



Saint Michael's Messenger

The Newsletter of St Michael's Church, Beaulieu-sur-Mer for August 2014

The Eucharist will be celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am followed by Refreshments

We welcome back Fr Derek Goddard as our locum priest for August (including the first Sunday in Sept). He and his wife Pennie were with us in February this year. Fr Derek was, from 2006 to 2009, the Priest in Charge of the Anglican Church in Palermo-with-Taormina, in Sicily.

September

Sunday 14th: Fr Philip returns to Saint Michael's.

Sunday 21st: After the Service there will be a dedication of the newly paved area in memory of Helen Downes

Sunday 28th: St Michael's Patronal Festival. A Confirmation service will be conducted by Bishop Michael Colclough. This will be followed by a fellowship lunch to celebrate our patronal feast and the confirmation of members of our congregation. Please see the list at the back of the church to sign up to bring a dish or, if you prefer, to make a contribution of 20 euros.

A message from Jeremy and Sue

We were delighted to be able to celebrate our fortieth wedding anniversary at St Michael's on June 8th. Our particular thanks to Father Philip for planning and putting together the beautiful thanksgiving service, to Barry for the music and to all the SM team. The fact that it happened to be on the same date as the Church lunch, making it possible to join all our friends at St. Michael's on their new terrace, was the icing on the cake.

Jeremy and Sue

Debra Garvey

Many in our community will remember Debra Garvey and her daughter Felicity who worshipped at St Michaels a few years ago. Both Debra and Felicity were confirmed here. Sadly on their return to England Debra had a long battle with cancer and died on June 12th. Debra remained resolutely positive throughout, sustained by faith and determined that her family should live as normally as possible. Her cremation and committal service were held at St James's Church, Poole, Dorset on 27th June. Prayers were said for the family and the repose of Debra's soul on 22nd June at St Michaels. There will be a tribute from Felicity in the September Messenger.

Summer entertainment

August is a good time to be in Beaulieu and the surrounding areas, with many forms of free entertainment on offer. You can access www.beaulieusurmer.fr to find the complete list or visit the friendly staff at the Office de Tourisme (remember that there is free internet access in the areas immediately around the tourist office).

On Saturday 2nd there is a pop concert in the Place Marinoni followed on the 8th by a revue (Cabaret). On the 14th there is a *Soirée Estivale* offered by the Mairie and on the 16th a group called *the Street Warmers* will be playing in the streets in the morning. At the end of that day there will be an evening of dancing. Saturday 23rd brings the atmosphere of Carnaby Street with a concert entitled *Beatles and Stones*. All the above evening events begin at 21.30.



On a more serious note August 29th will be the 70th anniversary of the Liberation from World War II, there will be a ceremony at the War Memorial at 18.30, followed in the Place Marinoni by *the Liberation Ball*.

There will be regular exhibitions of paintings and/or sculptures at the Chapelle Sancta Maria de Olivio. There will also be an open-air cinema at the Théâtre de la Batterie (by the sea at the side of the Mairie) on 5th and 12th August. For further information call 04 93 87 84 38 or www.cinemadebeaulieu.fr

Don't miss a visit to the Greek villa Kerylos. This faithful reconstruction of a luxurious, ancient Greek villa continues to impress visitors by the beauty of its interior with mosaics, marble, frescos and treasures from the 6th to the 10th century BC. It will take you back to the long forgotten ancient way of life during the time of the Athenians. It is situated at the waters edge, just as you leave Beaulieu, facing the St Jean Cap Ferrat peninsula. Equally spectacular are the gardens around the villa with the superb views looking out to sea. Entry is €8.

www.villa-kerylos.com

An Australian Travelogue

Rex and Sophie circumnavigated the whole of Australia at the beginning of the year to celebrate a major anniversary. Extracts will appear over the coming months

Kangaroo Island, S.A. 1st February 2014 – 34 ° mid-day

This is our first stop since we left Perth after 3½ days at sea so it does give an idea of the sheer size of this country. Kangaroo Island is quite lovely; a 155 km long wildlife park with no fences and with animals running wild, just 16 km south of Adelaide. Its pristine wilderness is a place of great beauty and escape.

Captain Matthew Flinders was sent over from England and discovered it in March 1802. In April of the same year the Commandant of *Le Geographe*, Nicolas Baudin, arrived having been sent by Napoleon to map the island. In spite of the two countries being at war the two captains became good friends and collaborated in their discoveries resulting in many French place names as well as English.



We visited Seal Bay to enjoy the sea lions up close and personal, walking on the beach amongst them. The Australian sea lion is now one of the rarest seal species in the world and sadly in decline. 85 % of its 15 000 population live and breed in South Australia. Their sight was a great experience and on the return journey I spotted my first kangaroo!

Needless to say we only saw a small portion of the island but drove past miles and miles of eucalyptus trees (nothing like the ones we know). They dominate the tree flora of Australia with more than 700 species, most of them native to Australia. Only 15 species are found elsewhere in the world.

Adelaide, S.A. 2nd February 2014 – 42 ° mid-day

Adelaide was the only capital to have been settled on by free settlers rather than convicts and was totally self-sufficient, receiving no financial backing from the British government. Meticulously planned by surveyor General Colonel William Light in 1837, the city is an elegant grid of broad streets surrounded by a green belt of parkland set beside the River Torrens and the Murray River.

The Adelaide Hills leading to Mt Lofty (710m) have a great view of the city which made the drive to Hahndorf very enjoyable. European settlers emigrated in 1838 from East Prussia to escape persecution for their Lutheran beliefs. They were assisted by Captain Hahn of the ship *Zebra* who negotiated the use of 240 acres of land for the 54 families to settle on. They named the town after him and it is still today a charming village with crafts, cafes, hotel and a pleasant atmosphere.

Apart from the greenery, Adelaide has much to offer and certainly merits a longer visit. Its colonial buildings are beautifully preserved and cleaned and blend well with modern ones. It is supposed to have the greatest variety of seafood in any city in the world and benefits from every possible type of fresh vegetables and fruit, not to mention the 40 or so wineries. The long white, sandy beach is spectacular and there are interesting new Mediterranean style marinas and developments.



And I have seen my first koala - up in a tree by the roadside!

Auction of Promises



A gentle reminder to our readers concerning Saint Michael's and the help that is needed to raise funds. The 'Auction of Promises' that was mentioned in the July edition of the Messenger has received some exciting pledges. We need some additional ones to make the auction even more interesting and beneficial: Lifts to the airport, tickets for an event, a meal prepared in your home, the use of an apartment, some DIY. Could you perhaps help us? In the first instance to discuss this, please contact Jeremy at nordbergis@aol.com

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