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CHURCH SERVICES, JUNE 2018

(see Around the Chaplaincy for location details)

We do our best to feature accurate information, but for up to date details, please visit the Services page of our website <http://www.churchinaquitaine.org/index.php/services-2>

SUNDAY 03 JUNE

10:30 Service of the Word – Bertric Burée
10:30 Morning Worship – Bordeaux
10:30 The Gathering meeting – Le Mouret, Condom
10:30 Fresh Expressions – Eymet Temple
10:30 Holy Communion – Limeuil
11:00 Holy Communion and Baptism, with the University of Lancashire Choir – Doudrac
11:00 Prayer & Praise – Ste Nathalène
15:00 French-Madagascan Holy Communion - Bordeaux
18:00 Evensong – Bertric Burée

SUNDAY 10 JUNE

10:30 Holy Communion – Bertric Burée
10:30 Family Communion – Bordeaux
10:30 Fresh Expressions – Eymet Temple
10:30 Holy Communion – Limeuil
10:30 BCP Morning Prayer – Monteton
10:30 Holy Communion – Négrondes

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

11:00 BCP Holy Communion – Bertric Burée



Monteton

SUNDAY 17 JUNE

10:30 Family Service – Bertric Burée
10:30 Family Communion – Bordeaux
10:30 Holy Communion – Chancelade
10:30 Holy Communion – Dondas
10:30 Fresh Expressions – Eymet Temple
10:30 Morning Worship – Limeuil
10:30 Prayer & Praise – Monteton
11:00 Prayer & Praise with Communion – Sainte Nathalène

WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE

16:00 Evensong with the University of Exeter Choir - Limeuil

THURSDAY 21 JUNE

10:30 BCP Holy Communion - Limeuil

SUNDAY 24 JUNE

10:30 Holy Communion – Bertric Burée
10:30 Morning Worship – Bordeaux
10:30 Fresh Expressions – Eymet Temple
10:30 Holy Communion – Limeuil
10:30 Holy Communion - Monteton
10:30 Family Service – Négrondes

THURSDAY 28 JUNE

11:00 Holy Communion – Condom

Sainte Nathalène





Ministry Musings



The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'. So says the old Chinese Proverb. A seemingly obvious statement but the point being made is that until we take that first, possibly tentative, step the journey cannot begin.

When Richard and I started out on our 26 mile sponsored walk recently, our first step was one of over 55,000 we were each to take that day! We knew where we would be walking (the glorious Suffolk coast and countryside) we knew roughly how long it would take us (between 7 and 8 hours) but we didn't know whether our legs, our feet and our willpower would allow us to reach journey's end safely (luckily they did!).



Our spiritual journeys are often even more unknown. We know our goal, but where it will take us, how long it will take and what and who we will encounter along the way are more of a mystery. Our spiritual journeys begin before we are even born. As God says to Jeremiah 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart' but I became aware of my spiritual journey when I became a Christian as a teenager. The journey has been interesting and eventful thus far!

I have been privileged recently to have discussions with several people about their spiritual journeys. Some of them are at a point where they feel they are waiting.... waiting for something to happen. Some are at a crossroads and they are unsure which direction to take, so they too are faced to wait and take stock. My advice is usually, 'be patient'. We can see waiting time as 'dead time' or time wasted, but if we use it well waiting time can be used to re-charge our batteries, to draw closer to God and to learn how to listen better to that still, small voice.

And then when the time is right to move forward, we will do so better prepared for the challenges ahead.

This is the blessing I used at a recent service:

***Go, and know that the Lord goes with you;
let him lead you each day into the quiet place of your heart so he may speak to you.
Know that he loves you and watches over you;
that he listens to you in gentle understanding;
that he is with you always, wherever you are and however you may feel.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you today and always. Amen.***

Blessings,

Liz



From your Editor

Summer seems to have arrived just as Bob and I came back from our wonderful holiday in Vancouver and Alaska - and very surprisingly we were warmer over there than you were here! Even the guides in Alaska couldn't believe the wonderful sunshine and warmth and one said he just wished he owned a pair of shorts! Arriving home thankfully the day before the Royal Wedding it was a privilege to be able to share in that great day. And wasn't that sermon amazing? Ok, he went on a bit but I loved it! And Meghan and Harry looked so happy and in love - our very best wishes and congratulations go to them both.

We have plenty of fascinating articles this month ranging from the Cat Festival in Ypres to data protection information and from cooking with apricots to a report on the ICS Conference plus, of course, all our regulars. Enjoy!

Love (from a rather jet-lagged!) Gill

Data Mining - a 21st Century goldrush?

I would guess that everyone, by now, is aware that there are people out there trying to get as much information about us as possible. In most cases, this is for entirely legal and perhaps even desirable reasons, but our personal data also has value to those with less acceptable intentions. Some very high profile cases recently – for example at Facebook – have highlighted that ‘data mining’ is becoming big business.

If you subscribe to anything online or even simply use a search engine like Google, you have probably been asked to read and accept the company’s new privacy policy. This is a response to new regulations that came into force throughout Europe on 25th May 2018. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR – or RGPD in French) is the first pan-European measure aimed at ensuring a consistent level of security in all organisations that hold personal data.

From an individuals point of view, the main advantages of this new legislation are:

- a) We have a right to know exactly what personal data is being held.
- b) We must be asked how that data may be used.
- c) Organisations have to be able to demonstrate how they are ensuring the security of the data they hold.

Personal data is defined as any information about a living individual which is capable of identifying that individual. This would include such information as name, address, email address, phone number, photo, bank details etc. Any database containing two or more of these pieces of information would be of interest to those involved in identity theft. So, even your own address book, be it electronic or paper, has a potential value!

In our Chaplaincy we hold a huge amount of data in many different places and for many reasons. Over the coming weeks you will all be receiving messages informing you where we are holding your data, why we are holding it and how we would like to be able to use it. **Please do not just ignore these messages!** One key element of the new legislation is that permission must be sought on an “opt-in” basis so, if, for example, you do not tell us that we are allowed to use your data to email you a copy of this magazine, we will have to stop doing so.

Please do co-operate as fully and as quickly as you can to our efforts to make this Chaplaincy compliant with this important new legislation. I am sure that we all appreciate that it is for our own benefit and is a much-needed move in the fight to secure our personal data.

Thanks, Tony



The British in Europe has produced the following information about freedom of movement, a major question for all of us, our current rights allowing us to move freely within the European Union, to live and work, either employed or self-employed, with our professional qualifications recognised without further necessary examination, or to study, for our children, grandchildren ... Here is the link, <http://www.remaininfrance.org/free-movement.html>



Continuing free movement for British people living in the EU27 is one of the outstanding issues in the negotiations on citizens’ rights. What is free movement, what are the issues, and what happens if we lose our free movement rights?

www.remaininfrance.org

The Choir of The University of Central Lancashire are here again this year and will be performing at the following places...

Thursday May 31st Devillac Parish Church 7:30 p.m.

Friday June 1st Le Mesnil Priory, Montaut near Villereal 7:30p.m.

Saturday June 2nd Villereal under the market square 7:30 p.m.

Sunday June 3rd Doudrac H.C at 11 a.m. and at St Avit Senieur at 4 p.m.

All the concerts will contain a variety of choral music (from classical to swing) sung by this Award-Winning Choir.

The event at St Avit will be different in that the choir will sing music more suited to the wonderful (and challenging) acoustics of this sacred abbey.



SAVE THE DATE

21-23 Sept 2018

Women’s Retreat

Abbaye Echourgnac

More details to follow soon

Cooking in June with Frances Pengelly

*Like apples of gold set in silver
filigree is a word spoken in
season. Proverbs 25:11*



There is nothing nicer than sitting watching the sea and eating ripe apricots out of a brown paper bag. I did this many times on journeys to Brittany in the month of June, the soft ripe, luscious fruit made me feel on top of the world, like eating summer. The Apricot (*prunus armeniaca*) is a member of the rose family (*rosaceae*) along with almonds, cherries, peaches and plum. It is thought that the apple of the Bible was in fact the apricot.

The fruit originated in China, first cultivated there in 3000BC. The seeds and cuttings travelled the Silk Road, a vast network of trade routes connecting East Asia with the Mediterranean, crisscrossing Armenia, Iran and North Pakistan. Alexander the Great was responsible for the arrival of the Apricot in Greece whilst Lucullus, the Roman General encouraged the planting of apricot trees in Europe and the Mediterranean. The kernels of the fruit are so sweet in this part of the world they are used instead of almonds in cooking and are made into Amaretto.

The New World, as it was called, must thank the Spanish explorers for the arrival of the tree in California. Jean de Loup, a French priest and plant expert established the Apricot in England in the reign of Henry VIII and by 1782 a famous English

nurseryman, William Pinkerton, had over 14 varieties for sale in his nursery garden, including 121 kinds of apple trees, 68 varieties of pear, 48 kinds of peaches to name but a few. Today in the garden centres of the world we would be lucky if we found four of each variety of apricot.

The apricot does not like the European cool summers and the fruit can often be tasteless. However the magic of the sweet patisserie chef is seen in shop windows. Cakes filled with apricot jam and cream, apricot and custard tarts and slices.

At home it is easy to make ice cream from this fruit, lovely soufflés, stuff apricots with marzipan for tart tatin, poach the fruit in sugar syrup flavoured with cardamom to be eaten with cream. Use **dried apricots in a stuffing** for a boned leg of lamb; 90g chopped onions, 125g butter; 250g brown rice; 60g rasins mixed with blanched almonds, 125g dried soaked apricots; 2tbs chopped parsley; seasoning. Mix together in the usual way and stuff the lamb leg.



Apricots have been dried for thousands of years, they were sold to travellers on the trade routes. Full of vitamin A and anti oxidants they are important in our diet. Here is a recipe for **dried apricot jam**. Soak ¾ kilo dried apricots in 2 litres of water for 24 hours. Put into a pan with grated rind of 2 lemons; cook



until tender; add 1 ½ kilos sugar and continue boiling until set.

Finally this recipe for **pickled apricots** might be worth a try. 1 cup cider vinegar; 1 cup orange juice; ½ cup white grape juice; ¼ cup sugar; ¼ cup maple syrup; 2 tsp allspice; 8 cloves; minced zest of juiced oranges; 1 tbs minced fresh ginger root; 8 fresh apricots quartered and pitted. Put all liquid ingredients into a pan with the sugar and heat until dissolved. Add spices, bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Turn off heat, add apricots, orange zest and ginger. Eat with cold ham or perhaps foie gras. Make sure the apricots you use are really ripe.



Donation page on website

A 'donations' button has now been added to the upper left hand corner of the website, www.churchinaquitaine.org, with a link to the 'Donations' page, which also features a link to donate via credit card to the Chaplaincy training fund, which is a restricted fund used to support training of those seeking vocation training. If you have any suggestions about how to make this information more visible, we would look forward to hearing from you.



Clerical Errors

As a headmaster I was not a great disciplinarian. I inherited some staff who would shout at the children but I preferred to admonish quietly or to try to set a good example.

One of the parents at the school would arrive late each day and her son would often miss registration. I spoke to the boy a few times and asked him to ask his mother to leave a little earlier in the morning. The mother made a rendezvous via my secretary and I was warned by my secretary that the mother was not happy with me. When she arrived she stressed that she had to juggle a busy life and that getting her son to school was not easy and that I should be more understanding if she was 'a little late sometimes'. I tried valiantly to be supportive but also stressed the difficulties caused by her son's tardiness.

The School Matron (Mary, a lovely lady who had been at the school for a long time) was also Warden of a little church not far from Sherborne. She asked me if I would be prepared to take the 'Mothers' Day Service' in a couple of weeks' time as they had no parish priest. I said that I would be pleased to help.

On the morning of the service I got the family up early and we were just finishing breakfast when the telephone rang.

'Hello?'

'Hello Bramwell, it's Mary hereare you ok ?'

'Yes fine, I haven't forgotten the service... we will be leaving in ten minutes.'

'Ah, (pause) did you forget to put the clocks forward last night?'

'Oh....I can't believe we forgot to do it ! Start the first hymn and we will be there!'

My two daughters were quickly stuffed in the car and I broke the speed limit to arrive at the church as the first hymn was just finishing.

The congregation had obviously waited a little while before starting as it was now 11:15.

I ran down the aisle and arrived at the front to say breathlessly, 'The Lord be with you' and as I said the words I noticed on the front row of pews the mother and the son I had chastised for their tardiness.

The lateness of the boy was never mentioned again....

Bramwell



An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago:

A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her: 'Are you God's wife?'

God is watching....

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE, God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples....'



This was the title and theme of this year's **ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference** that took place from 30 April-4 May at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

Chaplains and their families from Tunisia to Voorschoten and Cairo to Paris, about 100 of us in all from about 30 different locations, gathered to listen to speakers, to learn, worship, pray for each other, share in seminars, laugh together and sometimes cry. Although our contexts can be very different we face similar challenges as ministers in an international arena and there is an atmosphere of mutual support and concern for one another. Our time in prayer groups is precious and it is good to be amongst friends with whom we can be open and honest about the joys and difficulties of ministry.

Our week was led by Richard Bromley, ICS Mission Director, and our speakers included Philip Mounstephen, CMS executive leader and former chaplain of St Michael's Paris, who led our bible teaching from Ephesians.

Bishop Robert was with us for the whole week, speaking on 'Leave...and cleave: Your calling today!' *'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men and women.'* At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4.19-20. He was also available for private conversations.

Andy Saunders, Children's and Family Advisor for the Diocese of Winchester, spoke on being intergenerational in our worship and learning together.

Ministering in the context of The Gathering in Condom, I found Dave Male, the Church of England's National Adviser for Pioneer Development (working on strategy and practice for pioneer ministry including Fresh Expressions), especially interesting. I liked his comparison of the 'recipe model' with the 'fridge model'. To use a recipe you need particular ingredients and it is frustrating when you realise you haven't got some of them. The fridge model (my usual form of meal preparation) is to see what you've got and decide what you can do with it. It means being collaborative and experimental and, as he put it, *'to love, relate and create'*. This is already the model we have used for The Gathering, now I can put a name to it!

We were privileged to have Archbishop Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon with us. He is the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and Bishop of Kaduna in the Church of Nigeria where he has earned a global reputation for his expertise in Christian-Muslim relations which he spoke about.

Jill Garrett, Executive Director of Tentpeg Consulting, is regarded

as an authority on leadership development and team effectiveness. She spoke on building resilience in others and ourselves.

Bishop Richard Jackson, Chair of ICS Council, spoke on 'Where is the Church of England going?' In it he emphasised the vital importance of Charismatic Renewal if the C of E is going to minister effectively and grow. Unfortunately I missed this seminar because I was invited to lead one with John Chapman, chaplain of Barcelona, on 'Living on the edge: Combating isolation in our ministry' which included looking at Elijah's experience in 1 Kings 19 when he cried out: 'I am the only one left...' and God responded to him in love and care.

Our children were also well catered for with their own group and activities led by Deana and Scott.

As always, the conference was a time of great encouragement. It was Charlotte's first time and I was encouraged to hear people greet her with: 'I recognise you from the ICS prayer diary'. Thank you to those of you who use this to pray for the work of ICS and those serving as Chaplains or other roles. Can you spot Charlotte in the picture above? She is in the centre, second row from the back.

Angela Marshall
*The Gathering, Condom and
Vice-chair ICS Council*

Woolly hats for Seafarers in Marseille

Two chaplaincies in the south of France have been working together to provide much-needed warm clothing to seafarers in Marseille. Fr David Greenwood, the previous priest at All Saints' church Marseille, had been in contact with a member of the Midi Pyrénées & Aude Anglican Chaplaincy. This person was looking for a way to distribute woolly hats, knitted by members of that congregation, to sailors.

Over the last few months, members of the All Saints' group, which volunteers at the Marseille Seamen's Club, have received boxes full of multi-coloured woolly hats. These have been duly passed on to the sailors of cargo ships when the volunteers visit them on board their ships. A further consignment of woolly hats was received in person when All Saints' Synod representatives met the priest in charge of the Midi Pyrénées & Aude Chaplaincy, accompanied by some of his team, at the recent Archdeaconry Synod in Saint Jacut-de-la-Mer.



The Cat Festival of Ypres

From The Revd Gillian Trinder (Chaplain of St George's Memorial Church, Ypres):

The Cat Festival of Ypres celebrated its 45th anniversary on Sunday 13th May 2018. This festival is a time of joyful celebration for all the local



people – but it is rooted in a much darker origin! During the Middle Ages Ypres was famous as a centre of Flemish cloth weaving and stored all its woollen goods in the great Cloth Hall on the market square. During the wintertime cats were allowed to roam free to keep down the rats and the mice. But in the spring when the cloth was traded abroad the cats became a liability. They were taken up to the top of the belfry and thrown to their deaths in the market square below. This cruel sport continued until as late as 1817. But in 1955 an enterprising Burgomeister developed the idea of reviving the Cat Festival as a way of cheering up the local population after the devastations of WW2. It was a great success and today attracts thousands of visitors from all around the world. This year was my first experience of the Cat Festival which is held in Ypres every three years and draws in all the local schools, businesses and marching bands to take part. I took a seat up by the Menin Gate where the Parade starts and found that I was in a prime position to get pelted by cascades of sweets thrown out from the passing business vans in the Publicity Parade. Astute local children positioned themselves on the corners of the road and rapidly filled up whole bags full of sweets and free gifts including fans, frisbees, footballs, hats and sunglasses.

This is followed by a procession of decorated floats on a remarkable variety of different cat themes.

The novelty floats included a cat's laundry wash, a fantasy castle of cats followed by dancing mice and the bedtime story of Puss in Boots. The procession always features a pair of giant cats called Cieper and Minneke Poes. The whole history of the town of Ypres passed before our eyes with the Ypres cloth weavers, the building of the city walls and the hurling of cannonballs from a trebuchet to symbolise the centuries of conflicts in Flanders. We saw medieval ladies and gentlemen on horseback, coveys of witches and the Knights Templar. All of these events will be portrayed in the new Museum of Ypres which will be opening in the Cloth Hall in July.

These floats are interspersed with music bands, jesters, jugglers, fire-breathers, dancers, actors and acrobats who perform to entertain the crowds during the three-hour long procession. I particularly enjoyed the fabulous displays of synchronised flag-throwing, the dancing ladies with rainbow umbrellas and the children dressed as cats performing the Charleston.

The day always ends with the ceremony of throwing toy cats. The town jester Brian took up his position on a balcony on the Cloth Hall and threw toy cats and kittens down to the eagerly waiting crowds in the square below. I didn't manage to catch a cat – but I did have an unforgettable day out at the amazing Cat Festival of Ypres!

A View from the Pew

Earlier this year Stephen Hawking died. He was known for his work in theoretical physics, cosmology, general relativity, quantum gravity and black holes. Among his peers he was hailed as one of the greatest minds in physics since Albert Einstein. His book 'A Brief History of Time' published in 1988 sold ten million copies and made him a household name. His intellect and courage in face of horrendous disability was an inspiration to many. He was a brave man and I admired his great personal courage.

Stephen Hawking said; "My goal is simple, a complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is and why it exists at all". "A Theory of Everything". He was asked many times where God figured in his 'Theory of Everything'. He came up with an amazingly positive negative: he said it is impossible to prove God does not exist.

In **Psalms 14 and 53** we read "The fool hath said in his heart there is no god", but Hawking was no fool. He stated, "God is not necessary"; not that he did not exist. In latter years he came to the conclusion, and I quote, "Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing. That is why the universe or perhaps multiverse exists, God is not necessary, life forms exist by pure chance. (The act and creation reduced to the science of a roulette wheel)!!"

What a sad end to noble quest, just a compilation of words that have no meaning. They satisfy neither science nor intellect. When God is absent from the equation nothing equates. I'm reminded of the words in **2 Timothy 3 v7**, "Ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth".

Had Stephen Hawking opened his bible he would have found his answer in **Rev 4 v11**: "Thou art worthy O Lord to receive glory and honour and power, for you have created all things and for your pleasure they are and were created". As Christians we

too look into the vastness of God's creation, and see its wonders, but it is in his son the Lord Jesus Christ we see his glory.

John 1 v14 "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of Father full of grace and truth".

So in the universe we see God's greatness, in Christ his glory, and at Calvary his grace, love and mercy to man.

How sad it is that so many people today live lives where God is not necessary, even sadder some "Christians" today look to science for answers rather than God's word, and would exchange the truth for a handful of theories.

One thing is certain, if we leave God out of the equation nothing equates. As Christians we see God's wonder all around us but as Hebrews 11 v3 states: "Through faith we understand that worlds were framed by the word of God". By faith we believe Jesus Christ the Eternal Son of the creator God died on a cross for our sins at Calvary, and we echo those wonderful words of Charles Wesley's hymn: "Amazing love how can it be, that though my God should die for me."

I'm glad I'm a fundamentalist and can claim those opening words of the apostle's creed as my own.

"I believe in God the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.

Romans 11 v33 & 34

"Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgements and his ways passed finding out, for who hath known the mind of the Lord or who hath been his councillor".

Isaiah 1 v18

"Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord". What a fantastic invitation, we dare not turn it down.

Brain Jellyman

Extract from UCB Word for Today by Bob & Debby Gass.

God said to Abraham, 'Because you...have not withheld...your only son...I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven.' Isaac was the lifelong dream of a barren woman named Sarah and an impotent man named Abraham. But the more God blesses you, the harder it is to keep that blessing from becoming an idol in your life. Money may be the best example. The more money you make, the harder it is to trust Almighty God and the easier it is to trust the almighty pound. Isn't it ironic that 'In God we trust' is printed on US dollars – when money is the thing we often find most difficult to trust God with? If you're financially blessed, it is a gift from God (see Deuteronomy 8:18). But God doesn't financially bless us so that we can use it selfishly. He blesses us more, so that we can be more of a blessing to others (see Genesis 12:2).



The truth is, what you're willing to walk away from determines what God is willing to entrust to you. He wants you to come to the place where you find your identity in Whose you are, rather than in who you are. You can base your identity on a thousand things – the degrees you've earned, the positions you hold, the salary you make, etc. But if you base your identity on anything temporal, your identity is in a house of cards. There's only one solid foundation: Jesus Christ. So, what's getting between you and God? What feeds your ego? Where do you find your security outside of Christ? That's what you need to put on the altar today.

Free issues of this daily devotional are available www.ucb.co.uk/read United Christian Broadcasters

JERUSALEM - The Golden - The Holy City - The City of David

On Monday, 14th May, 2018, the US Embassy moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem the new capital of Israel, a momentous occasion occurring 70 years after the Jewish people returned to Israel. Apparently President Trump was not present for the event but had written his address which was read out.

I read all about this on Google. It has been said by some present day prophet that the Book of Revelations predicts by way of coded messages, that President Trump would be the person in office at the time to accomplish this. However, President Trump is not the first president who believed this to be the right step to take; Presidents Clinton, George W. Bush and Obama have all thought Jerusalem should be the first city of Israel - a united Israel. Of course there are many dissenters and no doubt there will be angry demonstrations and violent reactions.

It is well recognised that Israel is a divided state and Jerusalem is a divided city with clearly designated areas and boundaries for Arabs, Jews, Christians and others. The Temple Mount is sacred to all three monotheistic faiths.

There are those who believe that Israel is the rightful territory of the Jewish people and indeed The Lord God of Israel did promise to Abraham "and his seed forever" a territory in this particular area. (*Genesis Ch 12 v 7*) Later, the Jewish people were dispersed and taken captives for their idolatry and unbelief but God always promised "a remnant" would return (*Ezekiel Ch 6 v 8* - there are many references to a remnant)

There are those who contest all this but God does keep His promises!

However there is a sign of hope. God is at work in Jerusalem and as the hymn states "no work too hard for Him."

Last week on The God Channel I

listened to an amazing account of a current project in Jerusalem. A lady interviewer was discussing this enterprise with its founder, Rick Ridings. Rick and his wife Patti were called about 20 years ago to go to Israel to serve the Lord. With much fear and trepidation and doubts as to whether this really was a command they came to Jerusalem and made their home in it.

As briefly as it can be explained they have built up a Prayer Partnership of thousands of people "Succat Hallel". This grew from a handful of supporters into a huge army of followers representing 5 continents. They cover every hour in every day 7 days a week - 168 hours: somewhere, someone/some people are praying to God for all things necessary in this stricken world with the poverty, terror, lawlessness, abandonment of God's laws and so on. The programme is called the Throne Room -The Throne of God. Individuals and groups commit themselves to an hour or more each week to prayer. There are, I think, "relief intercessors" who stand in at times.

Even more amazing, Rick revealed there are also groups of children involved in their own commitment to regular prayer. It began with teenagers, then a younger age group asked if they could form their group. They were asked if they could manage 1 hour and they replied that they would try. After a while they told the supervisor an hour was not sufficient and they needed 2 hours. These children were mostly boys who were football fanatics! Finally, 5-10 year olds formed their group. What do these children pray for, one might ask? Well, they were praying that God would help the Syrian refugee children! One little 5 year old girl was found crying and praying for unborn babies who were going to be killed by their mothers.

This is a truly ecumenical undertaking consisting of Arabs, Jews, Muslims, Christians. Wonderful things happen when there is a concerted effort to pray. The Bible urges us to pray, which brings us into communion with God.

Jesus needed communion with His Father when He walked this earth. Jesus also promised the gift of The Holy Spirit which empowers us to do His work. When we pray according to His Will & in His Name He will grant our request (*John ch.14 vv13 & 14*).

When we lived near Herne Bay, Churches Together in this small coastal town introduced the 24/7 prayer rota at specific times in the year. There was a designated room in the town centre in which were provided facilities for reading, writing, tapes and also coffee/ tea. Those interested signed their names and committed themselves to a particular hour, covering the night as well.

Jerusalem, Israel, the Middle East and the entire world need prayer for as St. Paul puts it "we fight not against flesh and blood but against principalities powers against the rulers of the darkness of this world against spiritual wickedness in high places."

I believe along with other evangelically-minded people that the final conflict between Satan and Christ (or Michael and his angels) will take place in Jerusalem or that area. There are films about this scenario and the public flock to see them, believing them to be fiction. According to the Scriptures it is going to happen and the reality will be more horrific than the films.

Jerusalem is the City of David who made it his capital (*Sam.2 Ch5-6*) and brought The Ark of The Covenant to it. He was then made King of Judah, and later Israel.

The Bible proclaims Christ is coming to sit on the throne of David and Jesus said "Watch for ye know not when the Son of Man cometh".

Those who know Jesus and trust in His saving grace and power will look forward to an eternity of joyful fulfillment but those who reject Him now need our prayers before it is too late!

Elizabeth Falkner

Around the news and events Chaplaincy: from all our churches



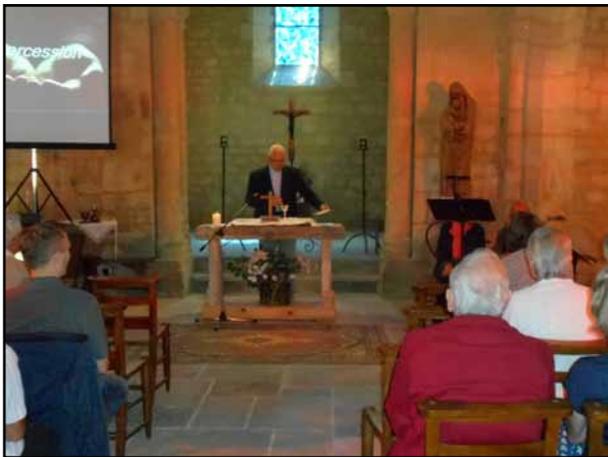
Ste. Nathalène

(24) East of Sarlat, Parish Church, on D27

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Forthcoming Services

Sunday 3rd June	11:00	Prayer & Praise	Madeleine Holmes
Sunday 17th June	11:00	Prayer & Praise with Communion	Reverend Tony Lomas
Sunday 1st July	11:00	Prayer & Praise with Communion	Reverend Gerrald Rootham



6th May Prayer & Praise with Communion was led by Reverend Tony Lomas. Tony's theme was about being chosen. This was emphasized by the Gospel reading from John 15:16 when Jesus said: "You did not choose me, but I chose you". Jesus wanted us to accept everyone - Jews and Gentiles alike. Now as Christians, they - and us - must fundamentally change our priorities, find forgiveness daily, and seek God's ways. The transformation of the Roman centurion Cornelius in Acts 10, when the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles, was used as an example. So how do we choose what path and whom should we follow? Jesus would guide us by His simple yet powerful commandment in John 15:12 - "Love one another as I have loved you".

After communion we were able to continue our fellowship with a Bring & Share lunch on the church patio in bright sunshine.

20th May Pentecost Prayer & Praise was led by worship leader and Chaplaincy warden David Albrecht. The New Testament readings had to do with God sending his Holy Spirit from Acts 2: 1-21 and how the Holy Spirit intercedes for us from Romans 8:22-27. The gospel reading was from John 15 and 16 telling us how the Spirit of Truth comes to us and acts as an advocate for us. David's sermon was entitled "Setting the Church on Fire". He very



interestingly used as a metaphor a four stroke car engine. It needs combustion and compression, it must provide a spark to set the engine in motion. In like measure, Pentecost was the catalyst for the beginning of Christ's church. Allelujah!

Our service was followed by a tasty Bring & Share lunch just outside the church in warm sunshine, which everyone enjoyed.



Our **WoW sessions (Worship on Wednesdays)** resumed in May on the 9th and 23rd at Jan and Dave Wilton's home, and our Thursday prayer sessions in June will commence on the 10th at Colin and Sheila Campbell's home. All are welcome to attend.



Lot et Garonne:

Dondas just off the D215, north east of Agen.

Doudrac on D50 between Castillonès and Villereal.

Envals to the north of Montflanquin.

CW	Richard Morris	05 53 23 40 51
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PC	Helen Raphael	05 53 47 78 93

St Médard on D245 north-east of Agen

June Services

Sunday 3 June	11:00	Holy Communion	Doudrac	Rev Bearcroft
Sunday 17 June	10:30	Holy Communion	Dondas	Revs A/D Marshall

DOUDRAC

Sunday 6th May brought a sunny day and Rev Louise Courtney to Doudrac for our Communion service. Her sermon focused on 'Love' and reminded us that '... the key for being a follower of Christ is love. God loves all He has made, therefore our love must include all and everything ... Jesus knows it's not an easy task, but has given us '... many teachings, flexible lessons and constant forgiveness.' There were thirty communicants at this service.

The next Communion service at Doudrac will be on Sunday, 3rd June at 11am Rev Bramell Bearcroft will be leading and we shall also have a baptism during the service. In addition the Chorale Anglais will be taking part in our service.



ENVALS

On Tuesday, 15th May, a date between Ascension and Pentecost, Rev Liz Morris celebrated Holy Communion in the home of Dave and Liz Rolfe. There were twenty six communicants.

Liz reminded us how busy our lives can be and how impatient we are. She brought home to us in her sermon, the importance of '... waiting and knowing how to wait – staying in communication with God and being silent and open to the Spirit.'

After the service we all enjoyed a meal prepared by Dave and Liz Rolfe and others who had brought desserts. Thanks to all who contributed to a delicious meal – well worth waiting for!

DONDAS

Our service on Sunday, 20 May would normally have been one of Morning Worship, but as that day was Pentecost Revd Angela and Revd David Marshall kindly offered to celebrate a eucharist for us, an offer which we gratefully accepted. As usual, David provided our musical accompaniment on his guitar, and also preached, while Angela celebrated. We are delighted that they will be coming to Dondas again next month, Sunday, 17 June, at 10.30 am for our scheduled eucharist.



The Dronne Valley Church, at Bertric Burée

(24): Parish Church, (D708 between Ribérac and Verteillac)

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ML	Keith Gunn	05 53 90 85 92
PC	Sheila Marshall	05 53 90 95 69

June Services

Sunday 03 June	10:30	Service of the Word
	18:00	Evensong
Sunday 10 June	10:30	Holy Communion
Wed 13 June	11:00	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 17 June	10:30	Family Service
Sunday 24 June	10:30	Holy Communion

The Reverend Andy Horlock and his lovely wife, Annie, joined the Chaplaincy clergy team last year having bought a second home near to Lusignac with the intention of maximising the amount of time spent here. We are pleased that this falls within the 'parish' of Bertric-Burée and that Andy and Annie are able to lead and worship with us regularly. As a priest with permission to officiate in the Chaplaincy of Aquitaine, Andy is called upon to lead worship anywhere in the Chaplaincy. Andy is no stranger to the Chaplaincy and frequently visited when he was Chaplain in Lugano and swapped posts for several years with Revd Gillian Strachan at Limeuil. He was a locum for a time at the church in Bordeaux and also in Paris.



The **Rock and Roll Night** was such a good night!. With music from the 50s and 60s organised by Kathy and Mark Carter, with Ann and Dave Knight on the beef burgers and chips, whilst David Jackson presided over the bar and Steve Long manning the music desk, It is always a surprise how our Fund Raising team always find new and fun things to organise. The best way to raise money is to make it enjoyable for those giving!
The proceeds of the night will go towards paying for the double-glazed windows recently installed in the Upper Room.



The couple who won the bottle of wine for the best costume of the 50s/60s was Emily and Andy.



Here is our Music Guru, our very own Local Warden, Steve Long, sporting a very fetching red wig, which he informed me, was about the length and the colour of his own hair when he was young! We loved the green spectacles ! Who said being a Christian meant being serious all the time?

Chancelade and Négrondes

(24) Chapelle de Saint Jean, opp. The
Abbey NE of Périgueux
Négrondes Church

CW
ML
PC

Vacancy
Elizabeth Brook
Frances Pengelly
Patrick Sturges

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June Services

Sunday 10 June	10.30	Holy Communion	Rev. Tony Lomas	Négrondes
Sunday 17 June	10.30	Holy Communion	The Ven. Chris Sims	Chancelade
Sunday 24 June	10.30	Family Service	Sheila Marshall	Négrondes

Do you dream about warm evenings, sitting at bedecked tables eating magnificent food ?
Well, you have a chance to have your dream come true.

**We at Chancelade and Négrondes invite you to a Curry Evening,
on 6th July at the home of Philip and Elizabeth Brook.**

A spicy event you won't forget !

We realised that as we had missed out on the Strawberry Tea this year that it was time to have an evening with friends, and boost our church funds. It is important to us to keep in touch with people who come to our events but are not regular churchgoers. Please let us know if you would be interested, more details as time draws nearer.

One successful fund raiser was our stall at the **Brocante in Sorges**. Our friends brought goods to sell, they manned the stall, brought good food to share at lunchtime and Praise God we only had one light shower that in no way dampened spirits, a goodly sum of €367 was raised for church funds. Very many thanks to all of you that contributed to the success and fun of the day.

Our **church door curtain** is taking shape well. At present we are in the process of making coloured fishes to float on the base of the curtain. Each fish is of a different colour, the difficult part is stitching the edges so they are neat, and for this a zig zag stitch is used. As I write this I feel slightly cross eyed. It's quite a job, but the effect is most pleasing. And when the curtain is finally raised up we shall ask one of our priest friends to dedicate it, it may indeed be ready to hang on the 10th June all being well so watch this space and the web page for further news. Our sewing time together has been of great value, I think we talk more than sew!

Talking of talking, I was talking to someone the other day when we remarked how quickly time passes. It's true, it flies in my life anyway.

My husband tells me we all have the same amount of time, what is important is how we use it. some days we manage to fill each hour with good efficient labour, the washing gets done, meals prepared, the garden is tidy. the car washed. I think this must be someone else I'm talking about !!

Seriously though, what do we do some days? I am sometimes so disorganised nothing seems to get done. Why do I not remember one of the first lessons I learnt when I became a christian..... Start the day with the Lord.

A few moments even on the busiest day can help set the mind and body in the right order for the rest of the day. It's so simple but so often I, we, forget. Make it your routine to spend a few minutes, longer if possible, setting forth with the knowledge that you have spoken to the King of Kings and listened to Him. Tell Him what is on that day, ask Him to guide you in actions and speech as you go about all you do with folks you meet. It is amazing how, when you have a busy schedule, things fall into place or if chaos reigns you get through it all with a calmer and more collected attitude.

God is good all the time and all time is His, rejoice with Him all the time He has given us however long or short it seems on the day. His love and blessings are with us always.



Bordeaux

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PC	Christine Rychlewski	06 81 85 72 97

Future Services

Sunday, 27th May	Trinity Sunday	10.30	Prayer and Praise Service	David Albrecht
Sunday, 3rd June		10.30	Morning Worship	Jane Adams
		15.00	French Madagascan Family Communion	Rev'd. Charlotte Sullivan
Sunday, 10th June		10.30	Family Communion	Rev'd. Charlotte Sullivan
Sunday, 17th June		10.30	Family Communion	Rev'd. Charlotte Sullivan
			followed by Congregation "Bring & Share" Lunch	
Sunday, 24th June		10.30	Morning Worship	Sheila Marshall
Sunday, 1st July		10.30	Family Communion	Rev'd. Charlotte Sullivan

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN JUNE and BEGINNING JULY 2018 THERE WILL BE SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP EVERY SUNDAY

Other Activities

Sunday, 3rd June		13.00	Picnic Play Reading Group
Wednesday, 6th June	JUST 10	19.00	Exploring the 10 Commandments At the Presbytery, Floirac
Wednesday, 13th June	JUST 10	19.00	Exploring the 10 Commandments At the Presbytery, Floirac
Wednesday, 20th June	JUST 10	19.00	Exploring the 10 Commandments At the Presbytery, Floirac
Wednesday, 27th June	JUST 10	19.00	Exploring the 10 Commandments At the Presbytery, Floirac
Sunday, 1st July		13.00	Picnic Play Reading Group

All Age Worship with a difference, Holy Communion with our Chaplain and the French Madagascan Family Communion!



On Sunday, 6th May, Christine Rychlewski led us in an All Age Worship with a difference. As always, we each had either our own favourite Bible in our hands or one of the many different versions from the Vestry Cupboard. The readings were from different versions too - Grace Razafindratsima read an electronic version in French from a smartphone!

Furthermore, we were accompanied by Lindsay Mégraud on the organ and Nicole Gabet on her beautiful, classical accordion. We also had the Kid's Choir sing for us and the retiring organ accompaniment was provided by Timothée Razafindratsima, who is a splendid, young organist and chess player.

On Sunday, 13th May, Rev'd. Tony Lomas celebrated Holy Communion. He was warmly welcomed and stayed for the lively Bring and Share lunch. In good spirit, not only members from the usual Bordeaux congregation, but also our extended fellowship family, our Madagascan brothers and sisters, joined together for the feast before the French Madagascan Family Communion service, also led by Tony Lomas in the afternoon.

Play Reading Group

The Picnic-Play Reading Group is a fellowship activity which was started in 2012 thanks to a young man who was keen to go on the stage and was keen to read Shakespeare. Six years on the members tend to be rather older and the plays we read are a little more modern.

The May reading took place on Sunday, 6th May and as it was a lovely sunny day we were able to have our picnic in the courtyard of the Assomption. We were five adults and three children. The play selected was called "King Arthur's Socks", nothing to do with King Arthur of legendary fame, although the only male happened to be called Lancelot and the principal female was Guinevere. It was a charming tale and all agreed they had spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Pamela Prior

Thy Kingdom Come - in Bordeaux as across the Globe ... 10th May 2018

Two years ago, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, launched "Thy Kingdom Come" (visit the website www.thykingdomcome.com for all details plus interviews and video material) as a multi-denominational, worldwide, prayer fellowship and period of reflection between Ascension and Pentecost. This year it fell between 10th May and 20th May.

In Bordeaux, we started being more aware of "Thy Kingdom Come" both publicly and as a group this year. A small group,

but we hope our continued prayer drive will seed a larger participation next year! The guidance and shepherding of our Resident Priest, Rev'd. Charlotte Sullivan, was in large part responsible for wider appreciation of this exciting and rewarding prayer and fellowship initiative. Several of us pledged and became more deeply involved, as a private and as a shared experience, of the magnitude of reflecting prayerfully on 5 people in a continuous fashion.

Thus, on Thursday evening, 10th May, we met for an Ascension Day - Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Reflection at the Presbytery. We watched the Day 1 Videos by Nicky Gumbel and Cardinal Vincent Nichols and worshipped together. Moving from the Cross, to the Tomb, to the Upper Room and to Jesus appearing to His disciples; realising that none of that was the end - more was to come! Ascension AND the promise of the Holy Spirit!

We prayed together in expectation and anticipation as part of "Thy Kingdom Come" towards Pentecost. Learning to wait as we might wait for our prayers to be answered in faith, hope and trust! It was a time of peaceful reflection and prayerful worship of the Lord; becoming aware also of His Kingdom Coming in our own lives and how that would enlarge His kingdom to those around us!

After the meeting we shared a joyous Bring and Share before making our way home.



Yesterday, at Pentecost, we celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit together in an inspiring sermon by Charlotte at the Chapelle d'Assomption. It seemed as though Nature itself was celebrating and praising God with us - the sky was brilliantly bright and the sun radiantly shining. Inside, before the Communion Table, a plain, wooden cross was laid on a coloured scarf for us to stick our prayer intentions on, and so leave them in the hands of Christ.



Charlotte concluded her sermon with an invitation to remain excited about the Gift and to spread this fantastic, life changing Good News everyday! "Thy Kingdom Come!"

JUST 10

This novel way of studying the 10 Commandments, which most of us knew by heart from our Sunday School days, seems to wake us up to what have become nebulous "rules". Surpassed by the seemingly "easy" Commandment of Christ, or Summary of the Law, so well known - "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself" More "comfortable" to follow this Law in our lives - on the surface. Of course we love God, naturally we love our neighbour or do we ??? Honestly....!

Fortunately, JUST 10 gives us a unique opportunity to relearn the 10 Commandments and make them part of our lives in faith while, at the same time, making us deeply aware of the full meaning of Jesus' summary of the Law.

Charlotte Sullivan suggested that we get to know JUST 10 as a fellowship at the Presbytery and we started on Wednesday, 16th May, for a 10 weeks course of studying the 10 Commandments BACKWARDS.... The marvellous feature is that, via a link (please contact Charlotte Sullivan directly), even those unable to attend every week, or not able to attend at all, can study with us. Thus it is potentially a Bordeaux-wide fellowship experience. Hopefully, many more will get on board as we, who were together last Wednesday, talk about this important "rediscovery" of the Commandments!

I think all of us had to have a quick look at Exodus 20 before we remembered the EXACT Commandment. Coveting is so old fashioned and not really a contemporary vice - that is, at a first glimpse. But soon Charlotte and Canon J. John had us discovering just where we stood with regard to "True Contentment", which obviates coveting a deeply moving and thought provoking session followed as, under Charlotte's leadership, we probed into our coveting !

There was consensus that, in fact, in coveting, we were actively breaking ALL the Commandments AND the Law of Love. We were all inspired to be more aware of our thoughts, words and deeds during the coming week until we discover the next Commandment..... False Witness, on Wednesday, 23rd May at 19h00 again at the Presbytery.

Thank God for forgiveness and Jesus' offer on the Cross!!!!

Hope we will be more numerous and REMEMBER, All are welcome!



Monteton

(47) east of Duras, (notre Dame Parish Church)

CW		
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PC	Helen Raphael	05 53 47 78 93

June Services

Sunday 3rd June	No service (see below)		
Sunday 10th June	10.30	Morning Prayer	Anne Penfold
Sunday 17th June	10.30	Prayer and Praise	Anne Penfold
Sunday 24th June	10.30	Holy Communion	Revd Liz Morris

Please note that there will be no service at Monteton on Sunday 3rd June because the Choir of the University of Central Lancashire is making one of its traditional visits and will be leading the singing of the Eucharist at the church in Doudrac at 11.am. This excellent young choir has performed in the area and sung in our services many times, so do not miss the opportunity to hear them and to share in this special service of Holy Communion.

Ascension Day was celebrated at Monteton on Thursday 10th May and led by our Chaplain, Tony. Despite a gloomy and wet morning, the sun came out for our afternoon service of Holy Communion and thanks to our loyal visitor members, Sharon and Roger Moncur, we managed to assemble a small but effective choir led by Philippa, in Marjorie's absence. It was also a great treat to have well-known local musician and composer, (and former Choir Leader), Richard Errington playing the organ. Philippa led the choir in an Alto solo of the much-loved Wesley Anthem "Lead me Lord", and the congregation joined enthusiastically in the singing of traditional Ascension hymns, beginning with the rousing "Hail the day that sees Him rise" and ending the service with the very uplifting "Crown Him with many crowns".



After a glorious day on the Friday, the monthly **Saturday Coffee and Cakes** at the home of the Eckett's was blessed with the heavy showers that have dogged us in the South West this Spring. As ever, Leslie efficiently organised all the parking at Le Bousquet despite the wet conditions – his field full of the wonderful orchids we enjoy in the region at this time of year! Some new friends joined us and it was also great to have our Chaplain Tony with us and Ingrid. The next gathering for this now much-appreciated event will be on Saturday 9th June, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon as usual. If you plan to go, let Norma know on 05 53 93 53 86.



Limeuil

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June Services

Sunday 03 June	10:30	Holy Communion	Rev'd Louise Courtney
Sunday 10 June	10:30	Holy Communion	Ven. Chris Sims
Sunday 17 June	10:30	Morning Worship	Roger Cheale
Wednesday 20 June	16:00	Evensong with the University of Exeter Choir	David Albrecht
Thursday 21 June	10:30	BCP Holy Communion	Rev'd Tony Lomas
Sunday 24 June	10:30	Holy Communion	Ven. Chris Sims (followed by a bring and share lunch)

Thy Kingdom Come



Limeuil church has got involved in this global prayer movement thanks to the dedication of Amy. This is an opportunity for Christians all around the world to pray between Ascension Day and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it was started in 2016 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, it is now an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

At Limeuil Amy has organised each daily session where we have been meeting for a time of music and prayer to help us consider what God is calling us to do in our community and also to pray for those outside of our church family, that they may come to know Jesus.

It would be encouraging to see more churches in our chaplaincy getting involved in this opportunity to spend time in God's presence.

Our new sound system

We are becoming more familiar with the new system as we are using it at each service. Several members of our congregation have mentioned that it has improved their enjoyment of the service as they no longer have to strain their ears to hear the readers and can sit at the front or the back of the church and still hear perfectly. The system is very powerful and we are just starting to understand how it can be used to make our services more dynamic.

New musician needed

We are getting short of talented musicians to play for our services as many are absent for long periods as they are temporary visitors only. Rebecca Easdale who is a regular musician at Ste. Nathelene, comes to play for us occasionally has recently fallen and broken her hand and will be out of action for a whole year. In desperation we may need to use downloads on our new sound system which will present new challenges and perhaps give us all an opportunity to learn some new hymns!



Time for Jazz



The Reverend Bramwell Bearcroft has led us in worship twice this month and we have enjoyed what he has brought to us. He reminded us last week that he is due to come and play at our Jazz night on the 4th July - as if we had forgotten!

Do come and join us as it will be a night to remember and Bramwell assured us that there will be some new material too!

This great evening with proceeds to Chaplaincy funds will be at the Salle Eugène Le Roy, Le Bugue on Wednesday 4 July 2018 19h 22€ (under 14s 12€) meal and glass of wine included. Reservation is essential ! For information and reservations : 06 07 04 07 77 or limeuil_communications@orange.fr

JAZZ NIGHT



PHOENIX JAZZ BAND
Jazz traditionnel New-Orleans

Salle Eugène Le Roy, LE BUGUE
Wednesday 4 July 2018
19h

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Condom

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June Service

Thurs 28 June - 11:00 Holy Communion

Thursday 26th April 2018 Service in Notre-dame de Pietet Condom – Revd. Charlotte Sullivan

Around 15 year's ago my husband Larry and I were staying for a night in the Monasterio de Piedro northern Spain with Ollie-dog on our way back home to Condom. On the morning of our departure Larry took Ollie for a walk in the beautiful tree laden grounds verdant with lush undergrowth and many flowing streams and famous waterfalls. I wasn't exactly sure where they were but had avague idea and slowly made my way down thru the close vegetation and past some of the beautiful waterfalls. At one point I needed to go down through a narrow tunnel which had quite a high ceiling and there was only a small glimmer of light at the end – a third of the way through I became quite scared as there were no other people around and without much thought I started singing the Lord's My Shepherd at the top of my voice and that is how I reached the other end of the tunnel without trying to run screaming to find my little family! On breaking into daylight I breathed a huge sigh of relief to hear Ollie dog barking in the distance. The prayer helped and guided me through – as it has a number of times since in different ways.

The Lord's my shepherd was the theme Rev Charlotte used for her homily at the service on 23rd April it reached the corners of my heart – He does work in mysterious ways! Rev Charlotte drove a long way to be with us in Condom at the last minute as Rev Tony Lomas had to go to Brussels on Ecumenical business.

Many thanks Charlotte and many thanks to Anton who played the organ so well, to Anne who read the prayers of Intercession (without too much of a pause for our responses which made it easier to pray for the intention as most people agreed) our congregation of around 30 which included some newcomers, enjoyed a happy, uplifting service.

Ascension Day 2018 - A coming together

Over several years John and Joy Errey have hosted a celebration of Ascension Day in their Garden. John, who is the lay minister in the Chaplaincy of Pau and his wife Joy once again hosted a wonderful day. Wonderful not only because the views from the marquee reminded us of God's glory but also wonderful in bringing together Christians from the Chaplaincy of Pau, Midi-Pyrénées, and Aquitaine to celebrate this important day in the Churches calendar. Despite weather forecasts the sun shone not only on the landscape but in our hearts giving us an 'uplifting' (pardon the pun) experience.

The Venerable Meurig Williams, Archdeacon of France with Canon Robert Dennis, the Chaplain of Pau assisting, led the Eucharist. Our Chaplain and Area Dean for South West France, Rev'd Tony Lomas was also there. A trinity of clergy! The Archdeacon preached referring to our identity in Christ and our mission as redeemed people. He quoted Fredrich Nietzsche, a fierce, and many say devastating, critique of Christianity, as saying "I might believe in the Redeemer if his followers looked more redeemed." Well looking around we all looked gratefully redeemed!

Our gratitude continued in the wonderful fellowship and abundance of food. Although it was quite a trek for some to be there it was well worth the effort.

A wonderful day, thank you John and Joy and all those who made it happen.



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