *'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised'*
6. give thanks for the springtime – warmer weather, longer days, new growth
7. give thanks for the postal service and internet – pray to use them wisely and well
8. our Jewish and Muslim neighbours
9. the Prayer Circle this afternoon as they pray together
10. give thanks for children who have 'flown the nest' and are self-sufficient
11.and for those, still young, who are at home; give thanks for the joy they bring
12. *'with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection'*
13. give thanks for all the blessings of the Lord to you, both spiritual and material
14. for the armed forces serving in the UN peace-keeping forces in the troubled areas of the world
15. Valerie Aucouturier attending the Archdeaconry of France Synod today until 18th
16. for the continued efforts to restore St. John's church for reopening
17. for those who profess no faith at all
18. give thanks to God for what you have and pray for His guidance on how to use the gifts He has given you
19. *'repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations'*
20. for friends and all that they do that enriches our lives
21. for those preparing for marriage
22. give thanks for poetry, music, books, all the arts that give pleasure
23. people suffering from terminal illnesses with no possibility of recovery.....
24. and the researchers trying so hard to discover remedies
25. teachers and leaders of youth groups
26. Bless all members of St. John's and those attending the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting today – be with their ideas, deliberations, decisions and choices
27. *'Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action'*
28. all Christians in our towns – may we encourage one another
29. those who provide our food every day, farmers, lorry drivers, shop keepers
30. Our Priest-in-charge, churchwardens, chaplaincy council in all they do for us

Thank you for listening, Lord,

May we, too, listen and act according to your will.

Amen