

The Magazine of the Chaplaincy of O Poitou-Charentes

of Christ the Good Shepherd,

Sunday 15th May 2022

(The Fifth Sunday after Easter)

WORSHIP IN THE CHAPLAINCY

Today is on **ZOOM** using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3145287597?pwd=UVJDNTVpZzJXSnFWYTk2ZFhB MW5Zdz09

The Meeting ID is 314 528 7597 The Passcode is CGShepherd

The service begins at 10.30. You can come online to greet others from 10.15

Sunday 22nd

11.00 Holy Communion in the Church of Christ, the Good Shepherd, Chef Boutonne

Sunday 29th - no gathering

BUT Jubilate will provide you with some ideas for worship at home

BIBLE READINGS for 15th May

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord - everything, everybody - Praise the Lord

Acts of the Apostles chapter 11 verses 1 to 18

Peter meets Simon Joppa, leading to Gentiles as well as Jews to become Christians

Gospel of John chapter 13 verses 31 to 35

A new commandment

Revelation 21 verses 1 to 6

A new heaven and a new earth: the Alpha and the Omega

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ Have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, So by your continual help we may bring them to good effect.

Risen Christ,

Your wounds declare your love for the world And the wonder of your risen life: Give us compassion and courage to ourselves for those we serve;

O Almighty God,

Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest And desire that which thou dost promise; That so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, Our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

PAULINE'S PILGRIMAGE

Last week you were able to read Pauline Ferguson's update on her pilgrimage walk to the shrine of St James at Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. She has chosen to walk to bring attention to the many **refugees** around the world, especially at present those from Ukraine, who have **no choice but to walk** for their own safety and security, and that of family members.

She would appreciate any support you can give for refugees, via the United Nations High Commission for Refugees

To make a donation, go to: https://www.unhcr-droitsenfants.fr/

As you think about how much you could give, here are a couple more photographs Pauline has taken en route:





Words from your Warden.

The date and time chosen for our Ecumenical Service is the 19^{th of} June 2022 at 3pm.

It will be held at our Church of Christ the Good Shepherd.

The Ministry team and the Council will try and make it as special as possible and Ministers and Guests will be invited from all parts of the Chaplaincy.

Of course, the invitation is also open to our Chaplaincy Congregation.

We will need volunteers to man the coffee and tea urn and make cakes or biscuits and help hand them round.

Hopefully weather permitting, the refreshments will be in the garden. We have garden tables and chairs, and two pop-up gazebos, so help with setting these up would also be appreciated.

If you would like to offer your help to make this a very special event, please contact Carolyn. <u>Chaplaincychurchwarden1@gmail.com</u> or phone on 05 45 84 19 Carolyn

A short prayer (adapted from Prayers for All Seasons)

Sovereign God, we thank you for the continuing reality of Easter:

the victory of good over evil love over hate, life over death.

Help us, we pray, to live each day remembering that Easter is not just about events long ago, but about life now.

May the message of Easter always be on our lips and show forth from our lives.

May those we meet day by day see the difference that Jesus has made to us And discover the difference He can make for them.

Teach us to live each day as your Easter People, to the glory of your name.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

For several reasons it has to receive or distribute any or to be collectively involved in campaign. However.....there are can, individually, be involved.



15th-21st May

not been possible resources this year the 2022 ways in which we But firstly, a little

information on the focus for the fund raising campaign this year.

The theme is helping to turn hunger into hope.

Christian Aid Week is focusing on the effects of how our climate change crisis is causing hunger for families especially in **Zimbabwe**. On how the effects of drought in the country have robbed people the power to provide for their families. Other world factors are having a terrible impact, such as the covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine, and really exacerbating their difficulties.

What can we do to _ ?

Christian Aid are asking us, especially this week,

* To donate money (sadly not through the envelope scheme) on line through their website.

To pray and act, on promptings we receive, to give help and support, in any small way we can.

* in order to give hope to those who are in greatest need.

Christian Aid have an excellent website with information and resources. **wwwchristianaid.org.uk**

I pray that you will be encouraged to take a little time to pray and reflect, this Christian Aid week, a week in which tens of thousands of God's people come together to achieve incredible things with some of the poorest people in the world.

Yours in faith and fellowship Janice Matthews

Calling all Thespians, Poets, Musicians and Singers.

I would like to organise a Christmas Concert in our Church of Christ the Good Shepherd. This would be to raise money for the Church and the Chaplaincy.

As we have now got our own building, I have renamed the 'SuperTroopers' and we will now be called **The GS Players.**

An initial meeting will be held in the Church in Chef Boutonne, on Friday the 2^{nd of} September at 11:00 am

It would be good to have some idea of the level of interest so would you please contact me, Carolyn on carolyncarter462@gmail.com or ring me on 05 45 84 19 03.

We will need backstage crew, as well as performers.

Some of the things we have done in the past are: An Old Time Musical Hall, a Summer Jamboree concert, Plays, and Poetry and Music evenings.

(And nobody can ever forget the Pantomime - ed;)

I am sure some of you remember the fun and laughter that we have had over the years. Thank you, and I am looking forward to hearing from you. Carelyn

Talking of FUN and fundraising, don't forget the BROCANTE this Sunday (15th) in the centre of Clussais la Pommeraie (79095),

off the D 45 from the Civray/Sauzé Vaussais/Melle road D 948 towards Lezay).

BROCANTE at CLUSSAIS LA POMMERAIE SUNDAY 15th MAY 7h00 - 17h00 This will take place in the village and will be well-signed. Car parking is available and refreshments will be on sale throughout the day.

Angela Larmuth has organised tables for the Chaplaincy at this event and we have some wonderful items for sale thanks to your generosity. Many thanks to everyone who has given us items to sell; we'll do our best to get good prices for them, even though the weather forecast is not particularly encouraging!! Thanks also to those who have volunteered to man the stall. Look forward to seeing you then.

Samedi 21 mai 2022 20h30 Eglise de Beauvais/Matha (17490)

Concert de La Chantonge

Mercredi 25 mai 2022 20h30 Église de Courcelles (17400)

Dimanche 29 mai 2022 17h30 Chapelle de la Providence Saintes (17100)

> Entrée libre participation une partie reversée pour l'Urkraine

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