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ECO JOINS THE BRITISH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF FRANCE

At its Executive Committee meeting last night, the British Community Committee of France voted unanimously to admit ECO as a member organisation.

The British Community Committee (BCC) represents the British Community in France. It acts as the umbrella organisation of British associations in France at national level.

Founded in 1937 the BCC was first registered as a Loi 1901 association on 1 July 1939. It operates under the registered logo "britishinfrance" and publicises the existence of member organizations so that British citizens in France, or those with British interests, know whom to contact to join.

As British in France, the BCC works together with the British Embassy and is a founder member of British in Europe, a coalition of British citizens' groups across the European continent.

As an organisation primarily dedicated to meeting the religious needs of British citizens as well as English-speakers, ECO qualifies for membership.

The BCC online directory at their website

<https://www.britishinfrance.com>

provides a valuable resource for anyone who wishes to connect to an organisation which focuses on the needs of British people.

From Rotarians to Librarians, BCC is a meeting

place for many British-run associations where people meet to share interests. It also provides a valuable communications channel to the British Embassy.

A number of English-speaking churches are already members of the BCC, including Anglican Chaplaincies, the Scottish Kirk and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Paris, which welcomes English-speakers from over 40 countries.

We hope that by our membership of BCC, we will be able to reach British residents in the Occitanie who are not yet connected to a point of English-speaking worship, and also to publicise the existence of other English-speaking groups in the Occitanie.

The BCC produce an Annual Directory of Member Organisations which is published as a .PDF

We hope to shortly put a copy of this on our website from where you will be able to download it.



Joshua says that he's very sorry but it's something to do with the Defence Spending Review



NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT

ECO

We have set out below our programme of worship for next week. For all details of our latest worship, always go to the Home Page of our website:

www.ourchurch.fr

Sunday October 17th

10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday's prayer service will be led by Janet Varty, who will also be preaching. As usual, our Zoom Virtual Coffee Bar will open after the service - codes will appear on our website and our Facebook page on Sunday morning.

Tuesday October 19th

19:00 - An Iona Service of Evening Prayer

This is a short service of prayer and readings from the Bible which is available as a video and also as a Podcast to download and listen to at the close of the day. We also provide the order of service in .PDF for you to download and keep so that you can follow it on your smartphone, tablet or computer if you wish.

Thursday October 21st

19:00 - A Service of Prayer for Healing

Each week, we come together to pray by name for God's healing touch for those who are in special need at this time. We are happy to include anyone known to you in our prayers (we only refer to people by their first names)

Please send any names of people whom you would like to be included to

healing@ourchurch.fr

by Wednesday evening 20th October please.

OCTOBER 18TH IS THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT LUKE

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.



Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.



Worship for the Young and the Young At Heart

If you are joining us for worship with younger members of your family, each Sunday we are now also broadcasting a short video reflection on the readings for the day from our colleague and friend Margaret Pritchard Houston, who is a member of the Children's Ministry Team in the Diocese of St Albans. This Sunday's video is entitled "John and James ask a favour".