

December 2017 Newsletter



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The fruit of the Spirit is joy.....(Gal 5 v 22)

Heavenly Father, as well as the human joy of celebrating Christmas with our family and friends, may we be filled with Your joy from above, as we spend time with you and receive from you this heavenly grace. And in all our relationships, may we communicate that joy to others. AMEN.

(from Elspeth)

For a reminder of some Christmas sounds, available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS3vpAWW2Zc> :

Handel, *Messiah: For unto us a child is born* (Sir Colin Davis, Tenebrae, LSO)

In this season of expectation
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into the bustle of our lives
and the hard to find moments of solitude
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into our homes and situations
along with friends and families
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
For beneath the surface of your story
is an inescapable fact
You entered this world
as vulnerable as any one of us
in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross.
Our fears, our insecurities and our sins
all that can separate us from God
exchanged by your Grace for Love.
We cannot comprehend the reasoning
only marvel that Salvation comes to us
through a baby born in a stable,
and reaches out to a world in need.
In this season of anticipation
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

(from *faithandworship*)

Church Services and Events in the Christmas Season

December 17: Our annual celebration of carols and readings at 10h30 followed by a sale of Christmas produce and specialties. We are so pleased to welcome members of the Salvation Army band to join and lead us.

December 24: Christmas Eve, Communion Service at 10h30 followed by a bring-and-share Christmas lunch with games and activities.

December 25: Christmas, Short Family Communion at 10h30

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 10h30

Every 1st Sunday of the month before the All Age Worship service there is a reflective Said Communion service in the Oratory at 9:30 am.

Men's Film Night, December 15

Come and watch a Christmas classic: *It's a Wonderful Life*, in English with French subtitles. At La Causerie, 115 Grand rue de la Guillotière, contact revbenharding@gmail.com.
"Remember, no man is a failure who has friends."

Food Distribution on the Streets, December 16

Join with the Causerie team in an evening of food distribution, at La Causerie, 115 Grand rue de la Guillotière, contact revbenharding@gmail.com.

Carol Singing

Join a merry throng of carol singers sharing Christmas cheer at Place Bellecour, Saturday Dec. 23, 3 to 4:00 pm. Contact armand.castellon@orange.fr.

Solidarités Anglicanes News

Carol Singing

A big thank you to everyone who came to Chassieu to sing English Carols at the Twinning Association Christmas party last weekend.

The donation made to Solidarités Anglicanes will be given as usual to the Salvation Army to help with their work at the Centre d'Hébergement et Réinsertion Sociale

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas goodies are already in the shops and here at Solidarités Anglicanes we are preparing for our Christmas Market.

We will be holding a stall on the 17th December to raise funds to support our mission here in Lyon and also the Salvation Army.

If you enjoy arts and crafts or baking please make some items to sell on the stall such as home-made sweets and biscuits, jam and mincemeat, cards, decorations and other Christmas items.

Christmas Cakes

If you were too late last year to buy one of Diana's delicious and beautiful Christmas Cakes we apologise.

There are a limited number on sale again this year so contact Diana Sarran as soon as possible if you would like to buy one.

Reverse Advent Calendars/Present Boxes

A reverse advent calendar is a box into which you put presents during the Advent period in order to give away the box to others who are less fortunate at Christmas.

The younger children of the congregation covered/decorated boxes during Messy Church a few weeks ago and now we would like to fill them up in order to give away at Christmas.

The boxes will be donated to the **St Vincent de Paul Association** which we supported at Harvest Festival.

If you would like to take part in the Reverse Advent Calendar activity there are two ways in which you can participate:

If as a family, or in a small group, you would like to fill a box ask me at church, we have a few available (or find one of the right size and decorate yourself!)

You could also bring a present to church over the next two Sundays (if the present is wrapped already please put a note with it to tell us whether it is suitable for a woman, a man or a family!)

Please don't include any perishable food items and make sure that the items are well protected to avoid breakages.

Thank you for your generosity over the last year,
Ruth LOUIS
Président, Solidarités Anglicanes de Lyon

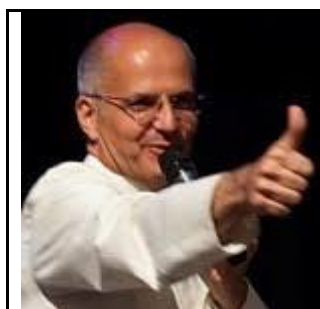
Thursday, December 14 at 7 :30 pm :

**Soirée mensuelle interconfessionnelle d'évangélisation
Soirée Miracles et Guérisons**

Jeudi 14 Décembre 2017 à 19h30

Eglise Saint Julien de Cusset
350, cours Émile Zola - 69100 Villeurbanne
(Métro ligne A arrêt "Cusset")

Avec Le Père Pierre AGUILA (FR)



Après 31 ans passés dans la communauté des Béatitudes, il entame une nouvelle étape de sa vie, en réponse à un appel missionnaire clairement perçu le 18 janvier 2006 et mûri pendant trois ans. Le 2 avril 2009, avec une équipe de laïcs, il fonde la Fraternité Missionnaire de Jean-Paul II (FMJP2) entièrement consacrée à la "nouvelle évangélisation" et à la mission "ad gentes". Outre ses responsabilités dans la Fraternité, il continue à exercer un ministère de prédication, spécialement auprès des jeunes, en Italie, en France et à travers le monde.

La louange sera assurée par le groupe de louange
de Laurent Maréchal

Parking voitures : Place Victor Balland par le 249, rue du 4 Août 1789, [69100 Villeurbanne](http://www.villeurbanne.fr) puis, traverser à pied le cours Emile Zola pour rejoindre l'église qui est juste en face.

N'hésitez à inviter vos amis à cette soirée car rencontrer Jésus Christ et recevoir la prière, notamment la prière de guérison, est un cadeau : personne ne repart sans avoir reçu quelque chose.

Car Dieu prend soin de chacun dans toute la globalité de son être et les témoignages de guérisons et de bénédictions des uns et des autres en attestent. Que toute la gloire lui soit rendue !

C'est pour cela que nous invitons toutes les personnes qui ont, à la suite des précédentes rencontres, vécues une guérison, une réconciliation ou tout autre bénédiction à nous transmettre par courrier ou par email leur témoignage pour fortifier leur foi en Jésus Christ et fortifier aussi la foi de leur frères.

Ces témoignages sont à envoyer

- par email : cdg.lyon@yahoo.fr
- ou par courrier : association Rapha BP 80044 69642 Caluire et Cuire Cedex

Ces rencontres sont organisées et animées par des équipes mixtes d'un point de vue confessionnel (catholique et évangélique). Elles sont placées sous le signe de l'unité des chrétiens dans le respect de chaque église. Les intervenants alternent, catholique et évangélique.

Pour toute information sur ces rencontres, merci de contacter le : 06 61 64 95 30

ou l'adresse email suivante : cdg.lyon@yahoo.fr

ainsi que les sites internet suivants sur lesquels vous pourrez visionner plusieurs vidéos :

aimglyon.blogspot.com

www.laquerison.org

cette soirée est organisée par :

- la Chambre de Guérison de Lyon (cdg.lyon@yahoo.fr),
- le Forum d'Activités Chrétiennes (FAC : contact.fac@gmail.com),
- la Consultation Charismatique Oecuménique Lyonnaise (CCOL : c.c.o.l@free.fr).
- l'AIMG (Association Internationale des Ministères de Guérison : www.laquerison.org)

Merci de faire suivre ce mail à toute personne qui pourrait être intéressée par de telles rencontres.

Support Our Entrepreneurs

Dear fellow church members,

My name is **Massey**. If you have any computer equipment, phones, i-phones, etc., that you are not using (broken or otherwise), and would like to recycle, please contact me at 06 05 65 44 47, or jjmassey777@gmail.com.

RoyRak - Beading Love, recommended by Ben:

We are a social enterprise project based in Khlong Toey slum, Bangkok, providing residents with fair-wage employment opportunities. We produce high quality, reasonably priced jewellery products that we hope you'll love!

<https://www.royrakbeadinglove.org/so/8L-zSL1r?cid=7709b5da-aaea-428f-97ec-8ebdf2f5e0a8#/main>

Reminder: Photo Contest

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who has already sent their photos .

For anyone else who would still like to participate, we would be delighted to receive your images by email at caroline.gaumy@europe.anglican.org in high resolution, please.

The deadline has been extended to so you have a few more days to send your artistic and inspiring snapshots from your own chaplaincy.

Do think about whether you could capture some event, or happening in your local Church to illustrate the fellowship of your church community... The winning photos will be displayed in the Bishop's office and there will be a prize for the best photo!

The winner will be announced shortly...

Best wishes and good luck to you all!

Caroline Gaumy

Administrative Secretary and PA to the Archdeacon of France and Monaco

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New Diocese Financial Plan

Please find below the link to a short film which you are kindly requested to show/distribute as widely as possible within your Chaplaincies, as well as to your Church Councils. The aim is to explain to as many of your parishioners as possible the reason for, and objectives of, the new financial plan for the Diocese.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hj0_iSNXvTw&feature=youtu.be

The Bishops would welcome your feedback on the film.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Gail Wilmet, gail.wilmet@europe.anglican.org

Living Memorial - 18th November

Rev. Ben presided at a memorial ceremony at St. Germain-au-Mont D'Or on the 18th November at 10am. This year is a significant year as it marks 100 years of the opening of the British and Commonwealth transit camp in the town. To mark the occasion there was a large reenactment and reconstruction of the camp. Here below are some photos:



