

Spring Picnic This Sunday! 15 May 2011

To celebrate our rebirth from the ashes literally and figuratively, we will be having an all church picnic just after the service this Sunday in place of our usual coffee hour. Even if you can only stay a short bit, please stay and visit!

To Do List:

- Dress comfortably casual this Sunday
- Pack a lunch and drinks for your family
- Buy, bake, create a dessert to share with everyone
- Think of how you would be most comfortable...picnic blanket, cushions or a chair...the park is more pebbly than grassy
- Come ready to play. There will be activities and fun prizes. †

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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 Nézigian-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.

Lenten Luncheon Series A Great Success!

Through the generosity and efforts of our Lenten Luncheon hosts and hostesses and guests, 300 Euros was raised this year benefitting Partner's With Haiti.

We would like to applaud the cooks and servers who opened their homes and kitchens to us and contributed to the warmth and conviviality of the lunches!

Thanks to all of those who participated in the meals as well as the interesting and thoughtful conversations. These luncheons truly add to the



Bloom Where You Are Planted!

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Lk 12:34)

Spring in the South of France is a magical place full of hidden beauty bursting with life. Flowers are pushing up out of the earth in frenzy to bask in the brilliant sunshine.

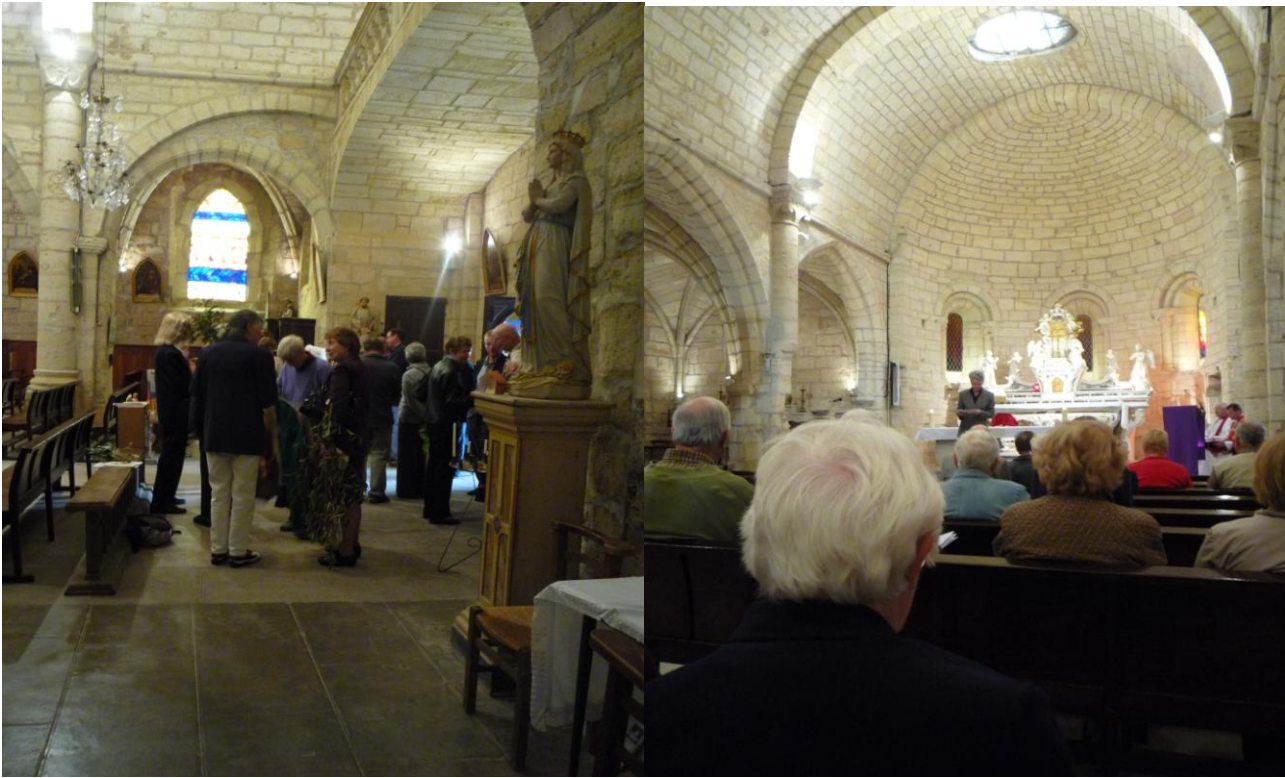
Evidence of God’s promise and miracle of rebirth surrounds us. How fitting that we as members of Grace Church should be offered the gift of rebirth in such a wondrous time of year!

Val and Linda Littman have given so much to us as a congregation over the years...their tireless energy, endless time and a huge share of what was supposed to be their golden years of retirement in the South of France! How truly blessed were we?!?!?!

Now it is our time...our opportunity to find our place in the sun and bloom. We as members of Grace Church are now challenged to discover not only who we are, but what beautiful gifts we have to offer each other and the community we share at Grace Church.

For so long we were led. Now we must open our hearts to see the path that God is calling us to follow. We must set aside our egos, frailties and fears and take up the challenge that is presented to us as members of God’s community. I pray that our conversations and actions turn to the discernment of all the bright and beautiful possibilities that God has so generously given to us. Let us bloom where we are planted! †

God’s Blessings
Mary Faigle ✨



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT SAINT MARIE MADELEINE, NÉZIGNAN-L'ÉVÊQUE,, FRANCE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLY EUCHARIST

15 MAY, 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE

NEZIGNAN-L'EVEQUE

10H00

Celebrant: Rev. Mark Letters

SPRING PICNIC

15 MAY, 2011

NEZIGNAN-L'EVEQUE

11H10 TO ??

Picnic Lunch and activities

(See the first page of this newsletter for details)

HOLY EUCHARIST

19 JUNE 2011 (FATHER'S DAY)

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE

NEZIGNAN-L'EVEQUE

10H00

HOLY EUCHARIST

17 JULY 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE

NEZIGNAN-L'EVEQUE

10H00

HOLY EUCHARIST

21 AUGUST 2011

SAINT MARIE MADELEINE

NEZIGNAN-L'EVEQUE

10H00

Please send all announcements, articles, photos or any other suggestions for the June newsletter before **Monday 14 June, 2011** to Mary Faigle at mary.in.france@gmail.com

New Prayer Books!!

Grace Church has new prayer books! We have received a very timely gift from The Convocation of Episcopal Churches...35 copies of The Book of Common Prayer/Le Livre de la Prière Commune!

Beginning this Sunday, 15 May, we will begin to use these prayer books in place of our usual printed booklet. So many new and different things going on at Grace Church!!

After noticing that some French speakers were in our midst on Easter Sunday, it is not a moment too soon! The prayer books offer the service in English on the left side of the page and in French on the right side of the page.

Much appreciation to the Convocation for this gift and to Vicky – Bishop Whalon's secretary at the Convocation for rushing the books to us! †

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. †