



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







# Sunday 15th November 2020

#### **OUR AIM:**

- To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
- To love our neighbours as ourselves
- To go and make disciples

# A prayer for this time of 'lockdown'

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# Prayers and Readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# **Bible Readings**

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18
Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

### **A Prayer**

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Church Services in the Chaplaincy**

There will be NO meeting together this month in either Courcelles or Jarnac (or any of our Worship Centres)

Services will resume when it is safe and legal.

#### **THANK YOU**

**To Rev'd Steven Abram** who is continuing to lead worship via the Internet each Sunday in November



This symbol is to remind you of the opportunity to go to your computer on Sunday morning, just before 10.30 for

#### **VIRTUAL WORSHIP + Poitou-Charentes**

https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/

A video of the service can be seen a little later, yping into your computer : www.abram.org.uk/vw

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

## To meditate upon and to pray during this week

15<sup>th</sup> Father God, we pray for all who are feeling alone. Help us to reach out to those we know, who are feeling isolated due to being shielded.

16<sup>th</sup> Father God, we pray for all who are called to minister to those less fortunate than ourselves. We pray for the many agencies who are working in war zones. We pray for your protection and provision.

17<sup>th</sup> Father God, we pray for all in positions of leadership within the Church. We pray that the Chaplaincy will be given clear guidance and a vision for the future. We thank you for all who serve in the Chaplaincy, and ask that you will continue to inspire and bless them.

18<sup>th</sup> Father God, help us to recognise your hand in our circumstances. Help us to turn to you and enquire how is this situation going to help me/us grow in grace and trust in you.

19th Lord Jesus, we thank you that even when our circumstances take us through the deepest darkness, we are never alone. You are always with us, and nothing can separate us from your loving care and protection.

20<sup>th</sup> Father God, we lift before you all who are persecuted for their belief in your son Jesus. Be with them as they face the many dangers and challenges.

21st Father God, we pray for those who are suffering as a result of actions taken to reduce the spread of Covid 19. We pray that help will be made available for those who have insufficient money to pay for accommodation and food.

# <u>Z00M</u>

is going to be working overtime this week in the Chaplaincy.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 the Chaplaincy Council "meets". Please pray for all members that God will guide them in the sometimes difficult decisions they have to make.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30.pm there is the monthly Prayer Meeting.\* Normally held in someone's home, this is an opportunity to pray together for the Chaplaincy, for Church and for the world.

**Thursday 19**<sup>th</sup> at 3.00.pm Another chance to test your knowledge in a kwiz QUIZ. Ann White is setting the questions.\*

\* Anyone can join the Prayer Meeting and/or the Quiz.

All you have to do is contact Roy & Carolyn Carter and let them know of your intention to be involved. They will send you the necessary computer *link*, along with instructions and in no time at all you will be able to see and hear fellow-pray-ers or fellow-quizzers.

Don't be afraid of the technology.

Just email reverendr.carter100@btinternet.com
or telephone 05 45 84 19 03 for advice!

# AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE FELINE WORLD

# Míaow! Please give us a home. Love us!





I'M WILLOW

and My Name is Tabitha

We are sisters. We are 10 years young

We are bilingual (we can ask for food in English and French)

We've been microchipped and vaccinated.

Our owner is moving to England *very soon*, but we would prefer to stay in France.

We don't mind being together or in different homes.

If you think you would like one (or both) of us to come and live with you (we'll be no trouble, we promise!), please contact:

PAT DAVEY 05 49 27 35 32 patdavey42@gmail.com

We are lovely. You won't regret it! Come on, you know you want to!



#### IMPORTANT NEWS about the Carte de Sejour

We expect that by now you will all have heard that it is **necessary** for **every** Briton living in France to apply for a <u>new</u> **Withdrawal Agreement ("Brexit") Carte de Sejour** <u>if you are planning to continue living in France</u>. This applies even if you hold an existing 10-year permission to stay. You must apply before 30 June 2021, so that all the cards can be issued by the 1 October 2021 deadline. The French government have launched an on-line application process.

The French government have advised that they are taking a sympathetic approach and this application process is rather simpler and less demanding than the one used previously. The process does vary depending on whether you already have an existing Carte de Sejour, current or lapsed, and how long you have been resident here (more or less than 5 years).

For those with an existing Carte de Sejour all that is needed at this stage is a digital copy of that existing card and normal personal details. For others there is a requirement to provide evidence similar to before, for instance about period of residence, income and health cover, depending on circumstance but rather less demanding. BUT YOU **MUST apply.** The sooner the better. Don't put it off!

You can go about obtaining your residency permit by going to

https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35032

OR http://invite.contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/BREXIT.

At the bottom of the first page, CLICK on the Blue (Brexit) Box which says "Accéder au service en ligne"

At the bottom of the next page there is the opportunity to click on a Union Flag in order to get all the information, including the application form, in English.

We hope that this does not prove too difficult for you all to do. However, we recognise that there may be some who are put off by the computer on-line processes, who are unable to scan documents to a digital form, or have other difficulties. So, if you would like more information or active help please contact one of the following and we will do what we can to help you.

Charlie Wilcock 05 46 91 07 71 <u>charliedoc22@gmail.com</u> William Jones 05 45 82 12 93 williamjones@orange.fr **LOCKDOWN:** You might be going to do some shopping, or maybe you have a medical appointment. Perhaps you're going for a walk and maybe taking the dog or even walking the goldfish!

Don't forget: Take your signed "Attestation" with you and **ALWAYS WEAR A MASK** 

And maybe say this prayer as you put it on:

# A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray.

Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator Presbyterian Church of Canada

Thanks to Joan Mason for sending this;

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