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THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter OCTOBER 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

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THE ANGLICAN CHAPEL, BORDIGHERA

Eucharist Second Wednesday of each month - 10.30am

Please check with Barbara Corry

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Please visit St. John's website
for any changes that may occur
during the covid-19 epidemic period

www.anglicanchurchmenton.com

READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in OCTOBER 2020 YEAR A

October 4 Trinity 17 Animal Welfare Sunday	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 19 Philippians 3. 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-46
October 11 Trinity 18	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25. 1-9 23 Philippians 4. 1-9 Matthew 22. 1-14
October 18 Trinity 19	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Exodus 33. 12-23 99 Thessalonians 1. 1-10 Matthew 22. 15-22
October 25 Trinity 20	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Leviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8 Matthew 22. 34-46

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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.

Life at St. James-the-Least

*The Rectory
St. James-the-Least*

My dear Nephew Darren,

Thank you for your contribuion to our proposed parish cook book, “My favourite weekday dinner at home” - although I have to say that baked beans in a baked potato was a little unadventurous, even if I suspect, sadly, true.

Those who think football is a competitive sport should see the manoeuvring that has gone on for submitting a midweek dinner that tries to appear wholly unostentatious while simultaneously being massively exotic. It is remarkable how many parishioners, when they know they will appear in print, apparently dine sumptuously every evening in their own homes. I could not help but feel that Miss Carruthers' recipe for “Gratinée de Coquilles Saint Jacques” was taking imagination rather too far, when everyone knows she has a dinner of scrambled eggs on toast on a tray in front of the television. Besides, not only does she not speak a word of French, she has enough trouble with English.

Asking the bishop to write the preface for our cook book has not turned out entirely successfully, since the greater part of it extolled the virtues of fasting. I suspect this may have something to do with his attraction to lean, muscular Christianity and his disapproval of my ample waistline. And when attending a social occasion at the bishop's palace, “lean” would definitely be my description of the size of the sherry he pours.

When you buy a copy of the book – which I am sure you will do as an act of solidarity – do not attempt to follow Colonel Humphrey's recipe for a Madras curry. He acquired a taste for it when he was serving in India and, regrettably, he brought the recipe back to England. It is guaranteed to reduce the bravest of men to tears; the Colonel's four pink gins before dinner seem to give him a certain anaesthetic protection.

The editor returned my own recipe, mentioning that the “two large glasses of red wine” specified in the list of ingredients was not mentioned in the recipe. I had thought it was perfectly obvious that they were there to be drunk while making the meal.

The project is to raise funds to repair our mediaeval tower, which our architect tells us is largely held in place by its own weight. It is rather comforting to think that we shall preserve it for another generation by selflessly eating our way through bacon and beef pies, beef Wellington and chicken in wine and mushroom sauce. The baked beans will probably be of minority interest.

*Your loving uncle,
Eustace*

LET US PRAY TOGETHER THROUGH OCTOBER

Heavenly Father,

We praise You and give you thanks and make our supplications

1. Pray for all who are unable to be with us in church during this long period of covid-19 restrictions and travel difficulties
2. give thanks for all those who prepare St. John's to welcome us on Sundays
3. ... and those who keep the garden in order
4. *ANIMAL SUNDAY – give thanks to the Lord for all animals, wild or domestic*
5. Give thanks to God for the recent rain
6. pray for students during the coronavirus epidemic – health, activity, friendships
7. pray for the people you know who are receiving or awaiting treatment in hospital
8. pray for all who give of themselves, selflessly caring for others
9. pray for those making a new beginning – at work after having lost their job
10. give thanks for those who work in food banks, sharing with the needy.
11. *He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake*
12. Pray for the refugees on the border between Italy and France – food to eat, and a warm bed at night
13. Help us to be aware of the needs of the people around us
14. Lord, may you be the strength and support for all who care for the elderly
15. Help us to learn what is important in life – faith, hope and love
16. for all children raised in families where there's disorder and chaotic relationships
17. Give thanks for rest & relaxation, to withdraw from the busyness of life
18. *Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.*
19. for the leaders of our countries that they may make just & righteous decisions
20. Lord, give hope to your people who live in countries where there is conflict
21. Help us to hold fast to your ways and not be swayed by popular opinion
22. Show us how to work across the generations to better the lives of young people
23. We pray for all those who are preparing for the priesthood
24. give thanks for those who have served the church as locums
25. *Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked*
26. Pray for those who tend the parks and public gardens in our towns
27. give thanks for the work of the local hospitals and pray for their staff
28. Give thanks for those who smile or share a friendly chat with you today
29. Lord, be with us in the situations we face and give us the resilience we need
30. Lord, inspire us to make the most of all that life offers us
31. Thank God for his love and care for you

**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

THE VEN. MEURIG WILLIAMS, ARCHDEACON OF FRANCE
COMMISSARY and CHAPLAIN TO THE BISHOP IN EUROPE
will be leaving the Diocese in December after a decade
of service among us. He will be moving to a new clergy appointment
in the Diocese of Cork

Bishop Robert says:

“Meurig has served the diocese with distinction over these last 10 years as Bishop's Chaplain for two Diocesan Bishops, and as Archdeacon for two contrasting archdeaconries, first North West Europe, followed by France and Monaco.

He has gained the affection and respect of clergy and lay people alike, been responsible for the appointment and care of clergy, and looked after numerous parishes in interregna. As a member of the Senior Staff Team, Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod, Meurig has contributed to the developing and shaping of the diocese's vision for its ministry and mission.

He will be much missed in the Bishop's Office and in the Chaplaincies of the French Archdeaconry, and Meurig's new parish in Ireland will be fortunate indeed to have a priest and pastor of such rich and deep experience.

LOCUMS

We are sorry to say that we have received cancellations from Revd. John McManners and Revd. Mika Pajunen, due to Covid-19 restrictions and difficulties in travelling, and so unable to come for locum ministry in the coming months, However we are pleased to say that Fr. Keith will be celebrating the eucharist in St. John's on Sunday 4th October and 18th October.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH At present the church is open on Sundays for the 10.30am Eucharist and on Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30am. for fellowship time; a chat and tea or coffee, or a cold drink. The newly installed English Library will also be open. The church is not accessible during the week as work continues on the nearby building site. However, the good news is that the water has now been turned on in the church.

ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING The meeting will take place immediately after the service on Sunday 18th October. All are welcome to attend but only enrolled members of the church may vote.

ORGAN The organ has arrived and installation has begun.

All in the month of: OCTOBER

185 years ago: - on 14th October 1835 that four schoolteachers in Wheeling, Virginia, USA, were cvharged with illegally teaching blacks to read.

110 years ago: - on 30th October 1910 that Henry Dunant, Swiss founder of the Red Cross and the international Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) died. His ideas formed the basis of the Geneva Convention.

100 years ago: – on 7th October 1920 that Oxford University allowed women to study for full degrees for the first time. A week later (14th October) the University conferred its first degrees on women. (They had already earned them, but not been allowed to hold them until now.) Among the first to redeivfe their degree was writer Dorothy L. Sayers.

85 years ago: - on 20th October 1935 that The Long March ended. Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong and 8,000 followers arrived in Yan'an after a year-long march.

80 years ago: - the Second World War had reached the following events:
: - on 9th October 1940 The Blitz raged; and a German bomb destroyed the high altar of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.
: - on 12th October 1940 that the Nazis estagblished the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland
: - on 31st October 1940 that the Battle of Britain ended.

40 years ago: - on 3rd October 1980 that the Housing Act came into effect in Britain, giving more than five million council tenants the right to buy their houses.

Also 40 years ago: - on 10th October 1980 that Margaret Thatcher gave a memorable and defiant speech at the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton, saying: “The lady's not for turning!”

Also 40 years ago: - on 17th October 1980 that the Queen made the first state visit to the Vatican by a British monarch.

30 years ago; - on 3rd October 1990 that East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

Also 30 years ago: - on 8th October 1990 that Britain joined the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) (3)

The masks you throw away could kill a WHALE !

As the world battles the coronavirus pandemic more and more protective equipment is ending up in the sea.

Globally we are using 129 million face masks and 65 billion plastic gloves each month according to some estimates.

Divers and observers are spotting more of this discarded waste floating underwater, causing problems for wildlife and washing up on shorelines all over the world.

(I have seen some here on the Riviera of Flowers; on beaches and in parks – Ed.)

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A prayer for St. Francis Day - 4th October

You have taught us through your servant St. Francis
that all creation is your handiwork.
Grant us your grace that we may
exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;
Tread lightly upon it;
and cherish its resources;
that our children may enjoy its riches
throughout all generations,
and your name be glorified through all that you have made.
Amen.

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Back to Uni

Let us remember in our prayers at this time all those young people who have recently gone back to their universities. And especially, let us pray for those whose first taste of university life and being away from home this might be. May it be a positive and fulfilling experience. And let us also pray for those parents whose youngsters have recently moved away from home to begin a more independent life.