



# ECHO

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ECUMENICAL CHURCH OF OCCITANIE [www.ourchurch.fr](http://www.ourchurch.fr)

### ARE YOU BOOSTED YET ?

*This weekend up to 800,000 French Passes Sanitaires may become de-activated when the rules change on Saturday*

Since last year, it has become a regular habit to have to present a Passe Sanitaire in order to be able to enter restaurants and various other public establishments.

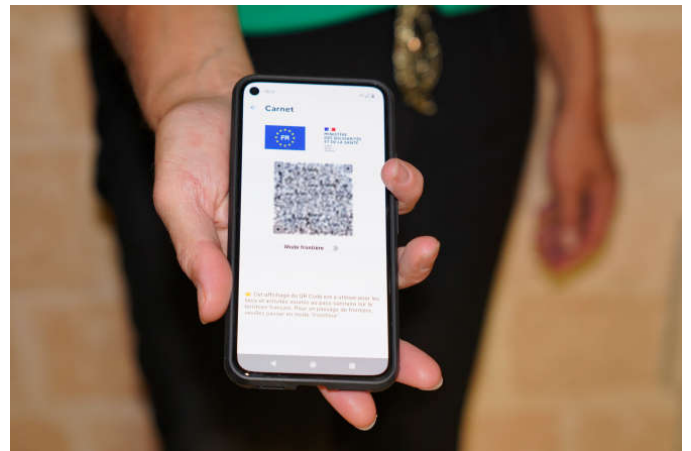
However, from this weekend, the health passes of up to an estimated 800,000 people in France will become invalid because they have not yet had their third, booster Covid vaccination. From the 15th January, anyone who received their second vaccine more than 7 months ago—i.e. before 15th June 2021, must have received their booster shot in order for their Health Pass to remain valid.

And on 15 February, this deadline will tighten further to cover anyone who received their second dose more than **4** months before—i.e. 15 October 2021 and who has not had their booster.

The estimate of 800,000 people whose passes will expire is recognised by the French Health Minister to be at the extreme, pessimistic end of the scale, since people who have recovered from Covid recently can also qualify for an extension of the Health Pass.

In addition, from 1 February 2022, more stringent travel restrictions within Europe will apply to people who have not had a booster vaccination within the last 9 months.

In the meantime, the French Government are relaxing the rules for travel between France and the UK with effect from tomorrow (Friday). The requirement to have a *motif impérueux* for travelling will be abolished. In addition, the requirement to compulsorily quarantine upon arrival will be removed - provided travellers have been vaccinated and have had a negative test within 24 hours of travelling to France.



These relaxations are apparently being partly driven by pressure from the proprietors of ski resorts for whom the forthcoming February half-term holidays would be expected to bring a big influx of British skiers.

Appointments for booster injections can still be easily booked on

[www.doctolib.fr](http://www.doctolib.fr)



GETTING THE CRIB CHARACTERS BACK INTO THE VESTRY CUPBOARD AFTER CHRISTMAS WAS NEVER AN EASY JOB



## WE ARE UPDATING OUR LIST OF THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY IN OUR SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING

Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm we broadcast a service in which we pray by name for those in need of God's healing touch at this time.

This was an act of online worship originally begun by Rev Dan Langdon-Griffiths in 2020 in the Anglican Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrenees and Aude. When the Chaplaincy decided to discontinue this prayer service in June 2021, the ECO Team decided that it was a form of ministry which needed to be maintained and we therefore continued with it.

Although we know personally many of the people for whom we offer prayer or those who ask to include their names individually, this is not the case for everyone whom we include. We are currently therefore going through an exercise in which we are trying to check that everyone whom we name is still in need of God's healing.

Although there is nothing wrong with also praying for those who are already healed, for some people, part of celebrating their recovery is to 'come off the list'!

E-mails have therefore been sent to everyone whom we know has asked for names to be included. If you have not received an e-mail from us but have asked for someone to be included in our prayers, please do contact us at [healing@ourchurch.fr](mailto:healing@ourchurch.fr) by the end of January to let us know if you would like us to continue to pray for them, or to ask us to include someone new.

**From our Healing Service on Thursday 3 February, we will only include names where we have been asked to continue to offer prayers.**

## A Prayer for the New Year

by Reverend Daphne Kitching

Lord of all creation,

Lord of all the years,

Thank you for steering us through the fragmented landscape of two pandemic-riddled years. Here we stand at the beginning of a new year, not knowing what lies ahead. Our only security lies in you, Lord.

Please take our hands and guide us, day by day, into January and beyond. We will not be afraid, Lord

because you have promised never to leave us, never to forsake us. And you keep your promises. We are safe.

2022, here we come... expectantly,

In Jesus' name,

Amen

## Worship for the Young and the Young At Heart

Our friend Margaret Pritchard Houston from the Diocese of St Albans has prepared a video for 16th January about the Wedding at Cana

As usual, we will place a link on the web page for the ECO Sunday Service



## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

