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The English Cemetery, Via del Camposanto, Bordighera

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APRIL 2023

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MENTON

EUCHARIST - EVERY SUNDAY - 10.30am

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Parkman

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THE ENGLISH CEMETERY CHAPEL
BORDIGHERA

Eucharist Wednesday 5th April at 10.30am

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Parkman

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF
THE HOLY GHOST, GENOVA

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HOLY COMMUNION or SHARED PRAYERS – WEDNESDAYS 12.30

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

READINGS for SUNDAYS in APRIL 2023 – YEAR A

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| April 2
PALM
SUNDAY | 1 st Reading
Psalm
2 nd Reading
Gospel | Isaiah 50.4-9a
31.9-16
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 21.1-11, and 27.11.54 |
| April 9
EASTER DAY | 1 st Reading
Psalm
2 nd Reading
Gospel | Jeremiah 31.1-6
118.1-2, 14-24
Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 |
| April 16
EASTER 2 | 1 st Reading
Psalm
2 nd Reading
Gospel | Acts 2.14a, 22-32
16
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31 |
| April 23
EASTER 3 | 1 st Reading
Psalm
2 nd Reading
Gospel | Acts 2.14a, 36-41
116.1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35 |
| April 30
EASTER 4 | 1 st Reading
Psalm
2 nd Reading
Gospel | Acts 2.42-47
23
1 Peter 2.19-25
John 10.1-10 |

BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

arrangements may be made by contacting the chaplain

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.

For children

SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN AFTER EASTER

Here is a timetable for which the lessons have been scrambled up. Can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

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| Period 1 | CATESTHAMIM |
| Period 2 | ROYTHIS |
| Period 3 | GHELSEN |
| Period 4 | CHNFER |
| LUNCH | |
| Period 5 | RAT |
| Period 6 | MYTCHERS |
| Period 7 | MESAG |

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What did I get for my history test?

Well, first the good news – you spelled your name correctly.

What makes teachers special?

Being in a class of their own.

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A man goes to the doctor with a strawberry on his head. The Doctor says "I'll give you some cream for that."

Q. What is E.T. Short for? A. Because he has little legs!

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Answers: 1. Mathematics 2. History 3.English 4.French 5. Art 6.Chemistry 7.Games

My dear Nephew Darren,

Just as undertakers rub their hands in glee at the coming of winter frosts, so hoteliers with banqueting suites become animated at the first signs of Spring. We have arrived at the first phase of the marriage season. As the days begin to lengthen and trees start to bud, young men find it irresistible not to propose to potential brides. Some people wait to hear the first cuckoo to let them know Spring is on its way; I wait to hear the first knock on the Rectory door from couples wanting to book their wedding.

Naturally, my first job is to try to put them off; it would save them a great deal of money and give me many more free Saturdays, but I always fail, and so the big day is booked. Nowadays, there is such a time lag between booking a marriage service and it taking place, I sometimes think it would be easier to book the service first and then look for someone to marry at a later, more convenient, time.

Last year, it was somewhat different with one couple. They were both in their late eighties (a good time to contemplate a first marriage, in my opinion) and asked if they could arrange to get married as soon as possible. The usual reason for a hurried marriage seemed unlikely at their age and so I asked why. Their answer was charming “At our age, we might not still be here if the great day is much delayed.”

Of course, booking a marriage is the simplest part of the whole procedure. There are florists to negotiate – made even more complex should there be more than one marriage that day. One bride wants all white, the other red, and so one set of priceless flowers is trundled out of church by one set of florists while a competitor barrows in the next confection. Photographers are inclined to think aisles are racetracks, pews for standing on and all church furniture is moveable – generally once the service has started. I place all photographers in the west gallery before the service and lock them in – naturally, apologising for my fit of absentmindedness afterwards.

Courses should be offered at theological colleges on placating irate bell-ringers when the bride is half-an-hour late, cooling down organists when the happy couple ask to come in on an organ arrangement of a Led Zeppelin number, and re-assuring the choir that the guests meant no disrespect as they made mobile phone calls in church while the choir sang 'Ave Maria' once we had disappeared to sign the registers. However, nothing will ever calm down a verger who has been left to sweep up several hundredweights of confetti once everyone else has gone home. I find a restorative sherry back at the Rectory works wonders. Your loving uncle, *Eustace.* (9)

PLEASE NOTE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:-

2nd APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death.

On this day Anglican churches will distribute worldwide little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Do come to church on Palm Sunday to receive your cross and after the blessing take it home to reflect on its meaning all through the year.

Wednesday 5th April Eucharist in the Chapel, Bordighera English Cemetery at 10.30am. Celebrant The Reverend Chris Parkman.

Good Friday Service - 7th April - 3pm in St. John's Celebrant The Reverend Chris Parkman.

Easter Day 9th April Eucharist in St. John's at 10.30am. Celebrant The Revd. Chris Parkman

Easter 2 - Sunday 16th April - Morning Prayer in St. John's at 10.30am

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Concert by

**FIUMINALE
CORSICAN VOICES**

in St. John's, Palm Sunday 2nd April at 4.00pm-5.15pm

A reflection from Rev Chris :- **A hopeful season**

Signs are really beginning to show of spring. The weather is warming, birds are migrating, new growth appears (but we remain desperate for good rain).

I love this time of year, as I am not much of a winter person. Of course, winter in Menton is much easier than other parts of the world, so I don't struggle here so much as I have done when living in colder climes through winter.

Spring in the northern hemisphere also means Easter is arriving. And it makes a lot of sense at face value to be celebrating Easter during spring; new growth, new life on the ground, when the soil looked bare. This resonates with our celebrating new life and the resurrection of Christ. So when I moved to New Zealand, and lived there, I found it oddly dissonant to celebrate Easter as the leaves fell off the trees, the clocks went back an hour, and people started to hunker down for the autumn and winter seasons (and there is no Christmas break in the middle of them to break them up – so it feels a long way until spring again in September).

But the longer I lived there, the more it actually started to make a different kind of sense. Easter is all about hope. And Christian hope continues no matter how dark the world becomes. It was a dark day when they crucified Christ. And the early followers of Jesus must have felt utterly hopeless on that first Good Friday and Easter Saturday. But hope appeared on that first Easter Sunday, even in the darkest of moments for them. A hope beyond all their wildest imaginings.

Christian hope isn't a blind or shallow optimism, a way of avoiding living true reality. It is a deeper sense than that; one that trusts that despite what may appear to be hopeless, a good hand is at work, even if we cannot see it with our own eyes. It enables us to be there for each other and the world in our most troubled times. Not to avoid or brush away the sadness, but to walk alongside, to be companions who hold to a deeper truth: God hasn't given up on Creation, God is with us, God is still acting, (has acted), and will continue to act to bring love to its fullness in this world.

So may you have a hope filled Easter!
Chris

Easter Carol

O the gladness and the glory
of the tender Easter story,
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Do you hear the angels say?
All the bells triumphant ring it,
All the choirs celestial sing it,
Thro' the skies this sacred day.

Oh, the wondrous transformation,
Working out the world's salvation!
Christ the crucified Redeemer,
Once consigned to darkest gloom,
Changing shadow into splendour,
With His love so sweet and tender,
Son of God, our true defender,
Rising deathless from the tomb.

Oh, the light of Easter morning.
All the earth and sky adorning!
Oh, how restful, how refreshing
Is its sacredness and love!
On my heart its peace is stealing,
Like a gentle balm of healing,
Christ my risen Lord, revealing,
Throned in majesty above.

By American mission worker and hymn writer Fanny Crosby

Summer Camp

Looking for something to do for this summer? Want to enjoy the cooler mountain air in August? From May to October, A Rocha France is running holiday and summer camps at their residential site, Les Courmettes, in the hills an hour NW of Nice.

Most weeks are in French, but one will be in English: on the theme of 'God, Nature and Us'. We will spend the week immersed in nature, learning about God's creation and taking the time to enjoy, rest and 'be' together in a beautiful place. Rev Chris and his wife, Sarah, will be part of the leadership team, with Chris leading the daily devotions. All are welcome - individuals and families of all ages.

Accommodation ranges from camping to dorms and family rooms with a limited number of single and ensuite rooms. While beautiful, please be aware that Les Courmettes is a set of old stone buildings with the level of rusticity and uneven steps and cobblestones that comes with such places.

If you would like more information please visit
<https://www.courmettes.com/god.nature-and-us>
and feel free to email rev.chris.parkman@arocha.org or
sarah.walker@arocha.org

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## A blessing

At the beginning, at the end, at this moment in between,  
in these best and worse of times  
Now is the time in which God heals,  
Now is the time in which Christ comes.  
May the life of the Christ child given for this broken, yet beautiful world  
be born anew this day.  
And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Spirit of Life  
be with and remain with you always.  
Amen

## CORONATION OF CHARLES III WESTMINSTER ABBEY - 6 MAY 2023

Coronations have remained much the same for 1,000 years. The British ceremony is the only remaining event of its type in Europe.

However, Buckingham Palace has said that although the coronation will be “rooted in long-standing traditions”, it will also “reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future”.

The Imperial State Crown, Orb, and Sceptre, carried on top of the late Queen's coffin, will be used during the coronation ceremony.

There are several stages to the service:

**The recognition:** while standing beside **the 700-year-old Coronation Chair**, the monarch is presented to those gathered in the Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The congregation shouts “God Save thje King!” and trumpets sound.

**The oath:** The sovereign swears to uphold the law and the Church of England.

**The anointing:** The King's ceremonial robe is removed and he sits in the Coronation Chair. A gold cloth is held over the chair to conceal the King from view. The Archbishop of Canterbury anoints the King's hands, breast and head with holy oil made according to a secret recipe, but known to contain ambergris, orange flowers, roses, jasmine and cinnamon. The oil created for Charles **will not contain any ingredients derived from animals**.

**The investiture:** The sovereign is presented with items including the Royal Orb, representing religious and moral authority, the Sceptre, representing power; and the Sovereign's Sceptre, a rod of gold topped with a white enamelled dove, a symbol of justice and mercy. Finally the Archbishop places St. Edward's Crown on the King's head.

**The enthronement and homage:** The King leaves the Coronation Chair and moves to the throne. Peers kneel before the monarch to pay homage.

The Queen Consort will then be anointed in the same way and crowned.  
(from BBC website: <https://www.bbc.com-news>)

## Fundraising for butterflies

Sarah Walker - St. John's church member, A Rocha staff and married to Rev Chris – is running to raise funds for A Rocha France's butterfly research. These important and beautiful polinators are in trouble, but we can reverse the trend! Would you like to sponsor Sarah?

Funds raised will support A Rocha's study of two species targeted in France's 'Plan National d'Action' for butterflies: the Hermit Chazara briseis and the Southern Festoon (La Diane) Zerynthia polyxena. The Hermit is one of France's most threatened butterflies, having disappeared from more than 40 departments over the last 20 years. The Southern Festoon is a protected butterfly which needs specific conditions and one specific 'host' plant to thrive.



L'Hermite



La Diane

A Rocha will also be creating resources to raise awareness of butterflies and encourage simple acts in support of these beautiful creatures which God loves.

For more info and to donate towards this project visit

<https://hope.360events/project-detail/?campaign=188>(in French)  
or email [sarah.walker@arocha.org](mailto:sarah.walker@arocha.org)

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A child's prayer

**Thank you Jesus
for all you have done for me,
I believe in you, I want to do things your way
and be friends with you forever
AMEN**

What is a Senior Citizen . . . ?

*A Senior Citizen is one who was here before ...
the pill,
television,
frozen foods
contact lenses
credit cards ...*

and before man walked on the moon.

*For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, not holiday homes,
And a 'chip' meant a piece of wood or fried potato.
'Hardware' meant nuts and bolts, and 'software' wasn't even a word.*

*We got married first, then lived together,
and thought a cleavage was something butchers did.
A 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt,
and 'going all the way' meant staying on a
double-decker to a bus depot.*

*We thought that 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent,
and a 'big mac' was an oversized raincoat. 'Crumpet' we had for tea.*

*In our day, 'grass' was mown, 'pot' was something you cooked in,
'coke' was kept in the coal house, and a 'joint' was cooked on Sundays.*

We are today's Senior Citizens.

How the world has changed!

Trying to squash a rumour is like trying to unring a bell.
(Shana Alexander)