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First Eucharist Service in St. John's - 12 July 10.30am

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The English Library, St. John's Church, Menton

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

The British Association, Menton Chair: Birgitt Nordbrink Tel #33(0)4 93 28 10 02
A representative of the Association is present in the Louvre, Saturdays 9.30-11.30

The Anglican Community, Bordighera

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Eucharist Service: usually 2nd Wednesday of each month – 10.30am
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Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30
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THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter August 2020

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MENTON

St. John's is open for worship
during the covid-19 epidemic
according to rules and restrictions for churches in France

EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY 10.30am

Celebrant: Revd. David Houghton
Locum Chaplain

Please check regularly on website for times
and any changes that may occur
during the covid-19 epidemic period

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THE ANGLICAN CHAPEL, BORDIGHERA

EUCCHARIST - 12 AUGUST - 10.30am

READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in AUGUST 2020 YEAR A

August 2 Trinity 8	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 55.1-5 145.8-9, 15-22 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
August 9 Trinity 9	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	1 Kings 19.9-18 85.8-13 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
August 16 Trinity 10	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 67 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.(10-20), 21-28
August 23 Trinity 11	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 51.1-6 138 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
August 30 Trinity 12	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 15.15-21 26.1-8 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28

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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 baptised 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.

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Life at St. James-the-Least

*The Rectory
St. James-the-Least*

My dear Nephew Darren,

The estimate for re-hanging the bells in our church tower came as something of a shock. The church council discussed fund-raising at length. Someone suggested selling part of the Rectory garden for building, another for getting 200 parishioners to loan £1,000 each, interest-free. Mrs Ffrench suggested holding a jumble sale. The jumble sale won – mainly because it gives everyone an opportunity to see what their neighbours think of as junk.

Expensive articles are brought with an ostentatious show of modesty when everyone is together, sorting donations. Genuine rubbish, such as black and white televisions that broke 20 years ago and cardigans with holes at the elbows are left at the church hall doors in the dead of night.

Before the doors opened, all the helpers were assembled behind piles of clothing, which had they collapsed would have smothered half the congregation. I was unable to see little Miss Faversham, who rarely misses these opportunities to kit herself out with another year's wardrobe. Someone pointed to one table and told me she was in men's clothing. I always had my suspicions.

Once the doors were opened and customers poured in, I got a better appreciation of how the Italians must have felt when they saw Hannibal with his elephants pouring down the sides of the Alps. That is when the mettle of our ladies really shows, haggling over whether something worth £10 goes for 10 or 11p. Those used to riding with hounds seem best able to control the crowds – even if they occasionally tend to regard the customers as the fox.

As it happened, the youth club were going pot-holing that day, so most of the teenagers bought complete sets of clothing for 10p which could then be discarded afterwards. I wondered what their caving instructor would think of teenagers arriving dressed in dinner jackets and tweed skirts.

Two days of preparation leads to a battle that is over in less than an hour and we emerge bloodied but unbowed, home for a bath, in the knowledge that the first step to saving the bells has been taken. Only another 2,500 jumble sales and we shall have reached our target. The day was slightly marred when I crossed the church hall car park to see a note stuck on to my car: “sold – to be collected later”.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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LET US PRAY TOGETHER THROUGH AUGUST

Heavenly Father,

We praise You and give you thanks and make our supplications

1. Thank you Lord, that we live in hope and are bound together through your love
2. *Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, his love is eternal*
3. Give thanks to all who are running activities for children during the school holidays and covid-19
4. for those who work as volunteers in charity organisations
5. Lord, guide us to choose the best way forward in all our decision making
6. all young people who have never heard the gospel message
7. safety on the roads
8. give thanks for the locums who take our services in St. John's
9. *Your constant love reaches above the heavens; your faithfulness touches the skies*
10. those who work in the public transport systems across Europe
11. families who struggle to exist because of poverty
12. give thanks for books and the pleasure they give
13. give thanks for the Chaplaincy Church Council – their commitment
14. Terrorists and knifings, that God may bring about a change in their hearts
15. all who give generously to help maintain the ministry of this church
16. *I will give loud thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the assembly of the people.*
17. give thanks that we can speak freely of our faith
18. pray for those who are persecuted for their beliefs
19. pray for all those who work in the hospitals in our towns
20. and pray for the patients who are treated there
21. those who feel they are unloved
22. smile – God intended us to look joyful
23. *The Lord is at your right side*
24. Lord, today let me sit quietly and be still in your presence
25. think on the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
26. give thanks for anyone who has encouraged you in your faith
27. those who are battling against discrimination of any kind
28. nurses everywhere – the wonderful work they do to assist the sick and the dying
29. ask God to bless each person as you meet them today
30. *How wonderful are the things of the Lord.*
31. Give thanks for all God's blessings this month

**Lord, thank you for talking to us in our prayers,
may we listen and put what you say into practice.
Amen**

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

ST. JOHN'S is OPEN A Eucharist service is held every Sunday at 10.30am.

Please help us follow the guidelines issued by the Church of England & France.

- All surfaces to be disinfected prior to public worship.
- Hand sanitising stations upon entry and exit
- The two-metre 'rule' applies for public worship except in situations where closer contact cannot be avoided; extra Public Health precautions must then be taken.
- Wearing of face-coverings is voluntary.
- Government guidance includes a request for names of attendees to be recorded and kept for 21 days to assist 'track and trace'.
- Singing, chanting and playing of brass or woodwind instruments are not recommended.
- Detailed instructions on 'consumables' suggest that services of Holy Communion can be held if specific guidance followed, including the continued suspension of the Common Cup.
- Queue management to reduce congestion and contact.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS will resume in September. It is a time for fellowship, tea or coffee and a look through the newly installed English Library.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED for the time being, because the church is not accessible during the week while work continues on the nearby building site.

ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING IN ST. JOHN'S It will be a very interesting meeting and we hope that many of you will be able to attend. It is hoped that it will take place in August or September, the date was not known before publishing this issue of the Cross Border. If you are unable to attend church to know the date of the Annual Meeting, please look on our website.

LOCUM Revd. David Houghton will be with us for August and September.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

FRANK WILDING

25 July, 2020

We pray for those who have been bereaved



WORSHIPPERS in ST. JOHN'S CHURCH and the CEMETERY CHAPEL



TO ALL CONCERNED

A message from our Diocesan Bishop
the Rt. Revd. Dr. Robert Innes

How absolutely wonderful to see St. John's Menton re-opened for worship.

My sincere congratulations to all who have laboured, waited and prayed for this moment.

I am so thrilled that the building is now open again after all this time.

Well done to all concerned.

Every blessing,
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