

# GRACE ANGLICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 2011



To those of us living in France with children, La Rentrée is akin to New Years Day...a time for new motivation, blank pages in your cahier waiting to be filled, new friends, endless possibilities for change or improvement. The French also look forward to les foires aux associations where one find a group for just about any hobby, sport or interest under the sun...and if you can't find what you are looking for, you can make a club up and invite others to join you.

Are you a knitter with a need to socialize? Do you have a favorite cause to share? Would you like to take a day trip or a hike or go wine tasting with others? Is there a book or a film that you would love to share with others? Why not propose an activity for Grace Church? It could be a one day thing or an ongoing monthly, weekly, quarterly thing. The slate is blank and your's for the writing!

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### Bonne Rentrée...continued

Grace Church will be having a potluck...bring and share...picnic on **Sunday, 18 September 2011** just after the service in place of our normal coffee hour. Consider it our very own Foire aux Idées...

What new, old, different, interesting activities could we do this new year to add color and spice to our lives? Throw out that calendar that says Grace Church = Third Sunday of the Month and release your spontaneously creative self. Areas to consider include:

- Outreach
- Education
- Spiritual Growth
- Just Plain Fun

There will be a sign up sheet in this email as well as at the service this Sunday 28 August. **Venez nombreux!! †**

Remember the Date!!  
Worship at Grace Church

☞ 28 August 2011  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY!!

10h00



## La Fête du Figuier

Once a year, Nézignan-l'Évêque holds a special mass to bless the fig bread. This is always held on the third Sunday of August thus why we have pushed the Grace Church service to the fourth Sunday of August.

If you are an aficionado of French fêtes, la Fête du Figuier may be just the event for you. Here is a mention from the Midi-Libre Blog for Nézignan-l'Évêque:

« **Le dimanche 21 août** sera la journée de la Fête du Figuier. Dès le matin, à compter de 8 heures, foire à la brocante Autour du Château organisée par l'Association Animage de l'EPAD locale. A 10 heures, Espace Papanou, Marché du terroir animé par Jean-Marie Tessier. A 11 heures, après le défilé traditionnel de toutes les confréries amies venues pour la circonstance, et revêtues de leurs tenues chamarrées, messe solennelle à l'Eglise Sainte Marie Madeleine avec bénédiction du pain à la figue, suivie du Chapitre de la Confrérie des Becos-Figos et de l'intronisation de personnalités au Théâtre de Verdure et de l'apéritif offert par la Confrérie.

## La Fête du Figuier...continued

A 20 heures, en clôture de ces quatre jours de fêtes, la soirée « Fideua et Pizza » proposée par le bar l'Eden et la Pizzeria « Le Vieux Four » (sur réservation) suivie de la projection du film « Rien a déclarer » avec Dany Boon et Benoit Poelvoorde. »

<http://nezignanleveque.blogs.midilibre.com/> †

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is a member of the world wide Anglican Communion and the convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

Due to vandalism at Chapel St. Martin in Conas, France, we currently worship together at Saint Marie Madeleine in Nézignan-l'Évêque.

As always, we are grateful to Père Jean Costes of Pézanas as well as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montpellier for all their cooperation and assistance. †

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HOLY EUCHARIST

28 AUGUST 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE  
NEZIGNAN-L'ÉVEQUE  
10H00

### HOLY EUCHARIST

18 SEPTEMBER 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE  
NEZIGNAN-L'ÉVEQUE  
10H00

### FOIRE AUX IDEES/POTLUCK PICNIC

18 SEPTEMBER 2011

JUST AFTER THE SERVICE  
SIGN UP AND JOIN US!!

### HOLY EUCHARIST

16 OCTOBER 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE  
NEZIGNAN-L'ÉVEQUE  
10H00



### Come Read to Us!!

Consider signing up to read a lesson or to offer the *Prayers for the World and the Church*.

If you have never read before or are nervous about it, relax! We can help you through it!!

If you are more social in nature, consider signing up to greet or to host coffee hour after the service.

If playing is more along your lines, why not help out with the children?

Whatever your talents, we have room for you!! The sign-up sheets are available at the table in front of the church before and after each service. †

Please send all announcements, articles, photos or any other suggestions for the September newsletter before **Monday 12 September, 2011** to Mary Faigle at [mary.in.france@gmail.com](mailto:mary.in.france@gmail.com)