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

Books available on loan - Saturday mornings from 9.30-12.30
Wednesday afternoons – 2.30-5.30
Refreshments also available

The British Association

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The Association continues to meet Saturday mornings in the Louvre from 10 to 12 midday.

The Anglican Community, Bordighera

The English Cemetery Chapel, Via del Campo, Bordighera, Italy

Eucharist Service: usually 2nd Wednesday of each month – 10.30am
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The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genova

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Eucharist - Sundays 10.30am
Holy Communion or Shared Prayers – Wednesdays 12.30
Website: www.anglicanchurchgenoa.org

THE CROSS BORDER

Newsletter
JUNE 2021

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MENTON

EUCCHARIST
SUNDAY - 10.30am

As we come out of covid-19 restrictions

PLEASE CHECK ON WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION

TRINITY

THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL
BORDIGHERA

No Service at present
please check St. John's website for any changes

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

Chaplain: Revd. Canon Tony Dickinson - Tel. #39 010 88 92 68

EUCCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am

Holy Communion or Shared Prayers - Wednesdays 12.30

The Food Bank is open every Sunday and Wednesday after the Eucharist

READINGS for SUNDAY SERVICES in JUNE 2021 - YEAR B

June 6 Trinity 1	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 3.8-15 130 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1 Mark 3.20-35
June 13 Trinity 2	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 17.22-24 92.1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4.26-34
June 20 Trinity 3	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Job 38.1-11 107.1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41
June 27 Trinity 4	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15, 2.23-24 30 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43

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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.

Life at St. James-the-Least

*The Rectory,
St. James-the-Least*

On why Arts Festivals in church are a bad idea

My dear Nephew Darren,

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner city streets, was most commendable. Pity how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from "Oklahoma", with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies - through years of experience - can now get 34 cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several months.

What you now do with 89 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Reimagine, Recreate, Restore

For too long, we have been exploiting and destroying our planet's ecosystems. Every three seconds, the world loses enough forest to cover a football pitch and over the last century we have destroyed half of our wetlands. As much as 50% of our coral reefs have already been lost and up to 90% of coral reefs could be lost by 2050, even if global warming is limited to an increase of 1.5°C.

The emergence of Covid-19 has also shown just how disastrous the consequences of ecosystem loss can be. By shrinking the area of natural habitat for animals, we have created ideal conditions for pathogens – including coronaviruses – to spread with this big and challenging picture. The World Environment Day is focusing the ecosystem restoration and its theme is “Reimagine, Recreate, Restore”.

Ecosystem restoration means preventing, halting and reversing the damage – to go from exploring nature to healing it. This World Environment Day will kick off the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) a global mission to revive billions of hectares, from forests to farmlands, from the top of mountains to the depths of the sea. Only with healthy ecosystems can we enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change and stop the collapse of biodiversity.

Reimagine, Recreate, Restore

This is our moment. We cannot turn back time. But we can grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature.

Let's get active, not anxious

Let's be bold, not timid.

Our mission is to revive the planet in just 10 years.

It's ambitious, but possible. It's going to take everyone.

It's going to take you.

“As we work to end the pandemic and build better, we have a once in a generation opportunity – and responsibility – to correct our relationship with the natural world including the world's seas and oceans”

Antonio Guterres - United Nations Secretary General

(From the United Nations website: [un.org/en/observances/environment-day](https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day))

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Services in St. John's

Sunday 6 June 10.30am - Morning Prayer, Churchwardens

Sunday 13 June 10.30am - Morning Prayer, Churchwardens

Sunday 20 June 10.30am - Eucharist, celebrant Fr. David Houghton
Organist - M. Benjamin Prischi

Sunday 27 June 10.30am - Eucharist, celebrant Fr. David Houghton
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Locum We welcome back Fr. David Houghton from mid June to the end of July.

Services on St. John's Website

If you are unable to be in St. John's church on Sundays, follow the online service on the website:- www.anglicanchurchmenton.com

Library The English Library of fiction and non-fiction books is open Saturday mornings from 09.30 to 12.30 and Wednesday afternoons from 14.30 to 17.30.

Sunday Collections Due to COVID restrictions, please place your offerings in the basket on the table at the back of the Church on leaving, or if unable to be in church bring them with you the next time you come, or donate online. Thank you.

Braderie Good quality bric-a-brac for sale at the back of the church to help funds.

English Cemetery Chapel, Bordighera

Revd Canon Tony Dickinson kindly came from the Church of the Holy Ghost, Genova, on 12th May to celebrate the Eucharist with us for the first time since October. We were only a few; some people were still blocked in the UK and visitors were not yet travelling, but it was good to be able to meet up again, worship together, and share our news. It was a beautiful day and we had organised a picnic after the service.

Time flew, and Fr Tony just had time to meet Sig. Ciro Scarnari, the President of the Association which had taken over the care of the cemetery a few years ago. Fr Tony was escorted round the terraces, most covered in graves with other land still to be used. It was the first time that Fr Tony had seen the English Cemetery. On other occasions he had taken part in the Remembrance Services in the British & Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. A few problems that needed attention were pointed out to him, before he was whisked off to the station for the train back to Genova.

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From our locum Fr. David

Today, I needed to travel up from my home in a medium-size Kent town to central London. It used to be called the 'rush hour'. My 07.20 would have been full and standing. Today there was just a handful of passengers waiting to board; I had four seats to myself and I almost craved for those days of bustle, excitement, 'rush'. There are pockets of metropolis that are nearly busy, but significant areas remain deserted and convey an eerie atmosphere of absence and melancholy. The pandemic has had a catastrophic effect on many lives, and I noticed this today in the rows of closed shops, bars, sandwich outlets, theatres. Perhaps the next weeks will tell a different tale?

By contrast, my local town seems busier than before. The Pub round the corner looks lively and inviting tables are set outside a coffee shop – even in this arctic May weather. If folk are venturing out it looks as if they prefer the local to the big City. It is claimed there is a surge of interest in the privately managed store or restaurant, and in locally produced food. I suspect readers along the Mediterranean will recognise this aspect of life?

My working life has mostly been spent in the local Church – the parish. I have always been able to walk to work, receive residents (parishioners) in my home, meet some in the neighbouring streets and even, happily, accompany a few on their life journey. The pattern of parishes is a particular gift of the Christian church in many countries. The Parish Church is there both to serve the needs of the people and to be a place of gathering for all, putting aside any distinction of social standing, privilege and creed. In England it remains the legal right of any person to be married in the parish church serving their residence. But this local icon is at risk. Financial pressures and increasing social mobility draw a question mark over the provision of so many, often expensive to maintain, buildings however sacred.

Yet, we do know more and more the power of the local gathering and how much our lives interact with immediate and intimate places and people. This summer we pray that St John's will find itself again in the centre of life in Menton and in the hearts of the people – those who worship and those who recognise the Church as a place of welcome, safety, restoration.

David Houghton

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*Thought for the month . . . .*

Whatever you are,  
Make sure you are a good one!

*(Abraham Lincoln)*

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## ALL IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 610 years ago in 1411 King Charles VI of France granted a monopoly to the people of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon for the ripening of Roquefort cheese.
- 300 years ago on 26 June 1721 the first smallpox inoculations in America. Following an outbreak in Boston, Dr. Zabdiel Boylston applied pus from a smallpox sore to a small wound on 248 people – the technique had already been tried and tested in Africa.
- 245 years ago on 11 June 1776, John Constable, English painter was born.
- 175 years ago on 28 June 1846, Belgian musical instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented the saxophone.
- 150 years ago on 16 June 1871 the University Test Act allows students to enter the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Durham without religious tests (except for those intending to study theology)
- 150 years ago on 27 June 1871 Japan adopted the yen as its currency.
- 146 years ago on 6 June 1875, Thomas Mann, German writer, Nobel Prize Laureate was born
- 140 years ago on 29 June 1881 Muhammad Ahmad declared himself to be the Mahdi the messianic redeemer of Islam.
- 125 years ago on 4 June 1896, Henry Ford completed work on his petrol-powered automobile and gave it a successful test run around Detroit, Michigan.
- 125 years ago on 7 June 1896, birth of Robert S. Mulliken, American Physicist and chemist noted for his fundamental work on the structure of molecules. Winner of the 1966 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- 110 years ago on 16 June, 1911 the technology company IBM was founded as the 'Computing – Tabulating – Recording Company' in Endicott, New York.
- 100 years ago on 10 June 1921, the birth of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II
- 100 years ago on 21 June 1921, the birth of Jane Russell, American film actress. One of Hollywood's biggest stars and sex symbol of the 1940s and 50s
- 100 years ago on 30 June 1921, Capital Punishment was abolished in Sweden.
- 75 years ago on 1 June 1946, Television licences were introduced in Britain.
- 75 years ago on 2 June 1946 in a referendum the people of Italy voted to abolish the monarchy and become a republic.
- 65 years ago on 6 June 1956, Bjorn Borg, Swedish tennis player was born. (8)



