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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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## HAPPY TO BIRTHDAY NEIL



In glorious summer sunshine, on Thursday 29th July Reverend Neil Batcock joined us at an Open Air Communion Service organised by ECO at which we celebrated both Communion and also Neil's Birthday.

Following our afternoon service, at which Neil preached, he invited us all to join him for birthday refreshments.



Birthday cake was eaten and Blancquette De Limoux quaffed as we sang *Happy Birthday* to Neil and he was presented with a large birthday card signed by the members of the congregation, including some who could not be present but who instead creatively e-mailed messages of good wishes to be stuck into the card.

This service of Communion will be broadcast on our website, on Facebook Live and YouTube this Sunday morning at 10:30.

If you would like to take part in the Communion online, please have some bread and wine (or fruit juice) handy ready to share.

Unfortunately there was always a bit of a hiatus in worship during the summer when the vicar was away and no one was available to take their place.....



## 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](http://www.ourchurch.fr)**

#### **Sunday August 1st - Trinity 9 - Proper 13**

##### **10:30 am Online Sunday Worship with Communion**

This Sunday's service will be a recording of the outdoor Service of Communion held on 29th July in Alet les Bains, with Reverend Neil Batcock both preaching and leading Communion.

The service will followed by our normal online Zoom Coffee Bar at about 11:30

#### **Tuesday August 3rd**

##### **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 August 5th**

##### **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](mailto:healing@ourchurch.fr)**

by Wednesday evening.



## **COMING SOON** **A SPECIAL LIVE SERVICE IN** **NORTH OCCITANIE**

Up until now, most of our live worship has been recorded in the South of the Occitanie. However, on Wednesday 11th August, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding and recording a "Bubble" Communion Service in the Lot Region, starting at 15:00 and followed by a picnic tea.

We will publish further details next week including how to find the venue.

The service will be broadcast on the following Sunday morning at 10:30am - 15th August.

### **[contact@ourchurch.fr](mailto:contact@ourchurch.fr)**

Please remember that you will need to e-mail us if you intend to come to join us as space will be limited by the health regulations currently in force owing to the Covid-19 Emergency.

We are very grateful to have received invitations from the owners of other locations to record live worship in their premises. Thank you ! We look forward to being able to vary more widely the locations from which we will broadcast. Please remember that all we require is one electric socket, enough space for people to socially distance and a table. For outdoors some good weather also helps....!

Also, please remember that our recorded services are online 24/7, so you do not need to skip worship in any other church that you attend in order to join us when it suits you.



### **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 Childrens Ministry Team in the Diocese of St Albans

This Sunday's video is entitled "Walking on Water".