

# The parish of St André de la Pommeraye

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## Newsletter for Easter 6, 9 May 2021 - Liberation Day

The Rector writes ...



### Today is Liberation Day

I like this image of the Guernsey flag in St Matthew's church Cobo, hanging proudly in a sacred space before it was taken to the flag pole on Gross Rocque. It reminded me of the newly dubbed knight in mediaeval times keeping vigil in the church as a sign of preparing himself for his duties and trials.

It is good that so many of Guernsey's churches are able to offer special services for Liberation Day, on this rare coincidence of the day falling on a Sunday.

Juliette Robilliard and Chris Claxton have planned a special service at St Andrew's church at 10 am on

Liberation Day, to which all are most welcome. On this occasion, the 10 am service will not be a celebration of Holy Communion.

Martin Le Boutillier will share his childhood memories of the Occupation and Liberation Day, with time for Q&A, at the beginning of the service.

Jeremy and Vanessa Witham are bringing the crucifix and some drawings and photos from the Biberach camp. They write, 'Vanessa's mother took the crucifix with her in the small suitcase when they were deported. It was used in the room in the camp where they were allowed to hold basic services and pray. We have an original photo taken by Eric Sirette of her mother and sister coming out of the barrack when it was announced that the camp was being liberated (the same photo is in the book about the deportation) also some of the cards and drawings done in the camp.'

More information about the various events to mark Liberation Day is available at <https://www.liberationday.gg> (and there was extensive coverage of what is planned in Saturday's Guernsey Press).

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**Christian Aid** week is from 10 – 16 May. The house-to-house collections may no longer have the attraction and value which they once had, but I will gladly supply the collection envelopes and other resources to anyone who would like to undertake a collection in their area.

Christian Aid does vital work in empowering and supporting the communities in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world. If you would like to make a donation for the work of Christian Aid, please use one of the red envelopes available in church or make an electronic payment to **Christian Aid Gsy** (sort code: 40-22-25, account no: 04359763).

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**Eco Church** is an award scheme for churches who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth. With a whole suite of supporting resources, Eco Church will help local churches to '**go green**' in all areas of church life. As a Deanery we would love to bring together a small **working party** made up of a variety of people from across the parishes to help our churches take part in this exciting initiative. If you would like to know more and possibly be

part of this working party, please contact Jon Honour at Trinity e: [jon@trinitygsy.org](mailto:jon@trinitygsy.org) or t: 724319.



### This week ...

Thursday 13 May    7.00 pm    Choir practice

**St Andrew's church is open daily**, without restriction, from around 10 am until the late afternoon or early evening.

Holy Communion, and laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Wednesday at 10.30 am at the **Monnaie Chapel**. The Monnaie Chapel is a remarkable place – accessed off the Rue du Monnaie (halfway up the road, on the left, when approaching from Les Poidevins).

### Looking ahead ...

There is a change of plans for **Rogation Sunday** on 16 May.

The 10 am service will be in church, as usual.

The Social Committee have booked lunch at the Mint at the Last Post. The two course meal is £17 and includes roast beef and all the trimmings. The menu is on the last page of this newsletter. The sign up form is at the back of the church, or you can email Jill ([jill@jibishop.com](mailto:jill@jibishop.com)). She will give the numbers to the restaurant after the Liberation Day service next Sunday.

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But there is still an opportunity for (almost) open air worship on Rogation Sunday (16 May). **GROW**, a Guernsey charity which does superb work with people with learning difficulties, has invited the Guernsey churches to lead an ecumenical service of prayer and praise in their greenhouses (on the corner of Verte Rue and Route des Coutanchez in St Sampson) at 4 pm, with an opportunity to learn more about the work of GROW and their plans for expansion of their site before and after the short service.

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Jill Bishop has the raffle tickets for the **Summer Fair** on Sunday, 13 June. It makes a huge difference if as many tickets as possible can be sold before the Fair, as we then have an income even if the weather is bad. Jill has listened to your suggestions; this year the tickets are being sold in batches of five. £2 each, 5 for £8, 10 for £15. Please collect some from Jill to sell over the next couple of months. Jill is also collecting suitable handbags, scarves and hats for sale.

### Prayers for the week

Please pray

- in thankfulness, for the Liberation of Guernsey on 9 May 1945;
- for those newly elected to the Scottish and Welsh governments, and councils across England;
- for those who work in the fishing industry – especially in Guernsey, Jersey and Normandy; for constructive discussions after the tensions of the past week.

We pray for all who live in the parish of St Andrew and for our church community.

We pray, in the Guernsey churches prayer list, for lay ministers and local preachers in our churches.

And, by name, for Stella Machon, Audrey Gollop, Jean Walpole, Chris & Cindy Kennedy, Georgina, Chris Lesbirel, Ann Nicholson, Fletch O'Hara, Elisa Wales, Jonathan Charmley, Brian Hardwick, and Ray Tonkinson.

For those who have died: Lloyd Harrison James De Mouil pied and Bessie Eaton

### Finally ...

Juliette Robilliard completed her 30 x 30 Walks for **Les Bourgs Hospice** with total sponsorship of **£460.00**, which is amazingly generous and largely from our congregation. If the others who have taken part have been equally successful with their sponsorship, that should help to top up hospice funds – needed more than ever, as significant building work is required, with the staff and patients being moved to the PEH later this month, to enable the work to proceed.



With my prayers and best wishes,

*Tim*

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### St Andrew's Church

#### *Rogation Lunch: Mint at the Last Post*

**Sunday, 16 May at 12:30pm**

#### *Main courses*

Roast beef lunch with all the trimmings

Seabass fillet, Crushed new potatoes, Broccoli tender stems, Crab/fish sauce

Oriental style chicken bowl, stir fry vegetables, bowl of chips

#### *Desserts*

White chocolate mousse, raspberry sorbet and raspberry coulis

Sticky toffee pudding, caramel sauce and white chocolate ice cream

Cheese board with biscuits

#### **Cost £17.00 per person**

Please make payment to the restaurant on the day