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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

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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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THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter



**THE BRITISH & COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES CEMETERY
BORDIGHERA**

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Tuesday 12th November 2019 - 10.30am

LEST WE FORGET

READINGS for SERVICES in NOVEMBER 2019 - YEAR C

November 3 ALL SAINTS' DAY	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 56. 3-8 33. 1-5 Hebrews 12. 18-24 Luke 6. 20-31
November 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	 Remembrance Leaflet
November 17 SECOND BEFORE ADVENT	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Malachi 4. 1-2 98 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 Luke 21. 5-19
November 24 CHRIST THE KING	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 23. 1-6 46 Colossians 1. 11-20 Luke 23. 33-43

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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.

From Bishop David's Blog:

Saint John Henry Newman
The first British Saint in modern times

John Henry Newman the key figure in the Oxford Movement in the Church of England, who converted to Roman Catholicism in 1845, was canonised by Pope Francis on 13th October in Rome. His conversion was highly controversial in the middle of the nineteenth century and at the time was felt by many to be a setback for the Oxford Movement itself. Nevertheless, we Anglicans owe much to Newman for his teaching and influence which restored to the Church of England a renewed understanding its rootedness in the Catholic Church of Christ.

No wonder that HRH Prince Charles, who attended the canonisation then a reception hosted by the UK Embassy to the Holy See, encouraged us all, Anglicans and Roman Catholics, to celebrate St. John Henry as a priest, poet but above all as a thinker ahead of his time. “One of the greatest theologians of the nineteenth century”, is how Prince Charles described him.

When Newman preached his last sermon as a priest of the Church of England it was entitled, “*The Parting of Friends*”. Somehow at the canonisation we Anglicans felt reunited with our Roman Catholic friends. Perhaps St. John Henry Newman should be the patron of ecumenism as some have suggested.

Below is St. John Henry's evening prayer, which is in Common Worship: Daily Prayer

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at last
through Christ our Lord.

(For the full text with photos on Bishop David's Blog see the Diocesan website)

Life at St. James-the-Least

*The Rectory
St. James the Least*

My dear Nephew Darren,

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum.

Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service – although at her age I am rather surprised she doesn't call it a Bassinette Service. Its sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily develop into a teenage pyromaniac.

I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge – a pastime still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St. Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ. You must worship God in your way, and I in his.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Locum Revd. Neville Griffiths and his wife Siân remain with us until 25th November.

Poppies Poppies are available in San Roch Chapel on Sundays, at the meeting in The Louvre on Saturday mornings and in The British and Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at the Remembrance Service on Tuesday morning 12th November. As The Royal British Legion reminds us:-

**"Don't just wear a poppy for the memory of the fallen,
wear it for the future of the living"**

St. John's restoration Work continues – see our church website for the latest photos and update.

Fundraising There will be a bric-a-brac stall run by church members at the **Braderie in Menton on Sunday 10th November**. If you would like to help or have some **good quality bric-a-brac** to give please speak to **BARBARA CORRY** who is the person organising the stall for our church. Thank you so much.

**An act of love that fails
is just as much a part of the divine love
as an act of love that succeeds.
For love is measured by its fullness
and not by its reception.**

[Harold Loukes, a British Quaker]

Animal Welfare Sunday - 6th October 2019

The Retiring Collection of €127 provided medicines and food for the animals that are given homes in the Refuge at the National League for the Defence of Dogs (also cats) in Ventimiglia. The animals are often old and abandoned and cannot find homes outside the Refuge. So, thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

*Barbara Corry
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Let us pray together through November

Every day we give thanks for the church building of St. John, built by '*The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*', and pray for its complete restoration, that we may be able to open its doors once more to all who seek to worship God our heavenly Father therein, and to carry forward His mission for us in this place.

Heavenly Father,

We praise you and give thanks for:-

1. The recent rain, the freshly washed glistening leaves, the sweet smelling air
2. that we may all strive for the well-being of Your creation
3. Remember and give thanks for those now with God, who accompanied you on your Christian journey ...
4. give strength to face loss and grief, especially when a death was sudden
5. give thanks for all who work in the caring professions
6. for the work of Amnesty International and all prisoners of conscience
7. give thanks to God for the truth the Bible reveals
8. Ask God how you can help those working hard to raise money for the restoration
9. for those who “drop-in” for coffee and a chat at the Louvre this morning
10. the troubles and perils of nations at war – those who live there
11. for servicemen and women in the armed forces, their families,
12. For lasting peace in God's world – let us help build that peace, God's peace
13. for any couples you know who are preparing for marriage
14. for the people of Menton, their beautiful town and the town where you live
15. help us Lord to go about our daily life joyfully
16. give us the desire to pray for those who oppose us
17. pray for anyone you know who is ill at home or in hospital
18. enlighten us with your spirit to know our mission in this place
19. comfort those who suffer violence; enter & change the hearts of the perpetrators
20. the opportunities the Internet opens up, wise use of the World Wide Web
21. for those who have no home to go to, no bed to sleep in
22. Lord give strength to all those who welcome the refugees
23. grant the refugees and us the hope of a future built on justice for all
24. pray for all our visitors - the encouragement they give and news they bring
25. for those who care for loved ones
26. for members of the emergency services on the streets of big cities - their safety
27. when we speak of You, Lord, may our words be full of praise and thanksgiving
28. pray for those of other faiths and those with no faith at all
29. pray that there will be time to reflect on God's word during Advent
30. remember and give thanks for all the good things that this month has brought

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

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Safiya Nyirongo CEO of the ACF writes:

“Through CCMP women from Central Tanganyika [have not only become self-supporting but] are also helping others to meet their basic needs, providing food and contributing to school fees. Essentially, through participation in this programme, they have become their own group of charitable donors.”

2. Women on the Frontline

'Women on the Frontline' is a programme designed for senior Christian women, usually wives of bishops, in areas affected by violence, conflicts and poverty, bring them together on retreat and giving practical training in reconciliation. The programme is led by Mrs Caroline Welby, wife to Archbishop Justin Welby, and Mrs Sarah Snyder, the Archbishop's Advisor on Reconciliation.

In many parts of the Communion, bishops' wives are thrust into an important role as the 'Mother' of the diocese and are expected to provide leadership to women in the church. Unlike their husbands, who will have had some training for their roles, these women are very often unskilled and uneducated for the role they find themselves in. They need encouragement and equipping to carry out their role with confidence.

Safiya Nyirongo: “Women sometimes come into training worn down and burdened by the expectations placed on them, as well as their experiences of conflict, alongside deeply traumatised women without knowing how to support them. They may be discouraged. However, they often come out of the programme full of hope and a sense of possibility and sensing solidarity with other women. They feel they are loved and called into their role and that they can make a positive impact.”

Every 'Women on the Frontline' programme reaches about 20 women directly. Each of these women take their learning and experience back to their communities. If each reaches a further 10, then 200 women are impacted.

Four programmes have now been run – in South Sudan, Burundi, the Solomon Islands and DRC. Further programmes are planned in the Middle East and Pakistan.

The Lambeth Conference in July 2020 will bring together 500 or so bishops plus spouses from across the Anglican Communion. This is our diocese's opportunity to strengthen mission work across the Communion and to make the Communion real for people (especially women) in other continents. We can make a difference both to senior Anglican women in conflict stricken areas and to community groups in Tanzania. Advent is the season of hope, and we can share some of this delightful virtue with others.

Please do support my appeal.

With every blessing

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Anglican Community Fund – Empowering Women
The Role and Work of the Anglican Community Fund (ACF)

My appeal for Advent 2019 is for the Anglican Community Fund (ACF) – the only Fund I am aware of that specifically supports the mission and work of communities across the Anglican Communion often in the poorest and most dangerous parts of the world.

In August 2019, Helen and I had the privilege of sharing in a pilgrimage in the Holy Land for bishops and their spouses from across the global Anglican Communion. That experience gave me a renewed vision for the huge potential of the Anglican Communion in a work where many of our biggest problems, such as climate change, migration and human trafficking involve inter-relationships between people in different countries and continents.

Whilst not a big fund ACF tries to deliver maximum impact by working at three levels in the Anglican world:

- Resourcing local projects in line with the 5 marks of mission initiated by churches, and responding to crises;
- Strategic partnerships: working at the level of an Anglican Primate/Archbishop level to develop a strategic plan for an Anglican Province;
- Enabling the Anglican Church to be represented in the United Nations, the European Institutions and through the Anglican Centre in Rome.

My appeal focuses on the ACFs work with empowerment of women, because we know that women often both bear the heaviest costs of poverty or conflict and are also those whose empowerment can do the most to bring development that reaches grass roots and bring hope for the future.

My appeal covers the first two levels of ACF's interests.

1. Tanzania Strategic Partnership

The Anglican Church of Tanzania has a vision for spiritual and socio-economic transformation across the country and, with the help of ACF funds, they are rolling out a Church and Community Mobilisation Programme (CCMP) in over 20 dioceses. CCMP uses Mothers Union Bible Study groups to help people bring positive change to their families and communities.

Village and Community Banks enable group members to contribute towards and receive micro-loans to help them create businesses.

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WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

11th November is Armistice Day in the UK, but in the USA since 1954 11th November has been called 'VETERANS' DAY'. Dedication that special day in Congress President Dwight Eisenhower urged the world to "Remember the sacrifices of those who fought so gallantly and re-dedicate ourselves to promoting enduring peace".

The Royal British Legion supports veterans of the Armed Forces and those in active service and their families with rehabilitation, finances, employment, holiday breaks and other vital services.

They provide recovery and rehabilitation support to currently serving and ex-service personnel who are wounded, injured, sick.

The Battle Back Centre at Lillleshall in the West Midlands provides sports and adventure activities designed to promote self-confidence and improve motivation. 7,137 wounded, injured or sick Serving or ex-Serving personnel have attended the Battle Back Centre since it opened in 2009.

Remember the Wise

Remember the wise; for you have laboured, and you are entering into their labours.

Every fact you are taught is a voice from beyond the tomb, an heirloom from men whose bodies are now in the dust. Most of them were poor; many died and saw no fruit of their labours; some were persecuted, some were slain. Of some the very names are forgotten. But their works live, and grow and spread over fresh generations of youth, showing them fresh steps toward that temple of wisdom which is the knowledge of things as they are; the knowledge of those eternal laws by which God governs the heavens and the Earth, things seen and unseen, from the rise and fall of mighty nations to the growth and death of moss on yonder moors.

Charles Kingsley

COME AND BUY!

AT THE CHURCH STALL

MENTON BRADERIE

ON SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

IN AID OF RESTORATION FUNDS

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - DONATION WISH LIST

*Are you thinking of donating to the renovation fund?
If so why not help pay some of the expenses?*

Lighting around the altar and church
4,200€

Frieze restoration
4,800€

New front doors to the church, custom made in Nice,
as required by the Bâtiments de France
13,600€

Restore and clean all stained glass windows
completed by Master Craftsman, M Bellion
55,000€

Security video alarm system
5,000€

Audio System
1,700€

Please use an envelope for your Cheque, which should be drafted to
St. John's Anglican Church

or online at www.anglicanchurchmenton.com/giving

or by post to: St. John's Anglican Church,
2 Avenue du Pigautier,
06500 Menton,
France

*Thank you for your generous donation,
May God bless you*

At the time of writing the reading on the **Barometer** outside St. John's church had
risen to 9%. Spread the word. Let's keep it rising.

A Poem for the over 60's

I remember the cheese of my childhood,
and the bread that we cut with a knife,
when the children helped with the housework
and the men went to work, not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge
and the bread was so crusty and hot,
the children were seldom unhappy
and the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
with the yummy cream on the top,
our dinner came hot from the oven
and not from the fridge, in the shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
they didn't need money for kicks,
just a game with their mates in the road,
and sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
where a pen'orth of sweets was sold.
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it I'm just getting old?

I remember the 'loo' was the lav
and the bogey man came in the night,
it wasn't the least bit funny
going "out back" with no light.

The clothes were boiled in the copper
with plenty of rich foamy suds,
but the ironing seemed never ending
as Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
and the taste of soap as I swore.
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
and we hadn't much choice what we wore

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
and I think life was better enjoyed.