
GRACE ANGLICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 2011

Sunday Stroll

This Sunday!

19 June 2011

Much to the surprise of all of us at the Church Picnic last month, we discovered that there is an Arboretum du Figuier in with over 80 varieties of fig trees in Nézignan-l'Évêque . This Sunday after coffee hour, we will stroll the gardens and share fellowship and a brown bag lunch. See the flyer for details or contact Mary Faigle at 06.45.10.64.91 or mary.in.france@gmail.com. Venez nombreux!!

To Do List:

- Dress comfortably casual this Sunday. Although it will be a stroll, consider wearing comfortable shoes.
- Reserve your sack lunch for a small donation of 5 euro or pack a lunch and drinks for your family
- Bring a hat and sunscreen...we pray for beautiful weather
- Bring your camera or plant journal to record your discoveries. †

Spring Picnic in Nézignan-l'Évêque.

See page 2 for more tidbits and page 3 for more pictures



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. †

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Grace Picnic - Fun, Sun, Fellowship and just a bit of wind!!

In spite of the horrific gale force winds that whipped through Nézignan-l'Évêque on the third Sunday of May, our little picnic park was an oasis of calm.

We were welcomed to the park by the ever so interesting tunes pouring out of a Manivelle played by Val Littman! Every kid at the picnic had to have a go at playing this curious machine. There were locals trying to figure out who exactly was this organ grinder in the strangely familiar costume.

After sharing our picnic lunches, we settled in for a bit of trivial pursuit with the topic being our host villages – Conas and Nézignan-l'Évêque. For example, did you know that the residents of Nézignan-l'Évêque are referred to as Becos Figos? Prizes were given for the most and least correct... Yes, Rochelle, we did feel sorry for your low note!! No crying over missed answers!!

When we had satisfied our sweet tooth on some superbly delicious desserts, a pétanque tourney was held. There was some fierce competition until the two final contestants stepped up and wiped out all previous contenders! Cheers to Jen for tossing the winning boules and taking home a really tasty bottle of local wine!!

Thanks to all who came and we missed all who could not! †

Patience is Trusting God's Timing

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...Ecc 3:1

I came across this bit written in my agenda back in the beginning of May. I had read it on the Facebook page of my beautiful sister-in-law during a particularly challenging time for her. Suddenly upon reading this, I was stopped cold ...something told me that this was a message for me as well. All at once I realized that I was letting my ego and agenda drive events and people and plans without pausing to see if God was in on it too.

It is so easy for us to assume that our plan is God's plan...that our timing is God's timing. Sometimes we need to take a breath and really clear our minds and hearts and agendas and wait for God to take the lead.

Life moves so quickly these days and it really seems like you will get left behind if you do not act immediately on every decision. Every choice becomes so magnified in the speed. But how liberating it felt to me the other day to ask: "What is the hurry?" Did I really need to act right at this moment or was I feeling pushed to decide by a force other than God?

In the important matters of your life, take time to check your agenda...your timing...your need to control, direct and change. Pause, breathe, and let God take the lead. †

Blessings
Mary Faigle ✨

Memorable Moments from the Grace Church Picnic



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLY EUCHARIST

19 JUNE 2011 (FATHER'S DAY)

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE
NÉZIGNAN-L'ÉVÊQUE
10H00

SUNDAY STROLL IN THE ARBORETUM

19 JUNE 2011

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NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

HOLY EUCHARIST

17 JULY 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE
NÉZIGNAN-L'ÉVÊQUE
10H00

LUNCHEON IN CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF HAZEL AND ANDREW

17 JULY 2011

DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

HOLY EUCHARIST

21 AUGUST 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE
NÉZIGNAN-L'ÉVÊQUE
10H00

HOLY EUCHARIST

18 SEPTEMBER 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE
NÉZIGNAN-L'ÉVÊQUE
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 June newsletter before **Monday 11 July, 2011** to Mary Faigle at mary.in.france@gmail.com