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**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 2015

Priest in Charge

Revd Roger Smith, 14 Rue du Parc, 34480, Autignac

Churchwardens

Patricia Bigot and Nigel Summersall

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Barbara Marsh

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Annual Report 2015

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 recognised Association Cultuelle 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:

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| Priest in Charge | Revd Roger Smith | |
| Assistant Priest | Revd Richard Acworth | |
| Wardens | Patricia Bigot Nigel Summersall | |
| Representatives on the Archdeaconry Deanery Synod | Julie Johnson Delia Smith | until 2017 until 2017 |
| Elected CC Members | Ros Heley Barbara Marsh Sally John Jenny Morgan Alison Kane Christine Marshall | until 2016 until 2016 until 2017 until 2017 until 2018 until 2018 |

CC Officers (appointed by the Council, except as noted, at the first meeting after its election):

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| Chairman (ex-officio) | Revd Roger Smith |
| Vice-Chairman | Nigel Summersall |
| Secretary | Nigel Summersall |
| Minutes Secretary | Delia Smith |
| Treasurer | Barbara Marsh |
| Electoral Roll Officer | Patricia Bigot |
| Safeguarding ID Checker | Julie Johnson |
| Safeguarding Officer | Jenny Morgan |

Christine Marshall has led the Social Events organisers.

The Music Team, Alison Kane, Bobbie Trickett, Ros Heley and Chris Payne have chosen our hymns.

Andy Marshall has looked after the website and publicity.

Standing Committee

This committee is required by Church law. Members are the clergy, the churchwardens and two other members of the CC (for 2015: Barbara Marsh 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 means of communication it is rarely necessary for the Committee to proceed without securing the prior support of the the broader Council. In 2015 two items of expenditure (aid to refugees in Budapest and unforeseen Readership training expense) were concerted in Committee before consulting Council.

Review of the year

The CC met 4 times during the year with an average attendance of 81%. Following Richard Acworth's serious accident in late 2014, he was incapacitated from playing any part in Chaplaincy or Council affairs in 2015 and is now permanently resettled in the U.K. A decision on his continued nominal membership of the Council will be taken in consultation with Richard early in 2016.

As at 31st December 2015 there were 68 members on the Chaplaincy Electoral Roll, of whom one is non-resident, the remainder being full- or part-time resident in the Hérault. There were no joiners or leavers during 2015.

Archdeaconry Synod Report

Our three synod representatives, Julie, Roger and Delia report that the more than 2000 kilometre round trip to synod was, as usual, exhausting but worth the effort. Synod was held from 15 to 18 April at L'abbaye de St Jacut de la Mer near St Malo, the organisers still not being able to find an alternative, more central, location to house the 100 or so attendees. The main theme was “The History and Theology of Marriage”, with a focus on sex and marriage in the Bible and in Church history, to help us to consider the present-day issue of same-sex marriage. The two Bible studies and presentations on this theme were excellent with much to learn and think about.

Worship comprised Eucharists on arrival and departure and Morning Prayer, mid-day Eucharist and Evening Prayer each full day plus a silent prayer vigil on the Friday evening. Bishop Robert Innes celebrated the Friday Eucharist and spoke in the afternoon, outlining his job as Bishop of Gibraltar and talking about his first few months, which included attending all the Archdeaconry Synods.

The programme included information on the finances and organisation of the archdeaconry, and on safeguarding. There were separate meetings of the house of clergy, house of laity and readers with readers in training. Two sessions focused on recruiting chaplains and the appointing process.

Members of the Roman Catholic Church, the Fédération Protestante de France and the American Episcopal Convocation all attended synod. The RC Bishop of Toulouse and the Revd Canon Matthew Harrison from St George's, Paris (co-chairmen of French Anglican-Roman Catholic Joint Committee) talked about a document proposing ecumenical sharing between Anglicans and Roman Catholics of Morning and Evening Prayer. The Revd Jane Stranz told us that the Église Protestante Unie Synod in May would be discussing “How do we bless one another?”

All-in-all, a packed and varied programme with an opportunity to learn about and feel part of the wider Christian community in France.

Support for Charities

In 2015 the charities to which the Chaplaincy Council decided to give 500 € each at the end of year were:

- Médecins sans Frontières
- Church Mission Society
- International Red Cross
- WaterAid
- Us (supporting refugees arriving in Europe)
- The group of volunteers based in Roujan who were aiding refugees in Béziers (this donation was made conditionally, subject to the group's being registered as an Association, confirmation of which was still awaited at time of writing)

In addition to giving to the above charities, other services and events were organised which resulted in the following donations:

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| Red Cross (from Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service) | 264 € |
| Aid to refugees in Budapest (from funds earmarked in 2014 to respond to emergencies) | 500 € |
| WaterAid (raised and donated by Simon Coulshaw and family at the Wine Auction in Roquessels) | 500 € |
| Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal (from Lent lunches) | 539,50 € |
| Restos du Coeur, Secours Populaire and Help for South Africa's Children (from Harvest Festival) | 639.13 € |

Once again our thanks are due to all who made possible these significant contributions, especially to Jenny Morgan for organising the Lent Lunches and to Trish and Roger Armson, as well as to Barbara Marsh, for their indispensable rôle in driving the Harvest event.

In addition to these donations contributions in kind continue to flow with undiminished generosity to Restos du Cœur thanks to Barbara and Barry Marsh and generous donors in the congregation, whilst book sales organised in the church at Gabian by Bobbie Trickett, proceeds of which go to Help for South Africa's Children, have raised 500€ since May, 2015.

Donations made at Breakfast Club were used to give 100€ to Solidarite avec les Réfugiés and 50€ to Médecins du Monde, for work in Calais, and also 30€ to Barbara Marsh to buy Christmas gifts for Restos du Coeur

Worship

The pattern established in previous years was maintained, with at least two services held in every month except July and March (when a clash of dates with the Église Protestante obliged us to cancel the Palm Sunday service). Average attendance on Sundays was 43 with communicants averaging 39, both figures in slight decline compared with 2014, suggesting that congregation numbers may have peaked for the time being.

Holy Communion following the order of service prescribed by Common Worship continues to be the norm, with just two Eucharists being celebrated according to the Book of Common Prayer. BCP Evensong, with sung responses and psalm, was celebrated once on 25th October with our trainee Reader, Julie Johnson officiating. A Contemporary Service, followed by said Communion was celebrated on Whitsunday

Additional services, in the form proper to the day, were celebrated on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday (this latter in the chapel at Puissalicon, a new venue for us), Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas Night.

Our by now traditional annual service at Notre Dame de Roquessels, this year on 28th June, saw somewhat diminished numbers but remained a deeply moving liturgical experience for all who attended. The subsequent shared lunch and fund-raising Wine Auction was a resounding success. All thanks are due to Simon and Monica Coulshaw for organising it. A third and new off-site venue this year was Saint-Christophe, Morgon where communion was celebrated on 20th September.

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

In the course of the year an *avis favorable* was finally received from the French tax authorities, enabling the Planned Giving scheme for congregation members who are tax-payers in France to be launched. Additionally the Chaplaincy now maintains a sterling account with the Diocese in Europe into which U.K. Taxpayers may pay regular gifts which will be eligible for Gift Aid from HMRC equivalent to 20% of the amounts donated. Both schemes have been in active use and, although only launched in October, the schemes jointly accounted for almost 15% of total collections in 2015. The formalities required are very simple and the enhanced benefit to the Chaplaincy at no additional cost to donors makes the case for more widespread participation self-evident.

Off-Site activities and events

As in previous years the Prayer Group met on a regular monthly basis at Mont Rouge. The monthly Sunday Breakfast Club celebrated its fourth and sadly last year hosted by Bryan & Chris Payne. Lent Lunches were held on Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week and thanks are again due to the several hosts. In Lent 2015 we followed a course based on the book "The Long Road to Heaven" by Tim Heaton, using the film "The Way", set on the Way to Compostella, to explore the nature of pilgrimage, in the literal as well as metaphorical sense, and the very different ways in which through it pilgrims can come to salvation.

Mention has already been made of the successful fund-raising events at Roquessels and the Harvest event at Saint-Pargoire

Ecumenical Activities

On 24th January it fell this year to All Saints to host and lead the ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service was well attended by members of the Catholic, Protestant and Anglican communities. The generous collection proceeds were donated to the International Red Cross

On the second Sunday of December, as is by now traditional, our Priest-in-Charge officiated with a leader from Simply Church at the Festival of Lessons and Carols in

the magnificent Church at Fontès, with members of the congregation assisting in the arrangements in various ways. The occasion was extremely well attended by church groups as well as by non-worshippers from the local and expatriate communities; the accompaniment of the guest organist, Jouke van der Veer, was widely acclaimed. The net proceeds of the (record) collection were handed to the Mairie de Fontès and will be dedicated to assisting the needy of their community.

Music Team

The Music Team continue to play a vital role in our worship, meeting regularly in the year to draw up the programme of hymns for forthcoming services, selecting hymns which fit admirably well with the readings and themes of each Sunday's worship. In addition to the ongoing arrangements for recorded hymn accompaniment we are grateful once more to have had the services of Peter Fawcett to give live keyboard support to our worship on a number of occasions. Alison Kane once again guided the congregation through chanted Evensong on the keyboard. The Music Team continue to welcome requests from the congregation when selecting hymns for forthcoming services. The Clergy in particular together with the rest of the Council are indebted to the Team for shouldering this part of the organisation of our worship.

Safeguarding

The Chaplaincy's Safeguarding Policy was approved for a further year in October. In the wake of a major overhaul, a new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer was appointed and various formal changes to policy and the organisation of safeguarding functions have been announced, all of which will require further updating of our documentation in 2016. Council Members all attended a half-day course organised by the Safeguarding Officer in May and Council Members have now completed the on-line training course provided by Diocese. Safeguarding checks are now required for Churchwardens and others who may be involved in leading/organising church groups.

Temple: premises and chattels

Arrangements with the Église Protestante for our use of the Temple continue unchanged and we are as ever indebted to them for this privilege. The Chaplaincy inventory comprises an oak cupboard for the safeguarding of various chattels: 2 chalices (given by the Armsons), 1 patten and an altar cloth (given by Cynthia Jones) and 2 purificators, 50 donated and 20 purchased text and 4 music copies of Hymns Old & New, a set of 40 CDs containing the backing tracks of all hymns included in Hymns Old & New, the "vestry" curtain, a Roland electronic piano/organ and two venerable Victorian family bibles.

Financial Report

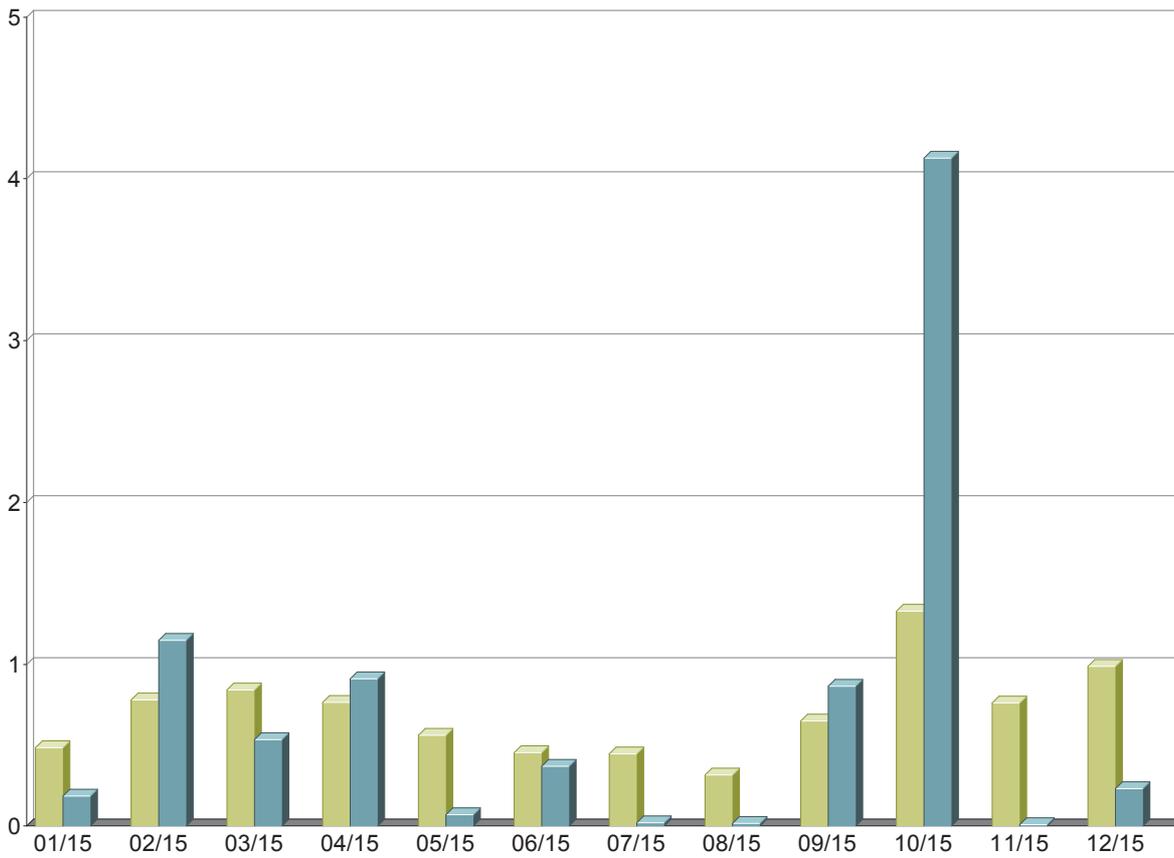
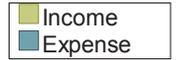
The audited accounts and the opinion of our Independent Examiner (Auditor) are appended to and form part of this report. The two tables presented here may assist in the interpretation of the audited figures. The first shows actual income and expenditure versus the budget figures authorised by the Council for 2015. The second gives a pie-chart analysis of expenditure. Charitable giving represented over half (55%) of total expenditure. The remaining expenditure is essentially running costs, with 30% going to Diocese as Quota or training cost, and the remaining 15% being local premises cost and upkeep of services. Apologies are made for the currency sign (" \$" instead of "€") erroneously used in the table accompanying the chart. From the comparative figures in the audited accounts you will see that in 2015 income was 16% and expenditure 31% ahead of 2014.

BUDGET REPORT 2015

| <u>I&E Category</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> | <u>Actuals</u> | <u>Variance</u> <u>%</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Income:</u> | | | |
| Collections (plate & planned) & Gift Aid | 6,500 | 7,007 | 8% |
| Chaplaincy Fund Raising Events | 1,500 | 1,237 | -18% |
| Interest and Investment Income | 0 | 0 | |
| Trust Income | 0 | 0 | |
| Grants: Diocese, MMS, ICS and Others | 0 | 0 | |
| Fees, other donations & sundry income | 175 | 130 | -26% |
| Total income | 8,175 | 8,374 | 2% |
| 09/07/15 | | | |
| <u>Expenditure:</u> | | | |
| Chaplain stipend (incl. locum costs) | 750 | 0 | -100% |
| Chaplain accommodation & expenses | 0 | 0 | |
| Upkeep of Services & Administration Costs | 500 | 455 | -9% |
| Upkeep of Church Fabric (or Church Rent) | 1,000 | 819 | -18% |
| Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas | 1,100 | 1,179 | 7% |
| Charitable Giving | 3,500 | 4,643 | 33% |
| Exceptional items (Readership Training and Social Events cost)) | 750 | 1,392 | 86% |
| Total expenditure | 7,600 | 8,488 | 12% |

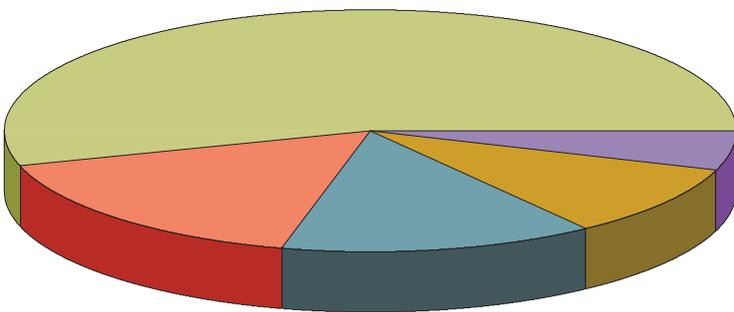
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Monthly Income and Expenses 01/01/15 - 31/12/15



Expense Comparison 01/01/15 - 31/12/15
as a Percentage of Total Expenses

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charitable Giving | %54.70 |
| Exceptional Items | %16.40 |
| Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas | %13.89 |
| Upkeep of Church Fabric | %9.647 |
| Upkeep of Service & Admin. Cost | %5.365 |
| Total | \$8,487.94 |



Conclusion

The absence of our Assistant Priest, Richard Acworth, throughout the year, made significant additional demands on the time and energy of our Priest-in-Charge, Roger and, inevitably also on his wife, Delia. It has been good to see that, as she progresses through her Readership training, Julie is increasingly able to assist in the taking of services and leading us in prayer. We wish her continued success in her progress through training and eagerly look forward to her Licensing

The Chaplaincy's third year has been one of continued steady progress in many ways even if demographic reality suggests that our numbers may for the time being have peaked. This success is as always due to the dedication and efforts of our clergy and of all the Council Team which I take this opportunity to salute.

Nigel Summersall
Vice-Chairman & Secretary to the Council
24th January, 2016

Reverend Roger Smith
Chairman of the Chaplaincy Council
27th January 2016

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015

| 2014 | ASSETS | 2015 |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 3,318.41 | Cash at Banks | 3,204.35 |
| - | Cash | - |
| 3,318.41 | Total Assets | 3,204.35 |
| | LIABILITIES | |
| | Members Account | |
| 2,561.18 | As at Jan 1st 2014 | 3,318.41 |
| 757.23 | Surplus (Deficit) for the year | (114.06) |
| 3,318.41 | Account as at 31st December | 3,204.35 |
| 3,318.41 | Total Liabilities | 3,204.35 |

Note : - There is a potential liability of €500 for a donation to a group of volunteers based in Roujan .
aiding Refugees from Syria.

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

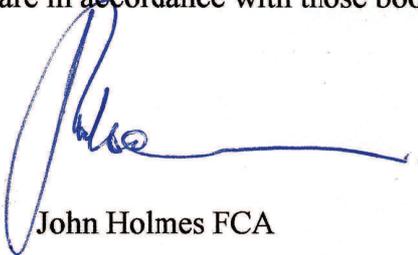
| 2014 | | INCOME | 2015 | |
|-----------------|----------|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | Collections | | |
| 120.00 | | Planned | 1,226.00 | |
| <u>5,785.00</u> | | Plate | <u>5,781.09</u> | |
| | 5,905.00 | Total | | 7,007.09 |
| | | Fees, other donations | | |
| 140.00 | | Lent Booklets | 130.00 | |
| <u>0.00</u> | | Other | <u>0.00</u> | |
| | 140.00 | Total | | 130.00 |
| | | Fund Raising Events | | |
| 516.00 | | Lent Lunches | 539.50 | |
| <u>671.80</u> | | Other | <u>697.29</u> | |
| | 1,187.80 | Total | | <u>1,236.79</u> |
| | | 7,232.80 TOTAL INCOME | | <u>8,373.88</u> |
| | | EXPENSES | | |
| | | Chaplain Accommodation & Expense | | |
| <u>20.40</u> | | Chaplain Expenses | <u>0.00</u> | |
| | 20.40 | Total | | 0.00 |
| | | Charitable Giving | | |
| 500.00 | | Lent Lunch Proceeds | 539.50 | |
| | | Fellow Churches | 200.00 | |
| <u>2,962.92</u> | | Support for Charities | <u>3,903.13</u> | |
| | 3,462.92 | Total | | 4,642.63 |
| | | Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas | | |
| 125.00 | | Archdeaconry Quota | 30.00 | |
| 240.00 | | Continuing Ministry Education | 250.00 | |
| 577.90 | | Synod Expense | 626.86 | |
| | | Other | <u>272.51</u> | |
| | 942.90 | Total | | 1,179.37 |
| | | Exceptional Items | | |
| 376.26 | | Readership Training | 1,258.50 | |
| <u>321.88</u> | | Social Events | <u>133.29</u> | |
| | 698.14 | Total | | 1,391.79 |
| | | Upkeep of Church Fabric | | |
| 600.00 | | Contribution for Temple Upkeep | 600.00 | |
| 211.15 | | Insurance | 218.79 | |
| <u>159.07</u> | | Other Premises Costs | <u>0.00</u> | |
| | 970.22 | Total | | 818.79 |
| | | Service and Admin costs | | |
| 24.00 | | Bank Charges & Legal | 24.60 | |
| 145.53 | | Books etc for Congregation | 209.45 | |
| 182.66 | | Printing and Consumables | 206.91 | |
| <u>28.80</u> | | Publicity | <u>14.40</u> | |
| | 380.99 | Total | | <u>455.36</u> |
| | | 6,475.57 TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>8,487.94</u> |
| | | 757.23 SURPLUS or (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | <u>(114.06)</u> |

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25 January 2016

**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 2015 and the Accounts are in accordance with those books and records.



John Holmes FCA

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