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The Anglican Community, Bordighera – served by St. John's
The English Cemetery Chapel, Via del Campo, Bordighera, Italy

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 Chair: Birgitt Nordbrink Tel #33(0)4 93 28 10 02
The Association continues to meet Saturday mornings in the Louvre from 10 to 12am

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

CROSS BORDER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MENTON

EUCCHARIST - SUNDAYS - 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER - TUESDAYS - 10.00am

Celebrant: The Revd. David Houghton

THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL BORDIGHERA

EUCCHARIST

Wednesday 11 May 2022 - 10.30am

Celebrant - The Revd. David Houghton

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

Chaplain: The 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 SUNDAYS in MAY 2022 - YEAR C

May 1 - EASTER 3	First Reading	Acts 9.1-6
	Psalm	30
	Second Reading	Revelation 5.11-14
	Gospel	John 21.1-19
May 8 - EASTER 4	First Reading	Acts 9.36-43
	Psalm	23
	Second Reading	Revelation 7.9-17
	Gospel	John 10.22-30
May 15 – EASTER 5	First Reading	Acts 11.1-18
	Psalm	148. 1-6
	Second Reading	Revelation 21.1-6
	Gospel	John 13.31-35
May 22 – EASTER 6	First Reading	Acts 16.9-15
	Psalm	67
	Second Reading	Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5
	Gospel	John 5.1-9
May 29 - EASTER 7	First Reading	Acts 16.16-34
	Psalm	97
	Second Reading	Revelation 22.12-14,16-17, 20-21
	Gospel	John 17.20-26

PLEASE NOTE : **Morning Prayer Service on Tuesdays at 10.00am**

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BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

**arrangements may be made by contacting
the churchwarden or the locum**

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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.

The Passing of Common Sense

RIP

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend: **COMMON SENSE**, who was with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Panadol, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student – but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by three stepbrothers: I Know My Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm A Victim.

ANNIVERSARIES ALL IN THE MONTH OF MAY

- 420 years ago on 14 May 1602 Bartholomew Gosnold, English explorer arrived on Cape Cod, present-day Massachusetts, intent to form a colony
- 315 years ago on 1 May 1707 The Kingdoms of England and Scotland merged to form the Kingdom of Great Britain with a single parliament and government based in Westminster.
- 210 years ago -12 May 1812 - Birth of Edward Lear, English artist and poet (d.1888 and buried in Sanremo)
- 200 years ago the deadliest fire in Norwegian history at a church in Grue, killed at least 113 people – 26 May 1822
- 180 years ago - birth of Arthur Sullivan, composer of the Gilbert & Sullivan duo on 13 May 1842 (d. 1900)
- 175 years ago – 8 May 1847 Scottish inventor Robert William Thompson was granted a U.S. Patent for the first pneumatic rubber tyre – also invented the fountain pen
- 155 years ago 27 May 1869 - birth of Arnold Bennett English novelist (d.1931)
- 145 years ago an earthquake struck N. Chile leading to death of 2385 people mostly victims of the ensuing tsunami as far away as Hawaii and Fiji - 9 May 1877
- 125 years ago the official National March of USA “The Stars & Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa was performed for the first time at the unveiling of a statue of George Washington near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 14 May 1897.
- 125 years ago the Blackwall Tunnel under the River Thames was officially opened 22 May 1897
- 125 years ago Irish author Bram Stoker's horror novel 'Dracula' published 26/5/97
- 105 years ago 21 May 1917 The Imperial War Graves Commission was established . (See in Bordighera - The British & Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery)
- 105 years ago 29/5/1917 Birth of John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the USA d.1963
- 100 years ago The Young Pioneer organisation was founded in the Soviet Union a communist version of the Scouting movement - 19/5/1922
- 100 years ago Ecuador gained its independence from Spain – 24 May 1922
- 60 years ago The new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated - 25 May 1962
- 30 years ago 23/05/1992 The USA, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan signed the Lisbon Protocol agreeing to implement the START arms reduction treaty (5)

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

Locum The Revd. David Houghton will remain with us until 24th May.
The Revd. Paul Willis will be with us until 22nd June.

Car needed We are looking for a car to borrow for the use of a locum during the period 16 July to 16 August inclusive. Please contact our churchwarden Carolyn if you can help.

Annual General Meeting Nineteen people attended the meeting on Sunday 24th April. Reports were heard from Carolyn Hanbury, Churchwarden, Rhys Thomas, Treasurer, Suzanne Prince, Communications Officer. The news was mainly good; the goal set for fund raising by the barometer had been achieved. The church was open and had had its Official Re-Dedication Service; the Library was operating and many activities and concerts had already been held; the church was becoming increasingly known on the website. The greatest worry is that we are not paying our way and we are not able to help and care for the community around us as a church would want; at this point we did not have enough money to take care of St. John's. We need €1300 weekly to cover all expenses incurred. So, it is the order of the day to find more ways of fund raising and it is hoped electoral roll members would start planned giving so that the chaplaincy council could plan for the future. However, more very good news was that so many people had responded in taking on duties in and for the church. They were all thanked profusely.

Elections for April 2022- April 2023 resulted in:

Churchwarden: Carolyn Hanbury

Council: Valerie Aucouturier, Ennis Cardew, Robert Edwards, George Owen, Rhys Thomas, John Wason.

Synod Representative: no candidates for the position. Avril Bateman could not stand as she is already a representative for another chaplaincy. However, she has offered to continue to keep St. John's informed of the proceedings of the Synod and her offer was gratefully received.

“Don't forget to stop and smell the roses today.
Take time to tell a loved one how much you love them,
Do something nice for yourself
and stop to give God thanks for all of it.”

(Irma Bombeck)

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A reflection from The Reverend David Houghton

No-one paints a picture for it to be put in an Art Gallery

That sounds obvious, but when I heard it said, well, it gave me a jolt. The speaker was Curator of the Frick Collections of Art in New York City. Over the past two years he has hosted a 20 minute feature on YouTube sensually named “Cocktails with the Curator”. He has chosen a work of Art in the Collection – painting, sculpture, decorative piece – and given a wonderfully concise understanding of its history and significance in Art. Then he has also selected an aperitif that might be a good companion – a sherry with a Velazquez portrait, for example. And then the Curator has taken the viewer to the origin of the Piece and attempted to reveal the 'reason' for its creation. So of course the 'context' is all important. We need to identify a commission and possibly see the piece where the Work was first shown. Perhaps a Patron had asked for a self-portrait, a Church desired an altar piece, a historic event needed recording, the artist was motivated by a personal tragedy or had fallen in love. How revealing all this could be! And then we might be able to trace the story of the Work from Italian village church to private chapel, to French chateau to New York City.

I believe a similar task confronts us when we open the pages of Scripture and, at home or in Church, hear the words of a letter of Paul, or a Hebrew prophet. Can we know a little about these verses – to whom they were addressed? What was going on in the ancient world at that time? Why does the writer focus on that particular story? How would this sound in the original language of Greek or Hebrew? After all, Paul did not write his letters to be read out in St John's Menton on a Sunday morning, but to a people in a certain place – Rome, Corinth – in answer to a particular need. Luke gave the Gospel so that we might come to know of the Lord Jesus

It's quite a task, but worth the work and attempt. And it will open a whole new perspective on the words of Holy Scripture. We will become aware of the eternal story of how God is revealed in Creation. This is one of the jobs of the Preacher, and of us the faithful and so hard to achieve! But we press on.

David.

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LET US PRAY TOGETHER THROUGH MAY . . .

Lord God, Heavenly Father, all we are and all we have comes from you, with grateful hearts we praise you and give you thanks and pray for

1. **You have made me, Lord, as strong as the mountains** Ps 30
2. we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid
3. world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices
4. that we may reach out in solidarity to those in need
5. for our churchwarden and the newly-elected chaplaincy council
6. give thanks for God's word in the Bible; it guides and forms us
7. The United Nations Organisation – as it seeks to provide peace and stability in areas of conflict
8. **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want** Ps 23
9. for young people preparing for their exams
10. any couples you know who are preparing for marriage
11. anyone you know who is ill in hospital or at home
12. and for those who care for them
13. your next door neighbour
14. for gentle rain to fill our reservoirs and water the land
15. **Praise, O praise the name of the Lord** Ps 148
16. Lord, make us strong as we face challenges
17. that we may see 'the other' as our brother and sister
18. the USPG – its work throughout the world and especially for Ukraine
19. pilots, train, bus and car drivers travelling vast distances for us
20. whatever our work, let us do it wholeheartedly to the best of our ability
21. grant us guidance and wisdom where changes are needed
22. **Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you** Ps 67
23. Lord, help us to be responsible with the gifts you give us
24. thank you Lord for your comfort and strength in times of sadness
25. give thanks for family and friends
26. Lord, let our times of rest result in greater fruitfulness in our lives
27. our locum and his ministry with us
28. the family of the church
29. **The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.** Ps 97
30. that more and more people will be encouraged to read the Bible
31. that the Holy Spirit will renew our hearts, our lives and our church

Thank you for listening, Lord,
May we, too, listen and respond
Amen

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