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TO ALL ANGLOPHONES LIVING IN OR VISITING CHAMONIX. Welcome to our second newsletter specifically for you. We are the little church opposite the Chamonix station and would like to let you know what is going on for the community in conjunction with us. You are very welcome - whatever your belief - to join in any of the offered activities or simply to contact the team here if we can be of help to you in any way. We look forward to serving you whilst you are here in Chamonix.

A message from Isabelle Pierron - our Pastor. A church in a garden !

We have started to get to know each other, and I am really pleased to present some projects for getting to know one another better. One of these is to meet up in a garden - in YOURS perhaps! Over a glass of wine we can chat and come up with some ideas for other forms of meeting to reflect on the meaning of our lives, the Word of God and our daily worries. In the spirit of Easter we are "making all things new", with the grace of God.

To begin with, we invite you to join us on Sunday 5 June, after the English language service in the Chamonix Protestant church, for a great picnic in the church garden. After that it will be ... at Your house, or at yours! Come as many as you can, with your children and your friends.

The church will provide the drinks, aperitifs, water and wine, coffee and tea. You bring food to share.. See you soon!

Isabelle Pierron

What's going on,

Mums & Tots

(or dads, nannies, grannies !) at the presbytery, 24 passage du temple Thursday mornings 10am - 12 noon (except school holidays)

Kids Club, 7 - 11 year olds

at the presbytery, with Barbara Falkiner and the pastor, I Pierron, in French and English - Fridays from 6.30 - 8.00pm

18 March-1stand 5 April - 13 and 7 May- 10 and 24 June

For the young people from 12 - 16 years

From 2pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday 26 and 27 March - 14 and 15 May for 16 year olds

Easter celebrations

Temple of Chamonix

Good Friday Vigil

Friday 22nd April- 8 pm

Easter service

Sunday 24th April at 10,30 am Followed by Easter lunch in the Presbytery and 6 pm

Every Sunday throughout the year

Informal Prayer and praise in English and French at 6pm in the "Temple "

NEW !!!

One service in English every month

at the Chamonix Protestant church Sunday at 10.30 am with creche for small children 3 April - 8 May - 5 June

Come and discover a new way of reading the Bible

one Friday morning , 9.30to 11.30 At B Falkiner's - 06 23 04 78 10 1156 Chemin Napoléon – Les Bossons – Chamonix 15 April – 6 May – 3 June

Eglise Reformée de France Pasteur Isabelle Pierron Telephone 04 50 55 85 60 - 06 13 05 04 43 24, Passage du Temple, Chamonix, 74400 Information for baptisms marriage blessings and funerals. And for all your family needs.

Echoes of Saint Valentines...

On Sunday 13th February, the Hotel Eden hosted a Valentine's Dinner to raise funds for our church. The evening was very well attended with the dining room at the Eden packed to capacity! Seating nearly 80 people was a feat, and we would like to thank Simon and Sarah Norris & staff for their warm welcome. We were delighted to raise, from a raffle & painting auction, almost 1000 euros. A very big thank you to all of you who came! We were most grateful for your donations and participation.

Many people do not realise that the Protestant Church in France is not supported in any way by the state. The whole of the income of the church is derived from the donations from the congregation. The French Protestant congregation here in Chamonix is very small indeed. If we are to keep the church open and serving the community, we need the support of our fellow Chamonix residents. So if you are interested in supporting the church in any way at all, please contact any one of the people listed in the box at the end of the newsletter. Once again, a huge thanks to all of you who came to the dinner.... Look out for future events in this newsletter.....

Are you worried? Do you need help ? Would you like to pray with, or be prayed for by others?

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