



L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS
L'HÉRAULT

ALL SAINTS, HÉRAULT
(The English Church At Saint-Pargoire)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
OF THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL

for the year ending 31st December 2019

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Annual Report 2019

All Saints Hérault Chaplaincy Council (CC) has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church, spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for compliance with French Association Law as well as the Canon Law of the Church of England. The chaplaincy is part of the Church of England Diocese in Europe and is a regularly constituted and registered Association (Law of 1901) and Association Culturelle (Law of 1905) under French law.

Membership

Members of the Chaplaincy Council (CC) are appointed ex officio (Chaplaincy Clergy, Churchwardens and Synod Representatives) or directly elected to the Council by the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting. Further members may be co-opted by the CC, in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following were members of the CC:

Chaplain	Revd Roger Smith	
Wardens	Patricia Bigot Nigel Summersall	
Representatives on the Archdeaconry Synod	Julie Johnson Delia Smith	until 2020 until 2020
Elected CC Members	Jenny Morgan Steven Hopkins Andrew Marshall Jac Phillips Eleanor Grant Sue Jones	until 2020 until 2020 until 2022 until 2022 until 2021 until 2021

CC Officers (appointed by the Council, at the first meeting after the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting):

Chairman (ex-officio)	Revd Roger Smith
Vice-Chairman	Nigel Summersall
Secretary	Nigel Summersall
Minutes Secretary	Delia Smith
Treasurers	Francis Bigot & Nigel Summersall
Electoral Roll Officer	Patricia Bigot
Safeguarding Officer & ID Checker	Jenny Morgan
Environment Link & Youth Officer	Steven Hopkins
Website Manager/Publicity	Andrew Marshall
Social Events Organiser	Jac Philips
Music Team Liaison	Julie Johnson

Standing Committee

This committee is required by Church law. Members are the clergy, the churchwardens and two other members of the CC (for 2019: Julie Johnson and Delia Smith). The Standing Committee has power to transact the business of the CC between its meetings, subject to any discretion given by the Council. Given modern communications it is usually possible to consult all Council Members electronically before taking action on decisions required between meetings and in 2019 this was again the case.

Review of the year

The CC held 4 regular meetings during the year with an average attendance of 84%.

The Council wishes once more to extend its thanks to the Music Group (Alison Kane, Bobbie Trickett and Carol Gardner) for their work in selecting hymns for our services. Special thanks are also due to Council Officers whose contributions provide vital support for our meeting and worshipping together: Jenny Morgan, our Safeguarding Officer, Jac Phillips our Events Organiser and Sue Jones who organises catering at Fontès.

In 2019 Julie Johnson, our newly admitted Reader, played an increasing role in our worship. Julie preached the sermon on ten occasions during the year and celebrated Morning Prayer once at the end of October (Last after Trinity) having been prevented by illness in late June. We pray for Julie's health and that she will play her full role in our worship life.

An issue emerging ever more clearly during the year is the need to find a successor after Roger retires. Preliminary work on drafting a Chaplaincy Profile for circulation by the Diocese/Archdeaconry has been undertaken.

As at 31st December 2019 there were 68 members on the Chaplaincy Electoral Roll, all of whom were full- or part-time residents in the Hérault.

Archdeaconry Synod

Synod met from 16-18 May near Lyon and was attended by 26 clergy and 60 lay representatives. Unfortunately, ill-health prevented Julie Johnson from attending. Being one day shorter than previously, the programme was packed. It included eight services: three Eucharists plus Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline.

The Archdeacon's sermon at the opening service was very good, based on the life and work of Caroline Chisholm, a 19th century social reformer, whose day it was. Meurig pointed out that holiness has no hard borders and can be found anywhere, including in political and social activism.

Elsewhere in the programme, the Revd Kirrilee Reid led a workshop on "welcoming the stranger". Kirrilee had just completed her first six months as Chaplain of Nord Pas de Calais and Refugee Project Officer in Calais, spending half her time living and working with those who are known to her and the team there as exiles and treated as guests in the local refuge house.

Brother Matthew of the Taizé Community led two Bible studies, starting as they do at Taizé with quiet, contemplative singing. Ben Harding, Chaplain at Lyon, told us that the ecumenical group which meets for prayer each Thursday morning had held a three-day forum attended by 220 French-speaking delegates from France, Switzerland and Belgium. They comprised as many Christian denominations as the group could muster and spent their time talking about their journeys with Jesus.

The rather more down-to-earth speakers covered Safeguarding, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), Social Media & Communications, the Archdeaconry and Diocesan Budgets and the inevitable Brexit. From these we were able to bring back to the relevant people in our chaplaincy up-to-date information.

Synod being shorter, there was little opportunity to socialise and share with delegates from other chaplaincies but attendance was, as usual, a valuable experience in many ways.

As usual, charitable donations were requested from those attending, this time for “Operation Hope”, the Taizé Community’s channel for providing humanitarian aid.

Worship

The established pattern of services using the liturgy of Common Worship was maintained, with Morning Prayer being said on two Sundays and Holy Communion celebrated on other service days. Average attendance on Sundays was slightly down compared with last year with an average of 39 attending of whom 38 were adults. Average number of communicants rose from 36 to 37.

Additional services, in the form proper to the day, were again celebrated on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (in the chapel at Puissalicon), Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve.

Our annual service at Notre Dame de Roquessels, this year on 26th May, saw attendance only slightly down at 33. The subsequent shared lunch was as always hugely enjoyed by all participating. All thanks to Simon and Monica Coulshaw and Jac Phillips for organising it. The collection amounting to €221 was donated to Aide aux Jeunes Diabétiques in accordance with Simon and Monica’s wishes, in gratitude for the support received for their daughter.

As always the Harvest Event was an occasion for fundraising for other charities: the raffle and quiz in support of Restos du Cœur organised by Barbara Marsh being particularly successful. Details of funds raised are give below under Charitable Giving.

Social Gatherings

We had several shared lunches and also a very good response to our appeal for mince pies etc and assistance at the annual Fontès Carol Service. Possibly a more regular shared lunch event would be enjoyed, especially as many of us are often travelling and hence unable to manage all of them. It was very enjoyable to have the couple of after lunch walks which Roger organised. Could this be a plan occasionally in spring, summer and autumn?

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group continued to meet each month. The group usually meets at St Joseph de Mont Rouge at Puimisson, but if the chapel there is unavailable, at St Giraud in Puissalicon. Members take it in turns to lead the group in a period of silent prayer preceded by prayers for fellow members of our congregation or other friends who are in difficulties, as well as prayers for the world situation. The session usually ends with a hymn and the exchange of the peace. All are welcome. Perhaps you would like to come and see for yourself? The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am.

Lent Groups and Lunches 2019

The Lent course for 2019 was based on 'Another Story Must Begin', by Jonathan Meyer with video episodes from the film 'Les Misérables', starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway. The course was the most popular since we started Lent courses in 2012: 30 people in all took part, with an average weekly attendance of 20. Groups met at 10.15 am for coffee and started at 10.30 am. A simple light lunch followed at 12 noon and participants were invited to go to the Lent group or the lunch or both.

The money raised at the Lent groups and lunches was €702.50. One quarter was given to Bishop Robert’s Lent Appeal, Hestia Hellas, providing psychosocial support (PSS) and livelihoods training to vulnerable populations in Greece. The rest went to Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees.

Wednesday Group

Following the 2019 Lent Course, a number of people wanted to continue to meet together and so the Wednesday Group was formed. We embarked on the 10 session “Jesus the Game Changer” course, each session being followed by a shared lunch.

The course was well attended throughout, which is perhaps a good indication that people have found the course informative and helpful on their journey of faith.

We hope to continue with the group after Easter 2020 with a new course.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an on-going concern for the chaplaincy. We have had no serious incidents which have required notification to the diocese, but we try to be aware of those who are vulnerable and make provision for them. We all need to be vigilant to ensure that our members come into safe environments and that we are concerned for their individual needs and well-being. With our ageing congregation, we need to be aware of mobility, visual, hearing and memory problems and depression which leave us vulnerable. There have been new guidelines from the diocese about the necessity for regular re-training and a new training course has been set up on-line by the diocese for this purpose. New people from the congregation are taking up responsibilities and are undergoing these and further training courses. This is our chaplaincy, and we want it to be a warm, welcoming and safe place, so please be considerate to all and report any concerns that you have to the Churchwardens, Clergy or Safeguarding Officer.

Listening Course

This year we decided to try and improve our listening skills, enabling us to “hear” what our friends and acquaintances are trying to say and give them our full attention. We used the introductory course “Just Listening” developed by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation, which was run over 2 sessions in early June, when members of the chaplaincy council attended. Then again in November a first session was run for any other members of the congregation who wanted to try it. The second of the 2 sessions is due to take place at the end of February 2020. Although a very basic course it was found helpful by all who attended.

Music Team

Following the request for hymn choices from the congregation, we have now included almost all the choices during the course of the year. During Lent, we changed the settings of the Sanctus & Benedictus plus Agnus Dei to those set by Christopher Tambling, whose setting of the Gloria we were singing. Following this trial period, there was a clear preference to return to the previous settings, so we are currently once again singing the Schubert setting of Sanctus and Benedictus, the Alan Rees setting of Agnus Dei, and the Christopher Tambling Gloria.

In the Spring two new members of the congregation joined us for a while: Alastair and Alison Knights. Alison is a musician, and as a parting gift to us before they left, she gave us a new version of the Gloria she had composed for us to use if we wished. This was subsequently introduced to the congregation, who at that time preferred to stay with the Tambling version. However, it was felt that, with a different accompaniment, and a slight change of tempo, Alison’s version might prove more appealing. So musician Roger Munns made the suggested alterations, whilst leaving Alison’s actual composition intact. We have yet to introduce the

revised setting to the congregation for further assessment, but hope to do so when thought appropriate.

The music team are always happy to hear further suggestions for hymns from members of the congregation.

Website

The website has seen over 2200 visits during the period January to December 2019, with a number of them being classified as “New Visitors”. We have also joined the Connexion service which publicises local information. We are to be found under the community section, Religious-Spiritual heading.

The Church of England site “A Church Near You” has been completely revamped to include resources we can use on our website. We have taken advantage of this service and the website now features articles and videos from the C of E website. We have also updated our information on the “A Church Near You” site.

Several small changes to the Home page have resulted in increased views of the page, as well as the Our Church home page.

If you come across any articles you feel should be added to our website, please let our Web Officer, Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens know and we will endeavour to publish it on the site. We are always looking for new content.

Ecumenical Activities

The annual Ecumenical Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place on 9th February in the Temple at Saint-Pargoire. Our Chaplain officiated jointly with Clergy of the Protestant and Catholic communities. 44 persons from the three congregations attended.

Once more this year in June, Robert Pons and family received members of the Catholic, Protestant and Anglican congregations at the Hameau de Besse for the traditional outdoor ecumenical service and following paella lunch. We are indebted to our Protestant brethren for organising this enjoyable event year by year.

We were saddened by the death of Jacques-Christophe De Bary, the Président of the Saint-Pargoire Eglise Protestante, in August.

The Fontès Carol Service for 2019 was on 15th December. About 220 people attended this ever-popular event. Thanks are again due to the team who organise the service, members of All Saints and Simply Church and others. The organist of Béziers Cathedral, Chris Hainsworth, played for us again. The net collection of €420 was shared equally between the Église Saint Hippolyte and the Centre Communal d'Action Sociale at Fontès.

Temple: premises and chattels

Arrangements with the Église Protestante for our use of the Temple continued unchanged throughout the year.

All chattels are fully recorded in the inventory register.

The intention to acquire two further chalices when suitable ones can be identified stands.

Concerns have been raised over the safety of the entrance area after a recent incident involving falling metal. The new President of the Église Protestante, Jean-Claude Séguéla, is understood to be arranging for this area to be repaired.

Support for Charities

In 2019 charitable donations continued to be governed by the “tithe” guideline (10% of general fund income) to enable funds to be set aside for additional expenditure expected to arise when the time comes to appoint Roger’s successor. Last year we exceeded this guideline: some 13% being donated. In addition to the €1,420 so donated (see below) last year once again very substantial donations were made from Church funds representing the proceeds of one-off donations, dedicated collections and fund-raising events (these figures this year **do** include the funds raised by the raffle and stalls at the Harvest Event, mentioned above, which were passed through the Church’s books for the record).

Donations from unrestricted church funds:

Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees	€200
Bishop’s Advent Appeal (Anglican Communion Fund)	€220
Médecins sans Frontières	€200
Fondation Abbé Pierre	€200
British Charitable Fund, Paris	€200
APF France Handicap	€200
Fondation Vaincre Alzheimer	€200

Donations from restricted donations, collections and fund-raising:

Water Aid	€3,320
Bishops Lent Appeal (Hestia Hellas)	€175
Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees	€750
Toliara Diocese Madagascar (Bishop Todd)	€241
Aide aux Jeunes Diabétiques	€221
Harvest Fundraising	€110
Restos du Cœur (in kind)	€159

In addition donations of €250 were made to other churches in which we held services and prayer meetings.

Planned Giving (France) and Gift Aid (UK) Schemes

Participation in our Planned Giving schemes has been largely sustained and still represents 65% of total collections, which themselves were overall slightly ahead at €11,773 (2018: €11,350). We now count a total of sixteen regular donors. Plate collections also rose in 2019 to €4,099 (2018: €3,547).

It is worth pointing out that one-off donations are also eligible for tax credit in France as well as regular planned giving. A declaration must be handed to the Treasurer with your donation and you must hold the relevant *reçu fiscal* before claiming the deduction in your tax declaration.

Our sterling account with the Diocese did not benefit from tax reclaims in 2019. Tax benefit from this source is not foreseeable for the time being.

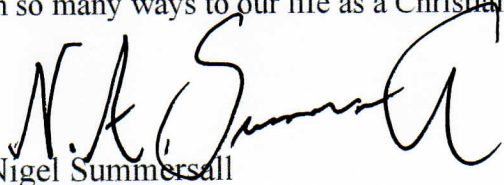
Financial Report

The salient features of the accounts presented here may be summarised as:


- Collections were little changed year on year. Another good outcome for the Lent Lunches and Harvest, together with an exceptional one-off restricted donation, caused overall receipts to show an increase of 23%.
- Apart from restricted donations, expenditure was overall unchanged. The cessation of Readership Training after 2018 (congratulations again Julie!) more than compensated for the cost of replacing the notice board in 2019. Our quota to the Diocesan Common Fund increased by 35% to €460 and can be expected to increase again. On the other hand, the Archdeaconry asked nothing of us this year.
- Overall Support for Charities overall more than doubled over 2018's already record figure thanks to the exceptional donation to Water Aid already mentioned.
- At its July meeting Council decided to increase the monthly transfer to the designated Succession Fund from €350 to €500 per month. At its November meeting it was agreed that a further one-off accrual of €2,000 could prudently be made. The fund now stands at €20,350, which will hopefully materially contribute to the initial costs of installing a successor chaplain.
- Chaplaincy funds are held wholly in bank accounts (sterling funds are held on an account with Diocese). At year-end €20,292 (87% of the total) was held in an interest-bearing Livret A (adequate cover for the Succession and Contingency reserves). The balance is held on current accounts.
- A continuing element in this year's reporting is the statement of receipts & payments analysed by class of fund (Unrestricted, Designated or Restricted) to/from which monies are paid. In a Note to the Accounts we present a simplified form of Summary Accounts. We are also obliged to report to the Diocese in Europe in a standard format which corresponds to the main accounts presented herewith.

Conclusion & Thanks

Another year of stability: we feel we can face with less apprehension the financial challenges of succession-planning for after Roger. The extraordinary generosity of donors and the congregation generally continues to fill with wonder. We prayed and pray for Robin and Wendy Field, for Robin's health and the continued recovery of their son Mark, and also for Trish and Roger Armson who have suffered greatly. Our thanks are due to all who contribute in so many ways to our life as a Christian community and to our continued spiritual growth.



Nigel Summersall
Vice-Chairman & Secretary to the Council
February, 2020



Reverend Roger Smith
Chairman of the Chaplaincy Church Council
February, 2020

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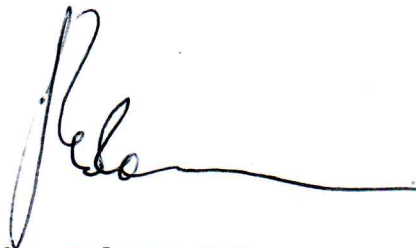
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21 February 2020

ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT

I have audited the books, records of the above Association for the year to 31st December 2019 and the Accounts are in accordance with those books and records.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Holmes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Holmes FCA

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ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

2018	ASSETS		2019
17,338.39	Cash at Banks	23,327.97	
-	Cash	<u>-</u>	23,327.97
	Other Assets		200.17
17,338.39	Total Assets		23,528.14
	LIABILITIES		
	Chaplaincy Account		
10,717.47	As at Jan 1st 2019	17,338.39	
6,620.92	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>6,189.75</u>	
17,338.39	Account as at 31st December		23,528.14
	This consists of		
	Unrestricted Funds	2,678.14	
	Restricted Funds	-	
	Designated	<u>20,850.00</u>	
	Total	<u><u>23,528.14</u></u>	
17,338.39	Total Liabilities		23,528.14

ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019

2018		INCOME		2019
		Collections		
7,030.00		Planned	7,006.72	
771.12		Sterling	667.00	7,673.72
<u>3,547.90</u>		Plate		<u>4,099.27</u>
	11,349.02	Total		<u>11,772.99</u>
		Fees, other donations		
84.00		Lent Booklets	67.50	
<u>1,000.00</u>		Donations for Charities	3,345.00	
	1,084.00	Total		3,412.50
		Fund Raising Events		
726.00		Lent Lunches	702.50	
<u>0.00</u>		Harvest Festival etc	379.00	
	726.00	Total		<u>1,081.50</u>
	<u>0.00</u>	Interest and Investment Income		<u>130.61</u>
	<u>13,159.02</u>	TOTAL INCOME		<u>16,397.60</u>
EXPENSES				
<u>0.00</u>		Chaplain Accommodation & Expense		
	0.00	Chaplain Expenses	54.00	
		Total		54.00
		Charitable Giving		
		Contingency fund	500.00	
726.00		Lent Lunch Proceeds	702.50	
300.00		Fellow Churches	250.00	
<u>2,536.90</u>		Support for Charities	5,900.57	
	3,562.90	Total		7,353.07
		Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas		
400.80		Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quota	460.00	
655.00		Continuing Ministry Education		
		Synod Expense	510.00	
	1,055.80	Total		970.00
		Exceptional Items		
374.08		Readership Training	0.00	
<u>19.32</u>		Social Events	-17.70	
	393.40	Total		-17.70
		Upkeep of Church Fabric		
800.00		Contribution for Temple Upkeep	800.00	
243.57		Insurance	276.51	
<u>5.00</u>		Other Premises Costs	164.50	
	1,048.57	Total		1,241.01
		Service and Admin costs		
69.35		Bank Charges & Legal	54.00	
127.82		Books etc for Congregation	255.99	
240.12		Printing and Consumables	295.23	
115.90		Publicity	14.40	
<u>7.68</u>		Exchange Adjustments and other	-12.15	
	560.87	Total		<u>607.47</u>
	<u>6,621.54</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>10,207.85</u>
	<u>6,537.48</u>	SURPLUS or (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>6,189.75</u>

ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS L'HÉRAULT

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

		As at 1st January 2019	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Payments	Transfers between Funds	As At 31st December
Designated Funds	Succession Planning	14,400.00			5,950.00	20,350.00
	Disaster Appeals	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Restricted Funds	Lent Lunches: Solidarity with Refugees & Bishop's Lent Fund		702.50	702.50		-
	Roquessels (Aide aux Jeunes Diabétiques)		221.40	221.40		-
	Diocese of Toliara		241.00	241.00		-
	Anonymous (Water Aid)		3,320.00	3,320.00		-
	Archdeacon Williams (Ordination Candidates Fund)	207.90		207.90		-
	Harvest Festival Fundraising		269.00	269.00		-
	Harvest Festival Collection		222.50	222.50		-
Unrestricted Funds	General Fund	2,230.49	11,421.20	4,523.55	(6,450.00)	2,678.14
TOTALS		17,338.39	16,397.60	10,207.85	-	23,528.14