

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



SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021

Chaplaincy Morning Worship will be held on **ZOOM** at 10.30.am



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Meeting ID: 314 528 7597

Passcode: CGShepherd

Whether or not you are comfortable using Zoom, give thanks to God for the technology (and those who have developed it) that enables people to meet in this way for worship, for committee meetings, for planning, for chatting - be it with colleagues, friends or family.

Through the difficult and continuing times of Covid-caused restrictions and isolation, this and other online places for conversation have been literally a GODsend.

Harvest season may be at an end, but we can still sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

Collects for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts, equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

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.

Bible Readings

Job 42.1-6 & 10-17

Psalm 34.1-8 &19-22

Hebrews 7.23-28

Mark 10.46-52



Offerings brought forward at the St Léger Harvest Service

Harvest gifts this year have gone as usual to the Banques Alimentaires and the Restos du Coeur.

You are asked to continue to support these two local charities with gifts of dry goods that are well within their use-by date. Bring them along next time you come to church.

The carrier bags and black bags (and there were more of them than shown) are full of clothing items to be given to

Care4Calais our charity of the year

You can also support Care4Calais with your gifts of money by using the Chaplaincy website donations page

www.churchinfrance.com

THANK YOU

Words from the Wardens.

Our council meeting on the 12th of October was both positive and constructive.

It was a full agenda and discussion on the forthcoming Christmas services and the possibility of holding a coffee and cake morning took place. We all know how popular the cake stall is especially at Christmas time.

We are awaiting estimates for the installation of electric radiators together with increasing the power input of the Chaplaincy's new Church.

We have had offers of help with the garden, which we are very grateful for, and if anyone else would like to offer their expertise in the garden or cleaning the Church before we can use it, this too would be appreciated.

The Chaplaincy Finances are good and there are no concerns regarding our income and expenditure.

The Diocese have updated the Covid regulations and are advising us to be extremely careful and to also follow local laws. Hand washing, social distancing, and the wearing of masks are still required for all except the ministers at the front. The shared Eucharist will be one element only.

Safeguarding in the Chaplaincy is of paramount importance and all those who have a role in the running of the Chaplaincy will need to have the appropriate training.

We attended an online meeting with the Archdeacon and other Chaplaincies in Europe where we were advised that new French laws will be coming into force next year. No further details are known now, but another meeting will held either at the end of this year or the beginning of 2022.

The online Alpha course started on the 13th of October. It is for English speaking people in Europe and our Chaplaincy is one of those involved. If anyone is interested in joining the Alpha online course, please contact Roy on 0545841903.

There will be a meeting of the Ministry Team on the 5th of November where we will discuss amongst other things, the opening service of the Church. The completion date should be mid-November so Christmas celebrations will be discussed for this new building and all the venues around the Chaplaincy. >>>>>

>>>>> We thank you very much for all the goods brought to all our Harvest Festival services at Courcelles, Champagne Mouton, Cognac and Melle, and for the generous giving to our Chaplaincy Charity, 'Care for Calais.

Our next council meeting is on the 23rd of November so further information will follow this date.

Meanwhile if you would like to volunteer for garden or cleaning duties please contact:

Carolyn on 05 45 84 19 03 or email chaplaincychurchwarden1@gmail.com

or Wanda on 0964122954 or email <u>chaplaincywarden2@gmail.com</u>.

Stay safe.

Carolyn and Wanda.

READ THE CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Sunday 17th October:

Mark 9:2-13, Matthew 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36, Mark 9:14-32, Matthew 17:14-23, Luke 9:37-45, Mark 9:33-37, Matthew 18:1-5, Luke 9:46-48

Monday 18th: Matthew 17:24-27, Mark 9:38-41, Luke 9:49-50, Mark 9:42-50 Matthew 18:6-9,* Matthew 18:10-35, Mark 10:1, Matthew 19:1-2, Luke 9:51,* Luke 9:52-56,* Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 10:1-20, Matthew 11:20-24 [* when passages follow immediately, just take a pause for thought between them]

Tuesday 19th: Luke 10:21-24, Matthew 11:25-27, * Matthew 11:28-30, Luke 10:38 - 11.13, Luke 11:27 - 12:21

Wednesday 20th: Luke 12:22 - 13:17, Luke 13:22 - 14:24

Thursday 21st: Luke 14:25 - 16:17, Luke 16:19 - 17:19

Friday 22nd: Luke 17:20 - 18:14, John 7:1-52

Saturday 23rd: John 7:53 - 9:34

(*Next Sunday 24th:* John 9:35 - 10:21, Mark 10:2-12, Matthew 19:3-12, Luke 16:18, Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 19:13-15, Luke 18:15-17, Mark 10:17-22, Matthew 19:16-22, Luke 18:18-23)

<u>RESPONSE</u> - this was printed in last week's Jubilate:

A final thought for this week

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others here for ?

Send your responses to the Editor: david.hawken@orange.fr



Roger Jones responded thus:

"By helping others we help them realise they can help us, and others, in so many ways unrealised"

Something to think about this week (and maybe respond - why not?)

It's been strange, staying at home on a Sunday and not going to Church. For some of us at least who have been able to do so over the last month, it has been a delight to worship God together again. But were we ever apart? The Zoom services and Steve's worship from the 'Live Lounge' have been greatly appreciated by those who 'attended'. Jesus said: "*I am the Vine - you are the branches*". We may have been aware of the grape harvest recently and of the Foire aux Vins in our supermarkets. Whether of necessity or by choice we continue to worship

at home or we join others in one of our worship centres, we are "branches" attached to Jesus, the Vine, and to one another. Our fellowship is with other Christian believers here in Poitou-Charente, in the UK and all over the world. Pray for those who cannot or choose not to go to Church on Sundays. Pray for those who *do* go. We are united by God's Holy Spirit.

Here's a seasonal prayer by a child called Rachel Bunting and published in the Lion Prayer Collection (ISBN:978-0-7459-5058-7)

Thank you God for the joys of Autumn, For falling leaves, For plums, pears, blackberries and apples For potatoes, carrots, beans and sprouts, And for all the colours of nature. We thank-you Heavenly Father.



"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Genesís 8:22

This is God's promise to mankind.

If things are going wrong, whose fault is it ? GOD keeps His promises

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Chaplaincy services for the rest of the month

TODAY October 17 A service on Zoom (see Page 1)

October 24 A service on Zoom

October 31 A "Toussaints" (All Saints) service at Courcelles, remembering loved ones, particularly those who have died in the last year. More detail next week.