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Books available on loan 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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CROSS BORDER

Newsletter

July - August 2019

SUMMER TIME

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 10 July 2019 - 10.30am

No service in August

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 July 2019 - YEAR C

July 7 3 rd after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	2 Kings 5. 1-14 30 Galatians 6.(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
July 14 4 th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Amos 7.7-17 82 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37
July 21 5 th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Amos 8.1-12 52 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42
July 28 6 th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Hosea 1.2-10 85 Colossians 2.6-15, (16-19) Luke 11.1-13

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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.

BIBLE EYES

Every one of these answers is a person or thing in the Bible and they all have the link of something to do with eyes or sight.

1. He went blind on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:8)
2. Was blinded in Gaza and pulled down a building (Judges 16:29)
3. What Jesus put on the blind man's eyes (John 9:6)
4. Was a beggar in Jericho before meeting Jesus (Matthew 10:46)
5. Helped Paul regain his sight (Acts 9:17)
6. The boy Samuel ministered to him because his eyesight was going dim (1 Samuel 3)



Have your eyes ever been checked?

No, they've always been this colour.



Smile Lines

Do and say - My boss was always keen to motivate us, his staff, to come up with bright ideas. One day, in the men's room, he placed a sign directly above the sink. It had a single word on it: **“THINK!”**

It obviously inspired somebody, because the next day, right below it, and immediately above the soap dispenser, someone had carefully lettered another sign. It read simply: **“THOAP!”**

Volume - “Why he's the loudest-mouthed preacher I ever heard!” the pastor on holiday said indignantly as he stepped out of the church.

“Shush – dear,” his wife soothed. “You forget yourself.”

Bread - The head of a retreat house received a complaint about the bread that was served for supper. “People on retreat should not make a fuss about such trivial things,” he said. “St. Benedict would have eaten it with delight.” “Yes, father, but it was fresh then.”

Life at St. James-the-Least

The Rectory
St. James the Least

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My dear Nephew Darren,

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tickets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so unignorable last Winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long lost crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Stavely, who flourished in this area until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasanter if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft.

Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasurer had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs. Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our 'treasure' consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough bat droppings to keep our Verger's vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of choristers sitting above, as they munched their way through the sermons.

Later, that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak.

In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I shouted out that I'd been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Locum We welcome the Revd. Charles Wallace as our locum for July, and the Revd. David Houghton for August.

2019 European Parliament Elections On 3rd June Bishop Robert wrote to Rt. Hon. David Lidington CBE MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, UK Cabinet Minister with overall responsibility for constitutional affairs. Bishop Robert wrote of his concern of how over 3 million EU citizens are being treated and represented, particularly in the context of Brexit. He states two areas where significant complaints are being raised in his Diocese:-

- 1. Denial of ability to vote in the UK
- 2. Postal ballots not arriving in time.

Read Bishop Robert's full letter on the Diocesan website: <https://europe.anglican.org>

St. John's restoration Excitement is brewing as the restoration continues and a date for re-dedication of the church is being envisaged and discussed.

Fundraising Please share with our Chaplaincy Council ideas you may have for raising funds, or better still, after praying **The Prayer of a Fundraiser** on page 5, organise something yourself straight away.

The English Cemetery Chapel, Bordighera The chapel is much brighter inside after a whitewash of the walls.

Crossing Borders – Exploring Brexit Through the Lens of Ruth It is three years since the UK Referendum on EU exit. Corrymeela, Northern Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organisation has developed material based on the Book of Ruth to support discussions on Brexit among divided communities. See our Diocesan website.

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Don't go far!

The curate went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding, "we want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently, "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

Let us pray together through the summer

Every day we give thanks for the church building of St. John and pray for its complete restoration

Heavenly Father,
We pray / give thanks for:-

1. Give thanks for the fun of holidays and the chance to relax
2. for all those who work in the leisure industry at this busy time of year
3. give thanks for those who work in the public transport system, their service to all
4. for safety while travelling and our respect for others
5. those who are running activities for children during the school holidays
6. your immediate neighbours – their wellbeing
7. *'I will praise you Lord with my whole heart'*
8. those who cannot go on holiday
9. those who work as volunteers in charity organisations
10. the beaches, parks and outdoor spaces – so welcome at this time of year
11. for HM government, God's wisdom in their decisions at this difficult time
12. for those who work as vets
13. for patience in hot weather
14. *'You will listen, O Lord, to the prayers of the lowly'*
15. Lord, be with all who are trying to raise funds for St. John's restoration project
16. give thanks for the gift of laughter in our lives
17. for the British Association
18. give thanks for the gift of friends
19. for those who care for loved ones confined to their homes through ill health
20. for refugees; for children at risk of exploitation
21. *'The Lord is in his holy temple, He has his throne in heaven'*
22. for those suffering fear for the present, fear for the future
23. for the Prayer Circle
24. for young people – their hopes and plans
25. for all who work to bring justice and an end to poverty
26. those who find it hard to pray
27. give thanks for the week-end; a time to rest from work
28. *'the promises of the Lord can be trusted'*
29. for our churchwardens, our church council, their dedication on our behalf
30. our locums, and all who prepare and lead our services
31. give thanks for all God's blessings

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

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

Out of the depths the eagle soon will rise
and soar with majesty into the skies,
so be it with all men, the high, the low,
for e'en the humblest seed will surely grow,

fed by the sunlight, watered by soft rain,
and that which was mere dust, or just a grain,
will spring to life and turn towards the sun
and slumber in the shade when day is done.

Grey waves that break unceasing on the shore
will rise and fall in cycles evermore,
but in the course of time the tide will turn . . .
Observing nature man will swiftly learn

that seasons come and go and summer's sun
will shine and warm the hearts of everyone,
when winter seems eternal comes the spring,
re-birth, renewal, joy in everything.

Out of the depths there is one only way -
to rise and meet the challenge of the day,
the past is past, the future lies ahead,
so take my hand in yours and lightly tread . . .

Together we will cross the desert sand,
together we will find the Promised Land
and in the haunting hours twixt day and night
the vision of a Kingdom filled with light . . .

Anon

(If you know the author of this poem/prayer please let us know – Editor)

READINGS for SERVICES in AUGUST 2019 YEAR C

August 4 7th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Hosea 11.1-11 107.1-9, 43 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
August 11 8th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 50.1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40
August 18 9th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 5. 1-7 80. 1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56
August 25 10th after Trinity	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 1.4-10 71. 1-6 Hebrews 12. 18-29 Luke 13. 10-17

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**Have you tried Britain's olive oil?**

Do you get hay fever? Then those yellow fields of rapeseed that illuminate the English countryside each summer may seem a real nuisance. But if you like olive oil, here is some good news; you may at least enjoy the oil that comes from rapeseed.

Cold-pressed, rapeseed oil has a grassy 'green' taste. It contains Omegas 3, 6 and 9, essential fatty acids that reduce cholesterol, keep your heart healthy, your joints moving, and your brain functioning. Rapeseed oil is rich in vitamin E and high in mono-unsaturated fats. It has about half the saturated fat found in olive oil.

Rapeseed oil is one of the very few unblended oils which can be heated to deep-frying temperatures without spoiling its antioxidants, colour and flavour. It is good for roasting and for use as a table condiment for dipping bread.

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Children

Are the school holidays proving a strain? Children are a great comfort in your old age ... and they help you to reach it faster, too!

The Mission to Seafarers

In towns and cities around the world, men and women seafarers are saying goodbye to their families as they embark on year-long contracts at sea. In ports around the world, seafarers and stevedores conduct the daily rhythm of loading ships bound for far-off lands. In churches around the world, people are gathering to thank God for the important work that seafarers do in order for us to live our everyday lives.

It is too easy to forget the seafarers who bring us so much. We rely on them for our food, our clothes, our petrol and our cars. The shipping industry has changed considerably over the years but the problems seafarers face continue. Seafarers still lose their lives in shipping accidents, suffer the abuse of non-payment of wages and piracy is still a major problem. That is why the support of The Mission to Seafarers can make all the difference to their lives and working environments.

As an international mission agency of the Anglican Church, The Mission to Seafarers reaches out to the 1.5 million seafarers that man the merchant fleet with a message of love and hope in a harsh and often inhospitable environment.

We are there to support seafarers when they need us most. We work in over 200 ports caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of Chaplains, Staff and Volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support. In our centres, which are inviting places in the middle of dull, featureless docksides, seafarers can make the most of their limited time ashore by replenishing essential items from our shops, celebrating Communion and fellowship in our chapels and, crucially, they can use our telephones and computers to keep in touch with their loved ones thousands of miles away. Please pray for the work of The Mission to Seafarers as it engages with seafarers in ports around the world.

Sea Sunday is on 14 July

For more information visit www.missiontoseafarers.org

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O Holy Spirit, whose presence is liberty, grant us that freedom of the spirit,  
which will not fear to tread in unknown ways,  
not be held back by misgivings of ourselves and fear of others.  
Ever beckon us forward to the place of your will  
which is also the place of your power, O ever-leading, ever-loving Lord.  
*George Appleton*

We are all called to raise funds to cover the outstanding work being done in the restoration of our church of St. John and ask you to pray every day as we all work to raise the full amount

### The Prayer of a Fund-Raiser

Heavenly Father,

You are the giver of every perfect gift, Lord of the universe characterized by abundance and not scarcity. Help us to see that small beginnings can lead to surprising results, what seems like tiny advances can be stepping stones to great achievements.

Grant us the capacity to do all our fundraising as we would all other aspects of the life that reflects Christ.

Grant us insight to see all donors as image bearers who have the privilege of knowing that through their giving your name will be glorified and people can come and worship anew in the beauty of this church.

Grant us grace to do our work with diligence all the while recognizing that your work is not dependent on our efforts.

Grant us the vision to allow gift, grace and gratitude bring us joy in your service.

Grant us faith to see that the benefit to the donor and the strengthening of your body are the foundation of our activities.

Grant us the courage to be prayerfully attentive to your work having the conviction that fundraising is not an end in itself but an outcome of a life immersed in your word and teaching.

You sent us the indescribable gift of your son Jesus Christ to become poor and walk among us.

We thank you for your guidance in this new initiative and for the freedom and privilege to be returning to worship your Son in our church of St. John.

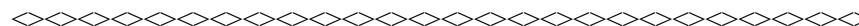
Amen

*A few observations from The Beacon .....*

### Cereal just as good as any sport drink...

Next time you return from the gym or a long run or whatever, reach for the wholegrain cereal and some skimmed milk. They are just as good for you after strenuous exercise as are the far more expensive sports drinks you can buy.

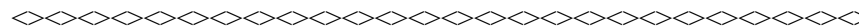
Researchers at the University of Texas have found that wheat flakes and skimmed milk do just as good a job at rehydrating and re-energising the muscles. Cereal and milk are also equally good at replenishing your blood sugar and insulin levels, and even better at protein production. The milk helped reduce lactic acid levels in the blood – these cause stiffness after exercise.



### Do you live in a warehouse?

Is your home full of clutter? How much of it is actually yours? It could well belong to your children – even though they no longer live with you. It seems the younger generation, living in small city flats, is using the family home as their storage dump for unused but still wanted goods. The phenomenon has become known as the 'warehouse of mum and dad'.

Some warehouse! - a survey has found that parents are now looking after some £2.4billion of their grown-up children's gear. One in 12 parents has asked their children to remove their old possessions, with no success. One in five says that their children were well into their twenties and early thirties before they removed their last possessions from the family home. The keepsakes range from old clothing to photographs, from holiday souvenirs to old school books and music gear. Only one of eight parents say they enjoy the nostalgia of climbing over all this stuff.



### Get children off the internet and into the library

Children are failing to learn properly because instead of reading and thinking and learning, they simply go online and copy facts straight off the internet. Bookshops are disappearing at an alarming rate and libraries could share the same fate. Julia Donaldson, the best-selling author of *The gruffalo* has said 'I care very much about libraries and I look forward to opportunities to speak out against the cuts and closures I see as so damaging to our children's future'. Julia Donaldson was the most borrowed children's author in libraries nine years ago.