

Ste Natters Matters issue 108. 6th May 2018.

Our services start at **11.00**. We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and a bring and share lunch afterwards.



- 6th May** - Prayer & Praise with Communion, Revd Tony Lomas
- 9th May** **WOW 14.30** at the Wiltons
- 20th May** - Pentecost Prayer & Praise, David Albrecht
- 23rd May** **WOW 14.30** at the Wiltons
- 3rd June** - Prayer & Praise, Madeleine Holmes
- 10th June** **3.30 IAM** Prayer at the Campbells
- 17th June** - Prayer & Praise with Communion, Revd Tony Lomas
- 24th June** **3.30 IAM** Prayer at the Campbells
- 1st July** - Prayer & Praise with Communion, Revd Gerrald Rootham
- 8th July** **3.30 IAM** Prayer at the Campbells.

1 Peter 4:11. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised.

15th April Prayer & Praise with Anne Penfold

Is there a danger that if we focus on the cross – we miss Easter and the empty tomb? The Apostles preached of the resurrection because that gives hope. There should always be place in us for the empty tomb. We don't know what they did the day after his death but they were together. An empty tomb to go with an empty cross. One, a place of questions and sadness, the other a place of answers, hope and joy. He won for us eternal life and our salvation.

Thank you Anne for a lovely service, it is always a pleasure to have you in our midst.



We had our first lunch outside which was nice. We had hot chicken casserole with jacket potatoes and a lovely array of quiche and salads. Thank you to all who contributed to the meal. Afterwards we had our committee meeting in the sun.

Worship On Wednesday. Great news! WOW is starting again on the 9th and 23rd May. All are welcome, you don't have to attend Ste Nats to come. The format for the meetings are very relaxed: we start with coffee and then have a time of worship with the opportunity for anyone to share a scripture, prayer, prophesy, what they think God is saying to us, a testimony or a thanksgiving. We often end the meeting praying for one another. We usually close the meeting at about 16h00 but there is no need to hurry away – we are happy to stay and fellowship over more coffee and cake!

WOW will take a break during the weekly summer services and new dates will be announced for the autumn.

'Intercession, Adoration, Ministry' Introducing **IAM** Prayer Group. We are starting a new venture of meeting on a Sunday afternoon, when there is no service at Ste Nathalène.

We invite you to join us on *10th June, 24th June & 8th July 3.30* at the home of Colin & Sheila Campbell, Maison Haute, Péchaude, 24590 Archignac. Phone 05 53 59 68 78 for directions. There will be no meeting during our summer weekly services.



We'd love you to join us. Prayer is a necessity for our wellbeing and growth, as individuals and as the people and family of God. It is the glue that binds us together in relationship with our Father, creator, saviour, councillor. We will have the opportunity to join together in prayers of adoration and praise to God. To intercede together for the world, Ste Nathalène and our individual needs. Also a time of reflection, listening and receiving from our Father through his word and the Spirit's prompting.

Let us feed, nurture and encourage one another and see the Lord bear much fruit, through his surrendered, empty vessels.

Prayer For Difficult Times

Dear Lord, you know all that I am dealing with. You know that there are things happening that are beyond my control. Please help me to accept what I can't change. Help me turn my worry time to prayer time. Please help me so these things don't steal my joy. Help me to keep my eyes fixed on you. I give you my stress. I give you my disappointments. I give you my frustrations and sadness and ask for your peace. May your will be done. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen
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Alpha ended with 'What About Church?'



Down through the ages there have been many different perceptions of the church. We were encouraged to look at the picture of the church in the New Testament.

1. The people of God **2 Cor 6:16**. For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them and I will be their God and they will be my people."
2. The family of God **1 John 3:1**. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
3. The body of Christ **1 Cor 12:27**. Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is part of it.
4. A holy temple **Eph 2:22** ... being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
5. The bride of Christ. **Eph 5: 25-27**. ...just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water and through the word and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish but holy and blameless.

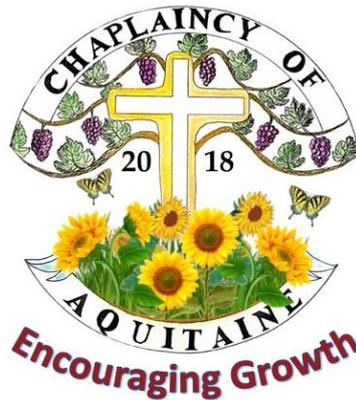
See also a piece in the Chaplaincy magazine. Please bring your feedback questionnaire to church or scan and email it to Dave or Alexandra.

I was weeding recently and looked up at the clear blue sky. There was an aeroplane leaving a vapour trail. I wondered if people can see where we Christians have been? Do we leave a trail of love, hope, joy, encouragement and enthusiasm for our first love?

Eph6:7-8. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever he does.



Jesus showed us the love of God our Father.



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**SING JOYFULLY TO THE LORD, YOU RIGHTEOUS;
IT IS FITTING FOR THE UPRIGHT TO PRAISE HIM. PSALM 33:1.**