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February Services

Sunday February 4th	10.30	Family Communion Service	Rev'd Tony Lomas
Sunday February 11th	10.30	Family Communion Service	Rev'd Tony Lomas
	12.00	Annual Meeting (all are welcome!)	
	15.00	Madagascan Family Communion	
Wednesday, February 14th	19.30	Ash Wednesday Service	
Sunday February 18th	10.30	Family Communion Service	Rev'd Brian Davies
Sunday February 25th	10.30	All Age Worship Service `	Rev'd Deacon Charlotte Sullivan



Looking ahead - please note these important dates:

Saturday, March 17th	14.30	Holy Communion Service & Ordination of Charlotte Sullivan as priest. Chapelle de l'Assomption, Bordeaux
Saturday, April 18th		Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting in Doudrac

Pre-Service Sunday Prayer: There is now a short prayer meeting each Sunday starting at 10.15 beside the Altar. Participation is totally optional and you are most welcome to join the group to pray for the Service which follows and for those in need.

Sunday School Dates: February 4, 11, 18

Sunday School and Youth Group For more information, feel free to contact Anne Sharp (05 57 88 46 24), or Heather Gardiner (07 87 71 92 52 or heathermariongardiner@gmail.com)

In addition to checking out the Chaplaincy website www.churchinaquitaine.org for updated and new articles on our church life,

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Wine and Words - Bordeaux

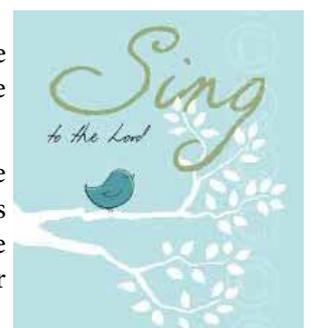
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Activities & Opportunities

The Kids' Choir meets immediately after every service for a 15 minute practice. See the article on their December concert below! Please encourage your children to join in on the fun and take time for yourself to chat and have a cup of coffee.

The Adult Choir has choir practices on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All voices (S-A-T-B) are welcome so come along and see what it's all about. A good time is ensured. The New Year has just started so make it your resolution! We'll be practising for Charlotte Sullivan's ordination service as well as the Lenten and Easter celebrations. To be put on the choir mailing list, please contact Richard at a Sunday service or write to info@anglicanbordeaux.org.



Bible Study Group. A hearty welcome to those who are interested in meeting in Bordeaux on Friday evening, **February 2, 16 and 23**. If you would like to join this group or start one in your area, please contact Christine Rychlewski: alienor1153@yahoo.com or 06 81 85 72 97



Wine and Words Group. Wine and Words is a monthly discussion group which will meet this month on Friday evening, **February 9th**. The topic will focus on love, in the St Valentine's Day spirit. Contact Christine Rychlewski: alienor1153@yahoo.com or 06 81 85 72 97 for more information and to join our mailing list (we also have a Facebook group: Wine and Words Bordeaux).

Picnic Play Reading Group. The Picnic Play-Reading Group meets once a month to read a play – do come join us! We are always happy to welcome more members to this worthwhile fellowship activity. The next gathering will be on **Sunday, February 18th** after a bring and share picnic lunch. For more information, please contact Pamela (pamela.i.prior@gmail.com, 06 75 80 03 86).



Filling up the Foyer Fraternel Gouffrand basket. This centre city social charity, supported by the Bordeaux Church and others, cares for people who are less fortunate than we. Please pick up dried goods of any sort, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo), or nappies for babies while you're in the supermarket and bring them to church on any Sunday. Every little bit helps! For those with a little time, please think about helping out at the Foyer itself. They need volunteers to sort clothing donations and also to help with after-school programmes.

Ecumenical get-together on Sunday, February 18, 12.30 – 16.00. Repas fraternel œcuménique at the Salle des Artillos Mérignac, 105 avenue de l'Yser. Repas partagé tiré du sac et animation.



News from the end of last year

A resounding THANK YOU to our worship leaders in December and January: Tony Lomas, Robin Nash, Philip Harbridge, Angela and David Marshall, and Christine Rychlewski

God bless the Gunas. We give thanks for the presence and grace over the last three years of the Guna family. Vas was an important part of the Sunday School team and Segar marveled us all with his guitar ministry – truly SINGSPIRATIONAL! We pray that their return to Singapour and new opportunities goes well. We shall miss you and look forward to an "Au revoir".



Kids' Choir Concert. The Kid's choir has continued to run very well in Bordeaux. The children rehearsed after each service except during school holidays. For the first time, the Kid's Choir performed a concert on December 3rd, with the children singing worship songs in English and French. Some solos were performed by the eldest while the younger ones learned to accompany them. The concert was presented by Lindsay, accompanied by Segar, Johnson, Stephen and conducted by Holi. The songs of praise and ensuing applause raised the roof and the "bis" were numerous. We are blessed to have this youth ministry in Bordeaux. A big thank-you to the leaders.

Bordeaux Christmas Bazaar. On December 3rd, Bordeaux celebrated another festive celebration of fellowship and Christmas cheer and what a pleasure it was to see friends coming from further afield in the Chaplaincy. We were delighted to welcome Revd Andrew and Alexandra Bullock who were over

for a much deserved, short break. Andrew opened the Christmas Bazaar with a prayer and a blessing.

What made the Bazaar special was that most of the stalls had very successful afternoons, with a new stand of crochet work side by side with the hand made jewelry stand. The Raffle run by Kit Seguin was most amusing and rewarding for those who won prizes as the lots were truly attractive this year.

Books, wine, a Silent Promises Auction, teas, Christmas goodies, English fare, the Traditional Bazaar Marmelade and the Tangy Chutney, cakes and not forgetting the White Elephant stall which was most inviting this year, were the stars as often is the case. The children's corner was well attended and France gave the children her full attention.

Our sincere thanks to the welcoming, enthusiastic volunteers who were solely responsible for the success of the event under the untiring direction of Nellie Salvi.

It will be remiss not to mention the generosity of two dear fellow Christians in Bordeaux, Segar & Vas Guna, who were called back to Singapore in December, and donated their second car to be "auctioned off" as part of the Christmas Bazaar effort. This alone brought in a handsome sum of money and we are deeply thankful.



Bordeaux Madagascan Carol Service. We had the privilege to be led by Revd Philip Harbridge who is married to Honorine, an Anglican from Madagascar, for our Carol Service on the afternoon of December 10th. The children, including Sophie and Tiffany Harbridge, participated by singing solos and by reciting a Christmas poem. It was also great to see Revd Philip and the whole family singing in Madagascan!

Bordeaux Christmas Carol Service. The Lord works in the most wonderful ways! Imagine arriving in Bordeaux from the UK on a Saturday and robing to lead two Carol Services in front of several hundred people the following day, and all that with a Madagascan touch as you just read above! A moving evening Carol Service included the participation of two choirs (the kids and the adults) with Music Director Richard Hunt behind the organ, numerous readers and the fine delivery of easy-to-understand messages by the Revd Harbridge for such a diverse congregation. The Kids' Choir sang "See amid the winter's snow", "Il est né le divin enfant" (solo by Tife) and "Hallulejah" (Leonard Cohen version). They joined the other children from Sunday School in yet another amazing nativity play. Bravo, Sunday School leaders!



Bordeaux Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service. A big thank-you to the clergy team of Angela and David Marshall who kindly spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Bordeaux to lead two beautiful Holy Communion services. Such a feeling of "Joy to the World"!

News from the New Year!

Ecumenical Corner. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 on the theme: "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (Exodus 15, 6), prepared by the Christian churches in the Caribbean.



→On the occasion of the "Week of Prayer for Christian unity", children accompanied by their parents from the Bordeaux Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church of Gradignan visited together the Greek Orthodox Church of Bordeaux. There were only 40 seats available for 60 Anglicans and Catholics, associated with the Orthodox community there. Most of us stood during the one hour service, but we were honoured by their warm welcome. Parts of the service were in French so we could follow a little bit. After the service, although Father Theodore Papanicolaou had to visit each one of his parishioners, on the occasion of Epiphany, he spent lots of time with us to explain the icons and orthodoxy. After, it was great to have a bring and share aperitif and fellowship between the Orthodox, Catholics and Anglicans. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together

in unity!" (Ps 133.1). AMEN!



→A sizable group from our church participated in a Taizé worship service in Pessac on Friday, January 19, organized by the Bordeaux-Sud ecumenical group. Our own service on Sunday was a lively celebration, focusing on "Hope and healing". We were involved with the Catholic, Protestant, Russian Orthodox, and 7th Day Adventist churches in organizing a joint service in Caudéran on Tuesday, January 23, and a small group made the worthwhile drive out to Martillac for the service at the Domaine de la Solitude on January 24, organized by the Bordeaux-Graves group.

The group in Caudéran meets monthly to discuss various ecumenical themes. If you would like to join, please contact Christine Rychlewski for details (alienor1153@yahoo.com, 06 81 85 72 97).

Baptisms at the Madagascan Service on January 21st. The Chaplain Tony Lomas led a Service on Holy Communion and Baptism of children from one of the Madagascan families. *Holy Spirit, we welcome you ...* and we welcome them officially into the family of God.

