

JUBILATE

The Magazine of the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd,
Poitou-Charentes



NOVEMBER 2022

But first there are one or two October matters to deal with:

1. REMEMBER to put your clocks BACK by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night 29th October – Autumn is officially here.
2. We have a **special service** to REMEMBER those people whom the Chaplaincy has served through funeral services this year, and, indeed, other friends or members of our families who have gone before; The service, ***including Holy Communion***, is on **SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER at 3.00.pm** in the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd, Chef Boutonne.

If you wish members of your family or friendship to be named,
please contact Carolyn **straight away**

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There's a lot to read in this month's *Jubilate*. PLEASE read it ***all***

The people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have a new King and a new Prime Minister. Let us pray for them:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS TO BE USED THIS WEEKEND

You can never have too many prayers, so here are some COLLECTS set for October 30th (which is the 4th Sunday before Advent):

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the
living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship

And for All Saints Day

Tuesday 1st November is All Saints Day, when we *remember* all those who have died in the faith of Christ, giving thanks to God for their lives and praying for courage and wisdom to follow in their footsteps

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



Words from our Church Warden

Just a few updates this month on Chaplaincy life.

* The 30th.October is our All-Saints Day service held at Chef Boutonne, where we will remember the dearly departed. (See page 1)

If you would like someone remembered in the service, please let me know on my email:
chaplaincychurchwarden1@gmail.com.

* Our 'Remembrance Day' service is the 13th November, poppies are available this year, although they were difficult to get.

* At our council meeting on the 11th. October, our Treasurer Valerie reported that the Chaplaincy is doing well financially, but that we were not yet able to recruit a Chaplain.

* We are awaiting a date for our meeting with the Archdeacon. More details will be forthcoming.

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* A Safeguarding awareness week is being held from the 20th till the 27th. November, and a short presentation will be given by Paul Davis our Safeguarding Officer during the service in Chef Boutonne on the 27th. November. (See Page 6)

* Unfortunately, "Rumours of Angels" has had to be cancelled through lack of Soprano singers. We hope to be able to recruit more for next year.

* Fund Raising events are being planned and details will be available in Jubilate (see Page) and on the website.

* The Ministry team met to discuss the Chaplaincy's Christmas services and I can now confirm the following:

4th. December: services in Champagne Mouton (Morning Worship)
and Courcelles, Holy Communion.

11th December, Cognac, Holy Communion and Chef Boutonne Morning Worship.

18th December. Zoom 10:30 Morning Worship.

Nine lessons and Carols Ecumenical service Chef Boutonne. 3.00 pm

25th December Christmas Day service at Chef Boutonne 11.00 am.

So, we have a lot to look forward to. Our next council Meeting will be on the 17th of January 2023.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Chaplaincy. Take Care.

Love in Christ to you all

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And to complete October

MONDAY 31st October

3.00.pm

Using the Chaplaincy's ZOOM link (see page 10)

QUIZ

Test your general knowledge (not your handwriting!).

No prizes – no detentions – just fun, and maybe a bit of embarrassment! Better than housework!

And so to November:



ALPHA ONLINE

Do you wish to refresh your understanding of the Christian Faith, or you would like to find out about the Christian faith? There is an Alpha Course online via Zoom. The Alpha Course is created to outline the core principles of the Christian faith that all Christian denominations agree on. It begins on **Thursday 10th. November** at 6p.m. to approx. 7.30. If you are interested, please contact Roy Carter at revernr.carter200@gmail.com with your name and email address as soon as possible.

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RICH FRUIT CHRISTMAS CAKE

Homemade rich fruit Christmas Cake (Contains Alcohol and Nuts)



This homemade Christmas Cake is **being raffled** to raise *funds for the Chaplaincy*. Entries should be made by email to raylegicq@hotmail.com and cost 2,50 Euros for one or five entries for 10,00 Euros. Lucky numbers will be allocated by a random number generator. It is important that all entries are paid for immediately and this can be done by giving cash to any of the following: Nicky Marshall, Pat or Allen Jenkins, Ray or Jackie Smith, or David Hawken.

If in our current climate this proves difficult, cheques made payable to the Chaplaincy should be sent to Ray Smith, 1 rue Des Lilas, 17160 Le Gicq.

The draw will take place, again by random number generator, on December 4 and arrangements made to deliver or collect the cake in time for Christmas. The full result and details of monies raised will be published in **fJubilate**.

Important. If any entries are made but not paid for before the 6th December the entries will be withdrawn.



The ecumenical group in the Jarnac/Cognac area is organising a series of events for 2022-23 entitled "*Artisans de Paix dans notre Monde*" - "Blessed are the peacemakers", to which all are warmly invited.

Thursday 24th November 2022, 8pm, Hôtel Renard, 14 Quai de l'Orangerie, 16200 Jarnac :

Conference on "Nonviolent Communication" led by Dr Pascale . Molho

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[Church of England Safeguarding Week 20 – 27 November.](#)

You may have picked up in the media that there are still many problems in the Church of England with the large number of Safeguarding cases that have not been fully concluded. Criticism was levelled at the Archbishop of York no less, who has a significant number of such cases within his own Diocese.

It is an ongoing problem within Churches of all denominations, and the events over the past few years should shake us all from our complacency. So often we look on these issues as 'someone else's problem' or 'it couldn't happen here'. Unfortunately, it can, and it is an issue we need to be aware of, and vigilant about.

Safeguarding Week seeks to raise the profile, and challenge us as individuals and as a Church to face these issues, and to ensure we are equipped to make sure, as far as is possible, our church is a safe place for everyone.

There will be a short item on safeguarding in the service on 27 November in Chef Boutonne, so it will be an opportunity to find out more.

Take care, and keep (everyone!) safe,

Paul Davis Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer.

Sunday 6th November

Church services at **10.30** in Champagne Mouton and Courcelles

Collects for The Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is also The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

**Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever**

Sunday 13th November **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

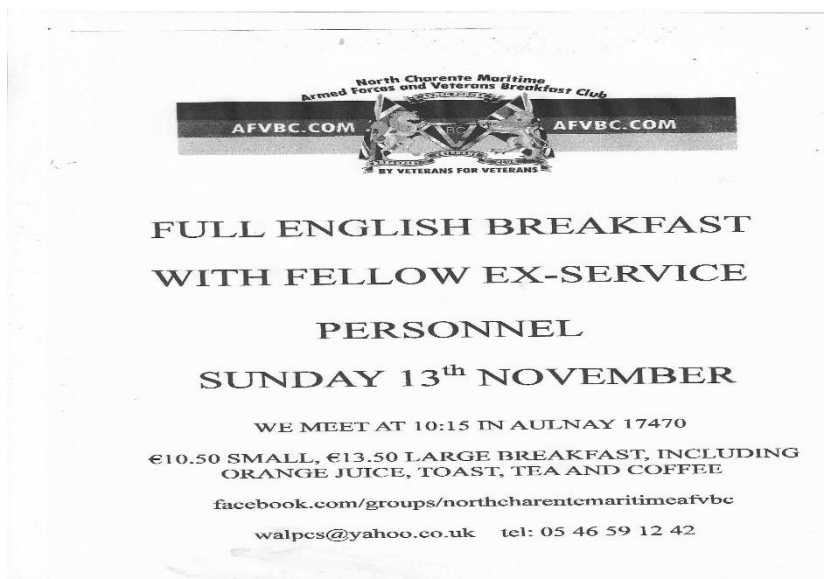


On Remembrance Sunday there will be Church Services in Chef Boutonne at 11.00 and Cognac at 10.30
(Members of our Mothers' Union group will be participating in the service at Cognac)

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

For those who do not want to attend church but who still *remember*, we have been asked to publish the invitation below




Sunday 13th November is also **The Second Sunday before Advent Collect**

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 20th November The Sunday next before Advent

We celebrate Christ the King

Today’s worship service will be held via the ZOOM link at 10.30

:  :
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3145287597?pwd=UVJDNTVpZzJXSnFWYTk2ZFhBMW5Zdz09>

The Meeting ID is **314 528 7597** The Passcode is **CGShepherd**

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Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
 that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of
 good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We welcome Advent with a **Holy Communion** service
in the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd in **Chef**
Boutonne, starting at 11.00.am

The Collect for Advent

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



ADVENT

is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. The characteristic note of Advent is expectation, The fundamental Advent prayer is 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22).



Join the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge to sing this Advent hymn

<https://www.godsongs.net/2011/11/come-thou-o-long-expected-jesus.html>

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find out rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope to all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thy all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

AID FOR UKRAINE (Wanda McKerchar writes)

I have received many calls over the past few weeks and many donations after the last appeal for toiletries, cartons of juice and milk drinks with straws, etc so felt I needed to feedback the latest information from the Ukraine Support Committee in Chef-Boutonne and let you know what has happened to your generous donations.

First, however, regarding the sending of items directly to Ukraine - this is no longer possible via the chaplaincy for several reasons: the depot for receipt of donations has closed in Chef- Boutonne due to lack of donations (except from our church) over recent months and an end to the convoys which were arranged to take things to the Polish border and on into Ukraine. I therefore suggest that if you wish to send aid directly to Ukraine you send money to organisations such as Médecins sans Frontières (via CATCH - envelopes clearly marked with this instruction can be placed in collections at services), other aid agencies supporting people in Ukraine or via one of the many Ukraine appeals.

The only chaplaincy link I can comment on now is with the local Ukrainian Support Committee which helps families arriving in Chef-Boutonne and surrounding villages. I attach a letter (page 12) which Andy and I received recently from this organisation; it is addressed to us but we have simply acted as go-betweens so it is actually FOR YOU.

I can assure you that all your donations have been passed to this organisation which deals with families who have in many cases arrived with just a backpack and the clothes they were wearing when they left Ukraine. 11 families are hosted in Chef-Boutonne and surrounding villages. The hosts and committee are helping them to work through the bureaucratic demands but this is a slow, ongoing process. Some of the mothers are able to work online but since their salaries in Ukraine are far below the French equivalent they are in financial need. We know of at least one family forced to return to Ukraine because the mother's employer said that if she did not return she would lose her job. Two families are now housed in commune social housing, living independently, and the mothers are working in the local maison de retraite.

Aide aux Gens d'Ukraine
Par des Gens du Mellois-en-Poitou
Deux-Sèvres 79 en France

Chers Wanda et Andy

Le Collectif « Ukraine Mellois en Poitou » tient à vous remercier vivement et sincèrement pour votre générosité.

Votre don contribue à prolonger les aides diverses que le Collectif apporte à nos familles ukrainiennes dont nous nous occupons dans le secteur.

C'est grâce à tous les dons que notre collectif peut continuer à soutenir ces familles.

Bien solidairement

Les membres du Collectif.

An Englishman recently contacted Angela Larmuth wanting to donate 1000€ in memory of his parents. Angela and I arranged for him to meet a representative of the committee to hand over the cash. Our neighbour Jocelyn, who is hosting a mother and child in her home and is a member of the committee, accepted it on their behalf - a very emotional occasion. We have since learned that some of that money was used to buy a cooker and a microwave for one of the families living independently and the rest will certainly be used in a similar way.

The gifts you have given (drinks, toiletries, etc) have been distributed equally among the families. Suitable clothing I have passed on to the families with which we have direct contact and other clothing items have been directed to the Boutique Solidaire in Chef-Boutonne. (Ukrainian families can go there and select clothing, toys, etc free of charge).

Your regular donations to **Resto du Coeur** are available to ALL in need and we must maintain our generous giving which is recognised by the volunteers and so very much appreciated by the recipients. Again, the team in Chef-Boutonne have asked us to pass on their thanks for YOUR continued support.

As winter approaches, and given that we are receiving huge donations every week may I suggest the following?

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>>>>> Care4Calais - A continuing urgent need for blankets, sleeping bags, scarves, hats, gloves, new men's underwear, warm clothing, toiletries, etc. Donations can be brought to church services and will be passed on to Nicky who will arrange delivery.

Ukraine support - The committee in Chef-Boutonne has explained that the refugees here have very little or no access to **cash**, even those still working online ***so cash is what they need.***

I am happy to act as liaison for Chef-Boutonne. However, if you know there are refugees in your commune you could contact your local support committee, via the mairie, to identify the best way to help. Clothing, toys, etc will be taken to the Boutique Solidaire.

If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll do my best to put you in contact with someone who can answer your queries. Thank you.

Wanda

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Support for Ukraine, Care4Calais, Restos du Coeur and other charities is not limited to our church in Chef Boutonne.

Donations and monetary gifts can be brought to any of our worship centres from where they will be distributed.

If you are giving money, please could it be by cheque, payable to CATCH, placed in an envelope with your desired charity marked on the outside, and put in the weekly collection plate/basket.

Thank you - don't stop helping.

Lectionary Bible Readings for Sundays in November:

6th —

Psalm 17 verses 1 to 9

Job chapter 19 verses 23 to27

2 Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 1 to 5 and 13 to 17

Gospel of Luke chapter 20 verses 27 to 38

13th –

Psalm 98

Malachi chapter 4 verses 1 & 2

2 Thessalonians chapter 3 verses 6 to 13

Gospel of Luke chapter 21 verses 5 to 19

20th —

Psalm 46

Jeremiah chapter 23 verses 1 to 6

Colossians chapter 1 verses 11 to 20

Gospel of Luke chapter 23 verses 33 to 43

27th —

Psalm 122

Isaiah chapter 2 verses 1 to 5

Romans chapter 13 11 to 14

Gospel of Matthew chapter 24 verses 36 to 44

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The readings for Sunday 30th October, being linked to ALL Saints Day, are as follows:

Psalm 149

Daniel chapter 7 verses 1 to 3 & 15 to 18

Ephesians 1.11-23

Luke 6.20-31

Social event of the Year



Saturday 26th November from 1.30.pm till 3.45

in the Château de Javarzay (not far from our Chef Boutonne church)

"AFTERNOON TEA"

- Set Tea (to be ordered in advance)

£ 7.50 Tea/Coffee included

(Wine is 1 euro extra, per glass)

Includes entry to Draw for bottle of Champagne

>>>> *Individual items from the menu below will be available "en vrac" at individual prices*

*There will be a **bookstall**,

* a **raffle** (for a Christmas Hamper)

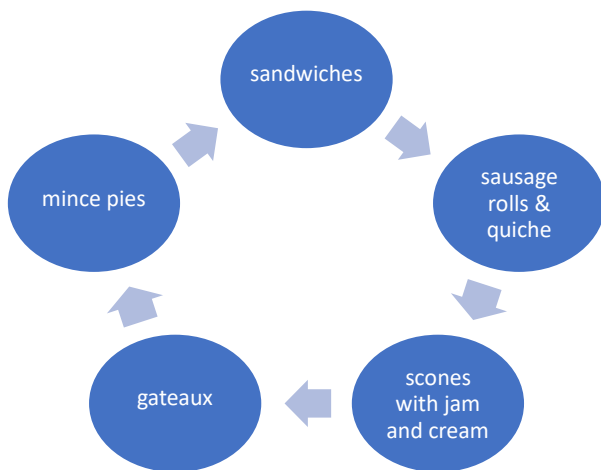
* and an English-style **tombola** - donations welcome

ALSO: **stalls** selling small *gifts suitable* for Christmas. Volunteers/ideas needed.

Please contact Angela Larmuth 05 49 07 71 28

There may even be some "entertainment" during the afternoon.

To find out more, and BOOK YOUR PLACE ---- contact Wanda McKerchar (contact details on Page 11)



The whole afternoon is to get together, have a natter and, especially, to raise funds for the Chaplaincy - and you'll still get home before it's dark, maybe.

Listen to the notices at Church and consult the Chaplaincy website: www.churchinfrance.com

BEST OF ALL - book the date, reserve your **Tea** and BE THERE!