

Jubilate



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



28th November
Advent Sunday

5th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

The Advent Collect

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.



There will be no issue of *Jubilate* next weekend.

Today's copy covers two Sundays

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ADVENT

The Church in France had initiated a penitential season near the end of the calendar year early in the fourth century. It developed out of the need to better address the sheer volume of people who were clamouring to join the Church and who needed instruction before their baptism.

The Church began celebrating a season of Advent specifically as preparation for the feast of Christmas under the influence of Pope Gregory I who developed a liturgy, a 'rite of prayer' around the theme of John the Baptist's words "Prepare the way of the Lord".

Our preparation today is not about shopping for bargain presents or the best food and wine. We sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rn9jNlx5iA>

We recognise that God **IS** with us. We prepare ourselves in penitence to receive again the salvation provided by the 'Word made flesh' and we anticipate his Second Coming to establish finally the kingdom.

Our Worship today is using ZOOM



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

Meeting ID: **314 528 7597**

Passcode: **CGShepherd**

ADVENT SUNDAY

*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*

Lectionary Bible Readings

Psalm 25 vv 1 - 9

Jeremiah 33 vv 14 - 16

1 Thessalonians 3 vv 9 - 13

St Luke's Gospel 21 vv25 - 36

2nd Sunday of Advent (December 5th)

*Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
That when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
We may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and God*

Lectionary Bible Readings

Malachi 3 vv 1-4

Philippians 1 vv 3 - 11

St Luke's Gospel 3 vv 1 -6

Sandy's Church Alphabet.

'U' is for Unity

From the earliest times there has been disunity in the Church. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul complains about factions in that congregation. Read 1 Corinthians Chapter 1, verses 10-16. The modern movement towards unity, the Ecumenical Movement, takes its starting point from the Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910 AD. This conference was concerned about the impact of Christian division on the missionary work-taking place in Africa and Asia. Two themes emerged from this conference; firstly under the title 'Life and Work' the impact of Christianity on economic, social and political systems was discussed.

Secondly under the title 'Faith and Order' the delegates looked at the nature of the Church, its beliefs and its structure, especially its Unity or rather *Disunity*. For nearly thirty years these two themes became movements within the Christian Churches until in 1937 they joined together and the "World Council of Churches" was formed. The World Council of Churches, with its headquarters in Geneva, is now that "fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as our God and Saviour". Movements towards unity have taken place within this period; for example, in the UK we have had the union of English Presbyterians with the Congregational Church to form the United Reformed Church. In India unity has created the Church of North India (Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and other groups).

In the Early years of Christianity the emphasis was on '*what should Christians believe?*' and disunity flowed from different ideas of this problem until the Church produced a definitive Creed or belief statement. Later in the Middle Ages the arguments shifted to '*what is the nature of the Church?*'. So we had the great divides between how the Church should be governed, by the Pope, by the King, or even by a group of individuals.

Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians grew out of this conflict. >>>>>

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Today the mood has changed yet again and people are asking ‘*What does it mean to be a human being?*’ After the Second World War there was a period of decolonisation, where new Nations came into existence in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Oceania. These nations had their own Churches with their own priorities that were not the same as those of the traditional Churches in the West and East of Europe. They were Churches with no experience of the Reformation. With such issues as abortion, gay rights, economic issues, women’s rights, racism etc., new possibilities for division are even greater than they were before. At both ends of the Catholic/Protestant spectrum there is the possibility for division between those who favour a more fundamental approach to those of the more liberal Christian communities. Such are the problems of Christian Unity and they should not be understated: people are so different and come from such a variety of backgrounds. However, Unity is at the heart of the Christian life and we should all be striving to find ways in which we can worship and act together. Such is Jesus' desire for His Church and so it should be a desire of every Christian believer.

*Lord Jesus, you said to your Apostles
“Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you”.
Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church
and grant her that peace and unity that in accordance with Your will.
This we ask through Jesus the Lord....Amen*

Sandy Borthwick

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Over the next few months, expect to see

V is for Vicar,

W is for water,

X is for Xavier,

Y is for Yahweh

and Z is for ??????

Words from the Wardens

News from the Chaplaincy Council meeting held on 22nd November

Firstly, the purchase of our building has been finalised and the little Chapel in Chef Boutonne will now be known as the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd. We have written to Bishop Robert asking if he would visit our area during his tour of Southwest France next year, so that we can hold a special Consecration Service.

A group of **volunteers** are going in on the 4th of December to give an initial **good clean** of the building and dispose of the bits and pieces left behind by the previous owner.

We will then require two people who would be willing to go in once a month to give the Church a **once over**.

We also need two people to act as **Local Wardens**.

There is the need to prepare the **floral arrangements** for the opening services and the ongoing services in the new Church. If you have the gift of flower arranging and would like to offer it or any of the other required posts to the Chaplaincy, please contact one of the Wardens

Music: 1. At the most recent Council meeting the need for more **keyboard players** was raised, so if anyone can play keyboard and would like to play at the services in the Chaplaincy, please contact one of the Wardens.

2. We are going to start a Chaplaincy **choir** for special occasions and Simon Freeman has agreed to be our Choir Master and Musical Director. So hopefully we will be able to rehearse an advent Anthem for the opening service of our new Church. Further occasions would be Good Friday, Easter, Advent, Christmas and possibly weddings. If you can sing (ideally in tune) and would like to be involved please contact one of the Wardens.

Worshipping at home: Roy and Carolyn have attended a Live Streaming workshop and are looking into the different ways we can live stream our services. More news in due course.

Chaplaincy services in December

Times correct at time of going to press but may be changed.
The next *Jubilate* (December 10th) will give updates



5th December: Courcelles, - Champagne Mouton - St Leger.
All at 10:30 am

12th December: Zoom 10:30 am
Cognac -- Ecumenical Carol Service at 3.00.pm

14th December Courcelles. Ecumenical Carol Service (time t.b.a.)

**19th December: Opening service of the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Chef Boutonne 11:00am (See Page 11)**

24th December: Chef Boutonne. 9 Lessons and Carols. 4pm

25th December: Courcelles and Champagne Mouton, 10:30 am

26th December: Chef Boutonne 10: 30am and Zoom 3:30 pm.

From the Wardens (continued)

Finance

As December marks the end of the financial year in France you might like to consider the benefits from paying your monthly giving through the **HelloAsso** page on our website. (www.churchinfrance.com) It is quick to set up, informs you how much tax relief you get on your donation and administration is easier than for giving via the envelope scheme. Help and guidance can be given to anyone who is unsure about it. Again, contact the wardens

Or our **Treasurer**, Valerie, at office.goodshepherd@sfr.fr

As you can see the opening service of our new Church is going to be on the 19th of December where we will be holding a special Advent Communion Service. Full details have not yet been confirmed but the initial thinking is that it will begin at 11:00 am. We will invite the Local Maire and his colleague together with the local Catholic Priest.

LUNCH AFTER OPENING SERVICE - SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

at RESTAURANT DES CANARDS

1 route de Niort, 79110, Chef-Boutonne

The proprietors, Sara and Stuart, are looking forward to welcoming us for lunch after our opening service.

The restaurant is only a few minutes drive from the church and there is ample parking.

Lunch is served at 1pm giving us the opportunity to chat over an apéro on arrival!

Set meal (two courses) 12,50€ Traditional Sunday roast lunch
Homemade pudding

Menu (two courses) 14€

Coq au vin OR steak and ale pie OR whole trout with almonds
Dessert (choose from two) OR cheese

- Please inform us of any allergies or special dietary requirements.
- Drinks are not included in the price stated.
- Please let Wanda know by Friday 10th December if you wish to join us and which option you would prefer. She will then contact Sara and confirm the booking.

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CANTICLE

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,
that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
and establish Thou the work of our hands.
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
and establish Thou the work of our hands, dear Lord.

(Taken from Midday Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer publ.Collins)

Read the Chronological Bible in One Year

We have two weeks' worth of readings to take us into our last month.

Sunday 28th November: **1** Corinthians 11:2 - 13:13

Monday 29th: **1** Corinthians 14:1 - 15:34

Tuesday 30th: **1** Corinthians 15:35 - 16:24, **Acts** 20:1-6,
2 Corinthians 1:1 - 2:4

Wednesday 1st December: 2 Corinthians 2:5 - 6:18

Thursday 2nd: **2** Corinthians 7:1 - 11:15

Friday 3rd: **2** Corinthians 11:16 - 13:14, **Romans** 1:1-32

Saturday 4th: **Romans** 2:1 - 4:25

Sunday 5th December **Romans** 5:1 - 8:17

Monday 6th **Romans** 8:18 - 11:10

Tuesday 7th **Romans** 11:11 - 14:23

Wednesday 8th **Romans** 15:1 - 16:27 **Acts** 20:7-38

Thursday 9th **Acts** 21:1 - 23:11

Friday 10th **Acts** 23:12 - 25:22

Saturday 11th **Acts** 25:23 - 28:10

Sunday 12th

Acts 28:11-31,

Ephesians 1:1 - 3:21

DON'T FORGET - if you would like to read the Bible in this way again,
or you know someone who would like to do it for the first time,
please contact david.hawken@orange.fr to order an email copy of
all the readings for a year OR A PRINTED BOOKLET (for which there
will be a small charge to cover postage and printing)

It's that time of the year again



LA CHANTONGE also have a concert in the Temple at Saintes

At 17.30h on
Saturday 4th
December





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*Sunday 19th December 2021
11.00.am*

*A service of Holy Communion to mark the opening of
the Church of the Good Shepherd in Chef Boutonne.*

79110 - CHEF BOUTONNE

For the service of the local community, the central evangelistic society of the Eglise Reformée created a pastoral post and built a temple on the street of the town hall in 1905. It was decommissioned in 1966, then bought by a private individual. It now belongs to the Chaplaincy. It is once again a place of worship.

Come to the opening service

bring your family - bring your friends - bring your neighbours

Let us worship God together and give Him thanks and praise

So, to recap: if anyone can offer their services as Local Wardens for the new Church in Chef Boutonne or volunteer to go in once a month to give it a clean.

If anyone would like to join our new Chaplaincy choir to sing on special occasions.

Or if there is anyone who can play the keyboard and offer their wonderful gift to the Chaplaincy.

Please contact:

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We now begin a very exciting time in our Chaplaincy's Life. Let us go forward together and revive and revitalise our Chaplaincy and bring more people into God's Kingdom here in Poitou Charentes.

Thank you all and may God bless you.

Carolyn and Wanda

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