

Anglican Church Bordeaux - June Newsletter

Charlotte writes about last month's happenings



May was a month full of many delights in Bordeaux, one particular delight was to be present at the very first time that Nellie Salvi shared a homily with us. Nellie was accepted for Reader training last year and it has been a great privilege for me to be able to share her journey.

Nellie's husband John and her son Nicolas were there to offer support and join in the applause (!) as Nellie unpacked John 13.31-35 for us.

Thank you Nellie. You remain in our prayers as your journey continues.

'Spreading the load'

One of the things I love about Bordeaux is that we are always trying to 'Spread the load'!

A couple of months back it became obvious that updating the web page, posting on facebook/twitter/instagram and compiling news for the Chaplaincy Magazine was just too much work for one person to handle (on top of everything else that we all do!). So we have now set up a small communications team for Bordeaux. We meet regularly (on Skype) and discuss news items or upcoming events and then jobs or duties are assigned!



It has really helped us to take a look at our centre wide communications and we have lots of new ideas on how we can improve things as we move through the coming year. Let's face it four brains are so much better than one, and as you see is its so much more fun when we work together!

Belloc



Despite the weather, we had a lovely time at Belloc this year, I am pleased to report that no one got locked out! The theme was Christ in the Wilderness and other works by the artist Stanley Spencer.

There were seven sessions led by The Chaplain and myself as well as plenty of free time to walk, to rest, to eat the local cheese or to spend time chatting with each other. A particular highlight for me



was seeing everyone engage with the different prayer stations that we set up on Saturday night, different activities, using different media to help us meet with God. We even had a prayer tent with fairy lights !
Marvellous!

If you've never been to Belloc please consider booking for next year's retreat it such a great opportunity to make new friends from around the Chaplaincy.

Ascension Day



It was with some relief that the rain stopped for our open air Ascension day service. In fact it was a beautiful sunny day in a beautiful setting.

We are all so grateful to Chris and Deirdre Rankin for opening up their home and spoiling us all with their generous hospitality. The day began with an open air Holy Communion Service led by the Rev'd Bramwell and myself (what a team!).

This was followed by a leisurely picnic in the sun and then the finale of the afternoon, a concert by the UCLAN choir.



The choir under the direction of Mark Goggins were fantastic and I hope many of you will have had the opportunity to see them at the various dates around the Chaplaincy.

Thanks again to Chris, Deirdre, Jennifer and Bramwell for organising a wonderful day of music and fellowship.

Pentecost

Pentecost this year was celebrated at our "almost second home" St Pierre. Church is challenging at the moment with everything having to be carried with us wherever we go. When we worship at St Pierre it is always more challenging, as there is no parking close by.

My great thanks to everyone who carries in the bits and pieces that make worship possible, from those who provide refreshments to those who pick up the vicar!

There was however no need to carry a keyboard for this service as Lindsay had permission to play St Pierre's old and beautiful organ. Perched high above us she played the most beautiful music that must surely have reached the heavenly angels!



As I write I am preparing myself for the Annual Presbytery Sports Day ... although I may forfeit the sports and just eat the hot dogs.... look out for an article in next month's mag!

Love, Charlotte

Family Sports Day 12:00 on Saturday, 22nd June at Floirac

Sports Day this year starts with barbecue food and drinks around 12-2pm, so that everyone will have energy for sports rather than snoozing in the sun ! Then kick off the sports activities from 2pm and finish off around 5pm.

If you need directions please ask via email by clicking here: anglican.bordeaux.comms@gmail.com

Setting the scene



The format will be similar to last year and to put you into the mood, below describes some of the fun we all had last year:

27 children between the ages of 5 and 82 descended on the Presbytery for the first ever annual sports day. We were blessed with excellent weather – no rain, some sun but not too hot – and we were also blessed with excellent food.

After lunch there were amazingly imaginative races and competitions with 3 teams being formed – red, blue and yellow. Usually there were 4 categories for every race – younger children, older children, adult men and adult women. Everybody took part (including Jaffa, Charlotte's dog).

As the excitement mounted there were egg and spoon (ball and ladle) races, ball throwing competitions, races involving water in leaky cups, dressing up in hats, gilets, gloves and shoes, skipping, hopping, jumping. The under 16 children were very sporting and took turns properly – the over 21 children were highly competitive and bent the rules repeatedly!!



The afternoon was one of constant noise, laughter, fun and energy. It is worth noting that the children whose angelic voices fill the Church at kids choir can also shout, bellow and scream at their team-mates!!

Come and join us this year on Saturday, 22nd June, 12:00 at Floirac

Our Services are normally held at the Chapel of le Grand Bon Pasteur

Confirmed Dates, Times & Address Details of our Services are here: [Calendar](#)

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