



Saint Michael's Messenger, Newsletter, March 2015

The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am followed by refreshments

STOP PRESS. NEW CHAPLAIN FOR ST MICHAEL'S

The Diocese in Europe has announced on 24th February 2015 that next Priest -in-Charge of St. Michael's Anglican Church Beaulieu-sur-Mer is to be the Revd. Anthony Ingham at present serving as a Chaplain with the army. Fr. Ingham will begin his ministry at St. Michael's early in June. More details will follow with the next edition of the Messenger.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 22nd March: Annual General Meeting to follow Sunday Eucharist

Friday April 3rd: Good Friday Liturgy 10am

Sunday April 5th: Easter Day Eucharist 10am

Welcome Fr. David Garlick

Our locum priest for the month of March will be Fr. David Garlick. Fr. Garlick was with us in July of last year and we are looking forward to welcoming him back to St. Michael's.

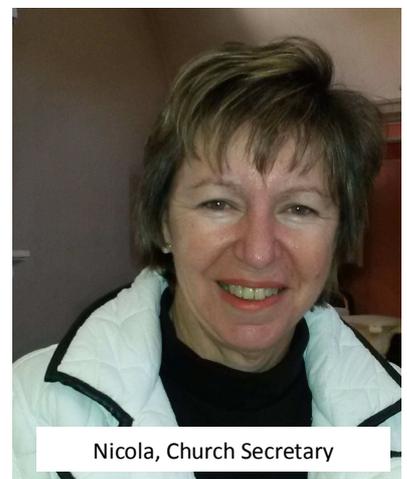
Urgent: Electoral Roll - Closing date for this year is 3rd March

In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. You do not have to be a permanent resident to be on the Electoral Roll but you should be 'attached' to the church by regular if limited attendance. For those who are not Anglicans (Church of England) there are provisions for members of certain other churches to enroll. Enrolment forms and further important details on eligibility are available from Nicola on ekarlsen@wanadoo.fr. If you were on the electoral roll last year you do not need to re-apply.

Who's Who?

Continuing our look at the roles of the people behind the scenes dedicated to sustaining St Michael's' vibrant community – I am delighted to feature the multi-talented Nicola, our church secretary who works tirelessly both administratively and socially to keep St Michael's alive and active. She can often be seen with her lovely husband, Egill who helps with various creative aspects of church maintenance (such as making the stable for the crib, two free-standing altars and the pigeon defenses). Their daughter, Hannah, was confirmed at St Michael's and was an altar server and delicious pancake and mince pie maker. Nicola is also Eucharistic Assistant, licensed by the Bishop to assist at communion or to take communion to the sick.

The position of Secretary of the Chaplaincy Church Council is normally filled by appointing a person already elected to the Council. However the Secretary can be non-elected person or even be a paid non Church member, in which case, they would be non-voting. There are several official tasks to perform which are governed by Church of England law, for example calling the AGM and Church Council meetings, taking minutes, and reporting attendances at Church services throughout the year. I am becoming a relatively old hand at this, having been Secretary of St Andrew's Abu Dhabi and St George's Baghdad.



Nicola, Church Secretary

Since the CCC of St Michaels has very few members who are permanent residents and are fluent in French we have to take on extra tasks especially during an interregnum. My

additional roles are organizing fundraising and social events, Electoral Roll officer and communicating with the congregation, the local Catholic church and the Mairie. Although this takes much more of my time than I had hoped, it is still a very satisfying role as the constant communication with the congregation makes one realise what an important part St Michael's Church plays in their lives.

Thank you Nicola!

Shrove Tuesday



A delightful evening was spent on Shrove Tuesday - a few hungry friends were on hand to lay the tables whilst Brett supplied a delicious main course of beef bourguignon, risotto and portions of duck. Deanne supplied the pancakes and everything was served piping hot after Father Derek had said grace. The wine was flowing as usual and all 26 attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the end of the evening it was all hands to the pumps to wash up and clear away the tables and by 9pm the church was back to normal.

Good bye from Derek and Pennie

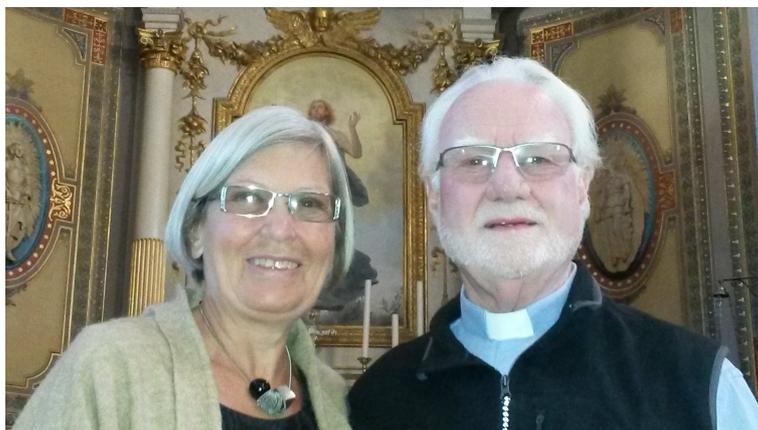
By the time you read this, we will be back home in the cold north of England, thinking of you all in the Riviera sunshine. We will miss you all!

It has been a great pleasure for us to be here again, among such lovely, welcoming and friendly people. This time, as well as the Sunday services, we have been able to share in your New Year's Day service, and also the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, experiencing different aspects of your parish life, and, of course, we also enjoyed sharing in the meal on Shrove Tuesday.

As this was our third visit to Beaulieu, we've enjoyed both going to old haunts and finding new places to visit, there is always so much to do and see here. It is always particularly good to be here in carnival time, we will miss all that next winter! We hope that the remaining months of your interregnum go well and that your new chaplain will settle in and enjoy the beauty of Beaulieu and the welcome of the St Michael's congregation.

With thanks and best wishes for the future,

Pennie (and Derek) Goddard



Thank you both and wishing you much joy for your future from all of us

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