



# Jubilate

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



## ADVENT SUNDAY

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*Christ has died*

*Christ is risen*

*Christ will come again*

Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Amen.

# **We begin this week with an extract from the Letter sent to all the Chaplaincies in the Diocese of Europe by our Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me the greatest pleasure to announce that **Canon Dr. Peter Hooper** has been appointed to be the next **Archdeacon of France**.

Prior to ordination, Peter worked in agriculture, eventually becoming managing director of a large agricultural seeds subsidiary of DuPont, based in Toulouse, and represented the industry up to national level in France. As a business leader he nurtured discipleship through a ‘faith in the workplace’ course and continues to tutor on various Diocesan Discipleship programmes. A major part of Peter’s ordination training took place at the *Institut Catholique de Toulouse*, though more as a result of geography than tradition, as Peter has a very broad churchmanship. Whilst living in Toulouse he served as Chaplaincy Warden in the Anglican Chaplaincy, so understands well the realities of chaplaincy life in the Archdeaconry from a lay officer perspective, particularly as related to financial issues.

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Announcement of an Advent pan-Diocesan online service:

**‘Journeying into Advent with Mark’**

**A Service of Meditations for the  
Beginning of Advent**

**Monday, 30 November 2020**

Led by Rt Rev’d Dr Robert Innes

Reflections by Dr Clare Amos (*Diocesan Director of Lay Discipleship*)

**18:00 CET (17:00 GMT)**

**This pan-diocesan service which will be livestreamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel:**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGJCIP-qZ1YGN\\_4CUhlqi4g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGJCIP-qZ1YGN_4CUhlqi4g)**

## **BISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL**

The COVID-19 pandemic has hurt communities throughout the world. Many communities are not equipped with even the most basic of hygiene and sanitation facilities, and lockdown measures have increased economic hardship in the poorest communities with people unable to work. We are raising funds to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities throughout our Anglican family.

The Anglican Communion Fund (ACF) has already begun responding to COVID related needs, allocating over £180,000 across 21 provinces of the Communion. The ACF is supporting the Church in its ministry, providing food relief to the vulnerable, communicating ways of staying safe from the virus, and providing handwashing facilities and PPE.

In the South Sudanese Diocese of Maridi, an ACF grant provided food items, soaps and seeds to over 200 pastors and lay-readers and provided bicycles and hand microphones for pastors to carry prevention messages into remote areas. Speaking of the support, Bishop Moses Zungu said, "You held our hand during our most trying moments."

### **How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Advent Appeal 2020:**

#### **By cheque:**

"Advent Appeal 2020".

Diocese in Europe Board of Finance Office  
14, Tufton St  
London SW1P 3QZ

#### **By bank transfer:**

Account number: 40317039  
Sort code: 20-06-13  
IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39  
Swiftbic: BUKBGB22

On the Diocese in Europe **Just Giving** page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>



## AND NOW TO PRAYER

Here is the “Collect” for Advent Sunday:

**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; so 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Further prayers for today and this week.*

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.

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ADVENT

There are three aspects to consider during Advent

The first, and most obvious, is the coming of Jesus as a Baby, the Word of God Incarnate, which we will celebrate at Christmas.

The second, also well-known, is the future coming of our Lord when He will be revealed at the Last Judgment.

The third, often forgotten, is the present, everyday coming of Jesus as He is revealed in Scripture, particularly as we read the Gospels, as he comes to us in the sacraments, as we share His risen life in prayer, as we meet Him in other people and in our personal experience.



The Advent “Crown” or “Wreath” is a useful symbol to remind us of the truth of Christ’s coming as we light the candles each Sunday.

The first week’s candle (to be lighted today) represents the prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, who spoke out about the Messiah whom God would send to redeem Israel and the whole world. It is a symbol of hope.

For some, the second candle represents the Bible. Indeed many churches keep the second Sunday of Advent as “Bible Sunday”. The candle particularly evokes the faith of Abraham and the Patriarchs to whom God gave the Promised Land and the promise of salvation.

The third week is to remember John the Baptist who announced the arrival of Jesus and pointed the way to Him (That’s a lesson there for us all!) On the fourth Sunday the candle is lighted in honour of Mary, the mother of our Lord. As far back as the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century, during the days approaching the end of Advent, monks used to sing the “O Antiphons” which are reflected today in the hymn ‘*O come, O come, Emmanuel*’

A word often used in Advent is **Maranatha**. It means “come quickly”, signifying our looking forward to the Christ to be born at Christmas and our desire for Him to come again at the time of judgement and eternal life.

## **Today's Bible Readings**

**Isaiah 64.1-9**

**Psalm 80.1-8,18-20\***

**1 Corinthians 1.3-9**

**Mark 13.24-37**

## **TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

### **PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT**

30<sup>th</sup> Nov. (*Saint Andrew the Apostle*) 'Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the call of your Son and brought his brother with him; give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow without delay, and to tell the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

1<sup>st</sup> December: Faithful Heavenly Father, thank you for your love for me. Thank you for your Son's sacrifice so that I can have eternal life. Thank you that no matter how grey life may seem at the moment I can trust in your promises.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesus, thank you for the way you left your Father to be born in humble circumstances. May I never take for granted your presence in my life.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Dear God, how often I complain about things that are mere inconveniences. Help me never to lose sight of your goodness. Give me a heart full of gratitude.

4<sup>th</sup>: Father God, please assure me of your presence when I am afraid. Help me to remember that you have defeated spiritual darkness through your death and resurrection.

5<sup>th</sup>: Dear God, as you cleanse our hearts, grant us courage to ask for your divine help, believing that you hear us and will answer. May we remember, Jesus, that our Father sent you to live amongst us to give us hope and love for the future



## VIRTUAL WORSHIP + Poitou-Charentes

Led by Rev'd Steven Abram at 10.30 on Advent Sunday morning

Including "AGAPE"

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

A video of the service can be seen a little later at  
[www.abram.org.uk/vw](http://www.abram.org.uk/vw)

And after Virtual Worship +

An experimental time of fellowship using ZOOM

Tune in to the service to find out what to do.

**During Advent, why not make a special effort every time you go shopping, whether for ordinary, everyday things or for Christmas presents.**

**Buy ONE EXTRA ITEM (preferably non-perishable) to be given to the Banque Alimentaire or Secours Catholique.**

**Contact Dave Trigger 05 49 872967  
or Rhiannon Beech 05 45 85 75 03  
to arrange collection/delivery.**



## *And now A WORD FROM THE WARDENS*

Coming and going, on and off, in and out and maybe even upside down and the wrong way round! It's all happening, just to keep us on our toes and potentially quite confused. As I write, the easing of lockdown in France is working itself out, with the changes gradually being clarified. In UK, the reversion to the Tier system is still being thought through. Nonetheless, for most of us, life will remain much the same in the short term, with a preference to stay at home and maintain the 'gestures barrières' when we do find ourselves out and about.

**Services of worship.** Part of the easing of restrictions is the permission for religious services to re-commence with a maximum limit of 30 people. That, of course, is still within the confines of the strict measures that we have rehearsed before for public worship. Although we do not envisage re-starting all normal services of worship as yet, the possibility of something for Christmas is being cautiously considered. We will keep you posted with further information as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, Virtual Worship + is continuing, courtesy of the live lounge Chez Abram, with the addition of an experimental Zoom time of fellowship following the service on Sunday 29 November. Details are in this edition of Jubilate.

**Christmas is coming...** but not just yet. First of all we have the Advent season starting this weekend. As we look forward to the coming of Christ as a baby and perhaps contemplate the mystery of the second coming, we will benefit from the time available to us to prepare for a Christmas that will be a little different from the norm. Elsewhere in this edition of Jubilate, and on the website, you will see information about the Bishop's Advent Appeal, highlighting the efforts of the Anglican Communion to support those across the globe in particular need. If you are able, do support this.

**Chaplaincy Council** met via Zoom on 16 November.

**Finance:** It was encouraging to note from the Treasurer's report that our income from personal giving has been maintained at a healthy level - thank you to all for your stewardship in this regard. When income from other sources resumes, we will be able to look again at the recruitment of a new Chaplain.

**Donations:** We are very grateful to have received a generous gift from George Campbell and family in memory of his wife Janet, who died recently. Part of that money will be donated to Mothers' Union to support the annual provision of a summer holiday to a family in need. Mothers' Union has also received additional donations to the holiday fund from Neil Phillips, who completed the virtual London Marathon, and from an event held by Pat and Alan Jenkins, together with Karen Burke.

**Appointments:** We were delighted to co-opt Nicky Abram onto Council to fill one of the vacant posts, and to confirm Steven Abram as a Synod Representative, supporting Geoff Cornwall. We also have a new webmaster in Maria Raphael, taking over from Dave Foster following his relocation to Spain.

**Membership review:** The process of reviewing the current Chaplaincy membership is now well underway. In the coming weeks you may receive an email asking you to confirm your membership of the Chaplaincy and to renew your 'permissions' for us to hold and process your personal data. Please do respond promptly to allow the work to progress.

**Communion by extension:** The possibility of providing communion across the Chaplaincy using the 'Communion by Extension' provision has been explored. It seems that this particular provision will not apply to the circumstances in which we find ourselves and will be impractical to administer. We will nonetheless continue to enjoy the Agapé online services.

**And finally....** a word from Graham Kendrick:

What kind of greatness can this be, that chose to be made small,  
Exchanging untold majesty for a world so pitiful?

That God should come as one of us, I'll never understand.

The more I hear the story told, the more amazed I am.

Let's be amazed once again this Christmas.

The Wardens

## **Christmas Cake Raffle**

**LAST CHANCE BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE QUICK**

A homemade Christmas Cake is being raffled to raise funds for the Chaplaincy. Entries should be made by email to [raylegicq@hotmail.com](mailto:raylegicq@hotmail.com) and cost 2.50 Euros for one or five entries for 10.00 Euros.

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, Chris or Ted Hands or Ray Smith.

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 on December 6 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 a December issue of *Jubilate*.



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