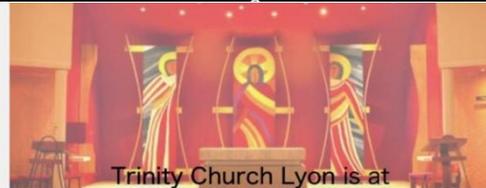
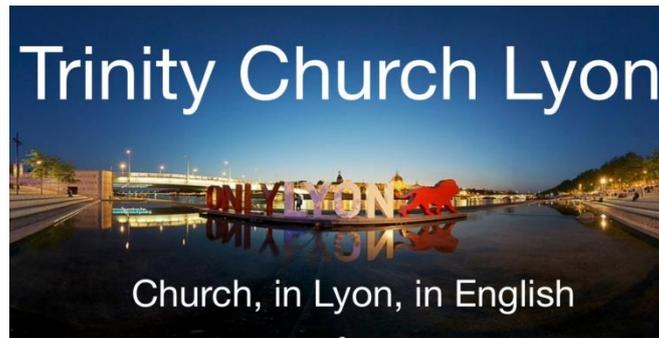


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Trinity Church Lyon's New Home

We celebrated our first Holy Communion at Eglise Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes on Sunday October 7th:



Although our church itself hasn't really changed at all, some of us might still find it a bit anxious to be changing locations, especially after being forced to leave Centre En Guédi. Paroisse Saint-Benoît, the Notre Dame de Lourdes parish, is giving proof of its warm welcome in its newsletter "Kaléidoscope," available in church or at <http://paroissedebron.fr/>. Here's what it had to say about us in no. 101:

L'Eglise Anglicane accueillie à Bron !

Bienvenue !

A compter de ce mois d'octobre, **Notre Dame de Lourdes résonnera de chants en langue anglaise tous les dimanches matin !** En effet, après l'Eglise Evangélique Baptiste déjà présente sur ce lieu, l'Eglise Anglicane de Lyon va bénéficier de l'église et des salles de la maison des Essarts pour y vivre son culte dominical. Nous nous réjouissons des liens amicaux et fraternels qui ne manqueront pas de se développer au fil des rencontres !

Assemblée chrétienne Anglophone multiculturelle à Lyon depuis 1853 :

OEcuménique : d'expression multiple, comptant aussi des couples « mixtes », des catholiques ou des chrétiens de toutes confessions, en filiation avec l'église anglicane (évêché d'Europe) et en bonne intelligence avec l'évêché de Lyon et le Pape François.

Autofinancée : complètement autofinancée par ses membres, elle développe de ce fait une coresponsabilité évidente non seulement financière mais dans tous les services que suscite une communauté chrétienne : chaque membre contribue concrètement selon ses talents à la vie de cette assemblée (enseignement des enfants, groupes de lecture de la parole, prière et partage, liturgie, groupe musical, sport avec les adolescents, accueil, solidarité sociale, levée de fonds, responsables spirituels, animation de 3 parcours alpha, prière d'intercession, repas en commun, conférences...)

Multiculturelle : composée pour moitié de personnes immigrées d'Afrique ou des anciennes colonies britanniques, de demandeurs d'asile de toutes les parties du monde et de quelques cadres internationaux d'expression anglaise.

Jeune et active : 30% des membres ont moins de 20 ans. La place des laïcs y est essentielle.

En constante mutation : Environ 150 membres stables et 150 de passage pour quelques mois ou quelques années. Une église « nomade », jeune, dynamique qui est une richesse pour l'Eglise des Chrétiens à Lyon.

What a warm welcome indeed! The Saint Benoît parish is looking forward to creating a warm and friendly relationship with us, values our identity as a church, and sees us as "young, dynamic" and "an asset for all Christians in Lyon." How fortunate we are! Thanks be to God. How worthy He is of our trust.

October Harvest Holidays

Canadian Thanksgiving, October 8, 2018



Shopping for pumpkins for Thanksgiving, Ottawa's ByWard Market

This prayer reminds us that harvest also means keeping seed for sowing next year's crops, as we are doing in our new home in Notre Dame de Lourdes:

Harvest Prayer

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving

We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment.
Please grow in us a harvest for the world.
Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord,
that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance.
Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord,
that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness.
Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord,
that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.
May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.
Amen.

And for those of you worried that this year's October weather is not quite what you might expect:

Our Climate Prayer

We pray for our world.
We are grateful for our
Interconnected web of life

We pray for climate justice.
May our world leaders have courage to act
And may our actions honor the gift of Creation.

Proverbs 31: A woman of valor.

31 The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.

² Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb!

Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers!

³ Do not spend your strength on women,
your vigor on those who ruin kings.

⁴ It is not for kings, Lemuel—
it is not for kings to drink wine,
not for rulers to crave beer,

⁵ lest they drink and forget what has been decreed,
and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

⁶ Let beer be for those who are perishing,
wine for those who are in anguish!

⁷ Let them drink and forget their poverty
and remember their misery no more.

⁸ Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

⁹ Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

¹⁰ A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.

¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

¹² She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³ She selects wool and flax

and works with eager hands.
¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships,
 bringing her food from afar.
¹⁵ She gets up while it is still night;
 she provides food for her family
 and portions for her female servants.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
 out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously;
 her arms are strong for her tasks.
¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable,
 and her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff
 and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor
 and extends her hands to the needy.
²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
 for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
²² She makes coverings for her bed;
 she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is respected at the city gate,
 where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
 and supplies the merchants with sashes.
²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity;
 she can laugh at the days to come.
²⁶ She speaks with wisdom,
 and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed;
 her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹ “Many women do noble things,
 but you surpass them all.”
³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done,
 and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Tim Evans spoke about Proverbs 31 a couple of weeks ago:

Lord, give us a heart that trusts & praises you, in all that we say and do. Amen.

This chapter 31 from Proverbs is a poem, a special kind of poem: it's called an acrostic, it uses the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet; a kind of A-Z, an all-inclusive poem which speaks of wisdom and particularly speaks of a wise or valorous woman.

It's also a chiasmic poem, which means it is constructed in a sort of symmetrical way, building up from the first verse more or less to the middle, then back down again in a mirror-like way, so that each of the themes are repeated or expanded on... The second part of the poem echoes the first. You can see some of the key words used, too: very practical, down-to-earth verbs or items from everyday life. There's nothing overly 'spiritual' about this.

Now Proverbs 31 has been used to justify all sorts of things: “a woman's place is in the home, doing household chores, looking after the children and so on, as well as balancing the books, either staying at

home or going out to work as well.” Here’s a list of everything you need to know about how to be a fantastic woman!

Not so. This was written for MEN. So guys, are YOU listening? It’s not a checklist for women to aspire to, but a reminder to me, that we are to appreciate women for all that they do! My relatives, friends, colleagues, my mother, my wife... I know I value all these women in my life. What about you? How often and how much appreciation do you show? And how do you show that appreciation? How much do you praise and give thanks for the women who brought you up, fed and clothed you, taught you, listened to you, gave you comfort, loved you.

And now, today, where is the ‘woman wisdom’ spoken of so many times in the book of Proverbs? This is a gentle reminder to be aware that the reality of God in our lives has both masculine and feminine qualities. That wisdom in the Bible is often portrayed as a woman, especially in the book of Proverbs. And we know that our places of work or of worship need both men and women, masculine and feminine qualities. Our lives need difference, and we can pray that the world we live in and that we bring our children up in doesn’t become too *indifferent*, and that we see spirituality and sexuality as essential parts of our lives, that we can seek balance and wholeness and unity in our complementary roles and ways of serving one another.

In Proverbs 31, the woman who is praised is very practical and not at all confined to so-called traditional roles of child-rearing and housekeeping. And perhaps it’s not so much about what this woman does that is praiseworthy, but *how* she does it: she seeks, considers, invites trust, is not afraid, is decisive, does things well, laughs, watches over, is caring, praiseworthy, wise...

Above all, a committed couple trusts each other. And in a way, that’s the most important thing: trust. It can be that we don’t trust one another enough, or that we can betray our trust. Of course that has happened, and it hurts when that trust is broken! But then we can forgive one another, we can pick up the pieces, we can heal one another’s wounds, we can turn to God and ask his blessing and his forgiveness. God wants us to be free, not just for ourselves, but for one another, for others, for his kingdom, to share the fullness of the life he wants to give us. Proverbs 31 tells us so.

So let’s celebrate the ordinary. Let’s wonder at our daily lives. Let’s be present to one another. Let’s seek wisdom here and now, right where we are and not where we think we ought to be or where others tell us we should be. Proverbs offers us *practical* wisdom, everyday wisdom in simplicity, joy and mercy. Let’s simply praise God for... our daily lives, let’s give thanks for love shown in practical ways. And let’s ask God how we can show and express that in our words and deeds. This evening, say, before you forget... Say to your spouse, to your parents, to the person closest to you, ‘I love you.’ We need to hear it. Not because of what we do, but because of who we are - God’s creatures, God’s children - for when we know we are loved, we can love others in turn.

Tim Evans
Lyon, 23rd September, 2018

Video: A Jewish husband sings to his wife on the eve of the Sabbath.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnXl0EHBjck>

Photograph Competition

Bishop Robert would like to hang some pictures in the Diocesan office in London that would capture the essence of the Diocese in Europe.

As such he would like to invite chaplaincies to submit photographs that demonstrate a beautiful place or building in the locality where your community gathers (Church or the surrounding area).

The pictures will be placed where visitors can see them.

We ask that you send your photographs by email in high resolution by November 30th. Please send your images to admin@europe.anglican.org

We are very much looking forward to receiving your pictures.

Kind regards,

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Forum Chrétien Francophone in Lyon, October 30th

We have the great privilege of hosting the first ever Forum Chrétien Francophone in Lyon. We are gathering leaders from every Christian denomination in French-speaking Switzerland, Belgium and France! We are invited to join a celebration open to all, on Tuesday 30 October at 7.30 pm, bringing together the representatives of the various churches and all interested parties. Venue: the hall of the Université Catholique de Lyon (Saint Paul campus).

Please come along and support!