

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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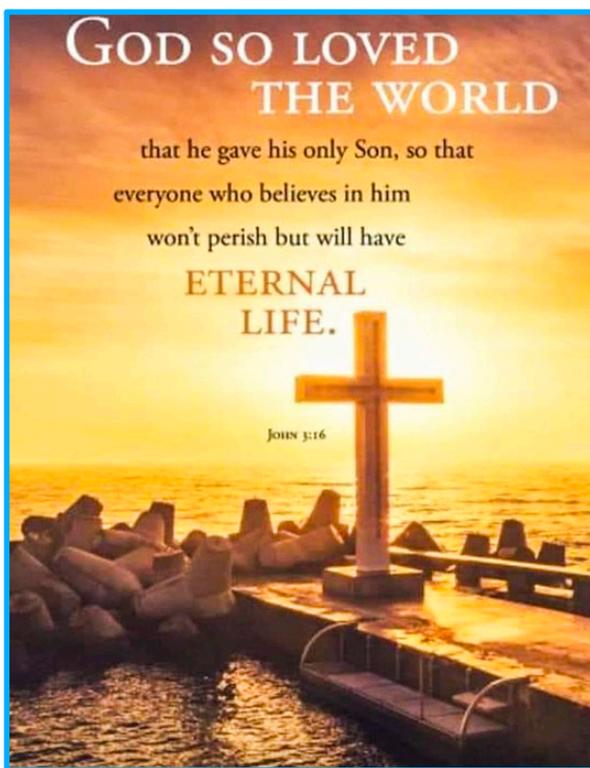
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Une congrégation de L'Église d'Angleterre dans le
Diocèse d'Europe et un membre de la
Communion Anglicane Mondiale.

Notre Église est une congrégation inclusive, et tout
le monde est bienvenu.

**A VERY WARM
WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE
THIS MORNING**

**Sunday
1st March 2026
Second Sunday
of Lent
St. David's Day**



**Chaplain (Locum)
Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Vice-Chair
Congregational Worship Leader**

Revd. Nick Jones
Peter Owen
Bérenère Ross
Shirley Rowson
Alastair Ross

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 52 At the name of Jesus (Omit Vv 3 & 4)

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION (No GLORIA during Lent)

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (12:1-4a)



The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the

adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 66 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (3:1-17)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that



everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospel Reader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord*
All: Praise to you, O Christ

If the **spirit** within us withers, so too will all the world we build around us

Theodore ROSZAC (1933 - 2011)

The **spirit** always conquered the sword.

Napoleon BONAPARTE (1769 - 1821)

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 627 Praise to the Holiest in the height

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 275 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

Lent Study Evenings: The Anglican Church at Marseille, where Roxana TELEMAN is Assistant Chaplain, is running a Lenten Course entitled “*Fruits of the Spirit*” as listed in Galatians. This will run during the five weeks of Lent on Thursday evenings from 26th February till 26th March at 18:00 hrs on Zoom. Those wishing to take part should email: assistant.chaplain.marseille@gmail.com

Service for Sunday 8th March : (Third Sunday of Lent)
Communion celebrated by Nick JONES
Exodus 17:1-7 ; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42