



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 2020

Priest in Charge

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

Churchwardens

Patricia Bigot and Nigel Summersall

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Annual Report 2020

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 Culturelle (Law of 1901) and Association Cultuelle (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.

Following the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting held on 15th November electronically, as authorised by the Bishop's dispensation dated 6th October, 2020, the CC comprised the following members:

Chaplain	Revd Roger Smith	
Wardens	Patricia Bigot Nigel Summersall	
Representatives on the Archdeaconry Synod	Julie Johnson Jim Mallett	until 2023 until 2023
Elected CC Members	John Gifford Phyl Mallett Sue Robinson Andrew Marshall Jac Phillips Eleanor Grant	until 2023 until 2023 until 2023 until 2022 until 2022 until 2021
Co-opted at first CC meeting	Delia Smith	

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
Treasurer	John Gifford
Electoral Roll Officer	Patricia Bigot
Safeguarding Officer & ID Checker successor)	Jenny Morgan (pending confirmation of
Environment Link & Youth Officer	Post not filled
Website Manager/Publicity	Andrew Marshall Julie Johnson Delia Smith
Social Events Organiser	Jac Philips
Music Team Liaison	Sue Robinson

Standing Committee

This committee is required by Church law. Members are the clergy, the churchwardens and two other members of the CC. For 2020 these were John Gifford 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. In 2020 the Standing Committee authorised the donation to UNICEF of €500 in response to the emergency in Beirut.

Review of the year

The CC held only two meetings during the year; the first, at end January, was the last meeting of the Council elected by the 2019 Chaplaincy Meeting, the last meeting to date held in the presence of those attending and also, tragically, the last attended by Sue Jones before her passing away at the end of March. The second was the first meeting of the Council elected by the 2020 Chaplaincy Meeting and was held electronically at the beginning of December.

The Council this year owes a special debt of gratitude to the clergy, to the Music Group and to all those involved for their contribution to our worship and community by designing, orchestrating, producing and broadcasting the podcast services which have held us together during this year when Covid has prevented our presence at worship in person.

We continue to pray for the health and continued recovery of two Council members, Julie Johnson and Patricia Bigot who underwent surgery during the year. Before the pandemic Julie officiated at Morning Prayer in February and preached at Communion on Ash Wednesday, one of the last services before the lock-down prevented us from gathering together.

The issue of a successor to the office of Chaplain mercifully diminished in urgency in 2020 after Roger advised that, subject to continued licensing by the Bishop, he would not be retiring in April 2021 as originally intended. We are hugely grateful for this decision. Roger and Delia have documented some of the tasks involved in planning and organising services throughout the year with which others increasingly will need to help going forward.

As at 31st December 2020 there were 74 members on the Chaplaincy Electoral Roll, all of whom were full- or part-time residents in the Hérault.

The **Archdeaconry Synod** could not be held in 2020 because of the Covid crisis.

Worship

The congregation was only able to worship together at Saint Pargoire 7 times in 2020: Holy Communion was celebrated on 5 Sundays and Ash Wednesday; Morning Prayer was said on one Sunday. Average attendance was in the mid-30s. From Mothering Sunday onwards the Podcast Service has played an inestimable role in enabling our life of worship and as a community to continue.

From November onwards our regular services (currently podcast) have reverted to the previous pattern of first and third Sundays of the month in response to the request of the Église Protestante.

Podcast services proper to the day were prepared for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day and Christmas Eve but not for Maundy Thursday. The annual service at Notre Dame de Roquessels could not be held nor could the Fontès Carol Service.

The Harvest Festival service was podcast on 18th October but could not be followed by the customary fund-raising and social event; Barbara however reports that in spite of the pandemic having stopped our services, we have managed to maintain our support for Restos du Cœur thanks to donations from members of our congregation. Not only have we responded with provisions that they needed, but we have also supplied articles for the children for their return to school in September, bought Christmas presents for 95 children and bought 155 boxes of chocolate for each family as an "extra" for Christmas. Hopefully our much appreciated support will continue in 2021.

Social Gatherings

The pandemic precluded face to face contact in presence after the first Lent Lunch in early March. Since then there were two Sunday "Coffee Mornings" held on Zoom prior to the Chaplaincy Meeting to familiarise the congregation with the medium. Together with the Chaplaincy Meeting itself, these were the only events at which we could see each other and talk.

Prayer Group

In normal times our Prayer Group meets once a month at Saint Joseph de Mont-Rouge in Puimisson (address: 20 Rue du Château d'Eau, 34480 Puimisson).

In 2020 the Prayer Group met at Mont Rouge in January and February but not after. Thereafter the group meeting was replaced by podcasts, initially monthly but from the summer twice a month. These have been very successful with more people listening than normally come to the actual group at Mont Rouge, although lacking that sense of being together to pray.

Group Members are considering whether Prayer Group should continue bi-monthly, when it returns to live meetings.

Lent Groups and Lunches

The 2020 year's course was titled "A beautiful friendship" written by Paul Karenza and Zöe Young. It used the film "Casablanca" for inspiration. Alas the pandemic supervened; only the first lunch took place. Any monies donated were given to the Bishop's Lent appeal and Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees.

Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group was obviously prevented from meeting but in 2021 hopes again to follow the Lent Course either on line or live if people would like it to and if the logistics permit.

Safeguarding

There has been an incident of concern during the lock down which was reported to the diocese and advice followed. This was successfully resolved and is no longer an issue. Roger has completed his level 2 training as have I, and others are booked to do the now on-line course. Steven will take over as Safeguarding Officer once he has completed his level 2 training. Jim and Phyl have been DBS cleared and are now in a position to lead groups officially once they have completed the Level 2 training – *Jenny Morgan*.

Listening Course

The second part of the Just Listening course, which had been run for those in the congregation who wished to take part, took place in January and was thought useful. Some would like to proceed further with this.

Music Team

The Music Team consists of three members of our congregation - Alison Kane, Carol Gardner and the latest member Sue Robinson who joined the team during 2020.

As we all know, 2020 was a year that none of us had ever anticipated and caused the Music Team to find alternative ways of choosing the music for our services which are delivered by podcasts.

One possible advantage of the situation is the ability to choose music from a wider source and we are sometimes able to select slightly alternative music, often meditative, for the third hymn choice. After doing some provisional homework, the three of us meet together, in each other's homes where possible, to go through the choices and make the selection of the hymns and versions for each service. The last session was more difficult due to the second confinement, with many emails flying backwards and forwards between team members but we got there in the end.

Our final music choices are emailed to Roger who has the final say.

Website

In 2020 an organisation called Picrights, acting for Reuters, Associated Press and Agence France Presse in clearing up copyright issues, brought 3 claims against us totalling 700 € (a substantial reduction on the initial demands) for copyright infringement.

In a fairly inconspicuous place on our website, our webmaster had copied articles from other websites that contained pictures for which the agencies held the copyright. We immediately removed the offending material once we were aware of the copyright infringement.

After taking advice from Archdeaconry and Diocese we had to conclude that the demands, though manifestly unjust and disproportionate, were technically legal and reluctantly made the payments. The cost was covered by restricted donations from Council members totalling 500€ and a reduction of £200 in our Common Fund contribution for 2020 volunteered by the Diocese.

Website content review and editing procedures have been tightened.

Ecumenical Activities

Despite repeated earlier enquiry we eventually received very late notice that the annual Ecumenical Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity would take place on 8th February in the Temple at Saint-Pargoire. A conflict of dates ruled out active participation by All Saints.

Thereafter the pandemic sadly also ruled out the annual ecumenical service and paella lunch at the Hameau de Besse and the Fontès carol service.

Temple: premises and chattels

Apart from the shift of services to first and third Sundays, 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.

At its December meeting the Council agreed to buy a lectionary to assist in planning services and identifying texts. It was also agreed to replace the cupboard in the kitchen where chattels are stored with something more secure and more capacious.

The possibility of providing the Chaplaincy with its own sound system for music and public address is being examined.

Support for Charities

Charitable donations from unrestricted church funds are 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. General fund income in 2020 amounted to €9,506. It was however agreed that €1,500 should be donated to charities, in view of our comfortable overall cash position and the diminished imminence of the succession expenditure. This sum was in addition to the €500 donation in August to UNICEF from the Contingency Fund.

Donations from unrestricted church funds:

Ligue contre le Cancer	€400
Médecins sans Frontières	€400
Languedoc Solidarité avec les Réfugiés	€300
Bishop’s Advent Appeal	€150
Polio France (GLIP)	€150
Barnabas Fund	€100

Donations from the designated charities contingency fund:

UNICEF for Lebanon Emergency	€500
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Donations from restricted donations, collections and fund-raising:

Languedoc Solidarity With Refugees	€260
Bishop’s Lent Fund	€85

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

Participation in our Planned Giving schemes has held up well and, with plate collections drastically reduced, represented 87% of total collections (2019: 65%) which themselves were overall obviously well down. We now count a total of twelve regular donors who gave €7,906 (2019: €7,674). Plate collections amounted to €1,166 (2020: €4,099).

These figures vividly illustrate our dependence on a handful of regular donors in this year of the pandemic and provide a good reason for those whom the pandemic prevents from giving to the plate to consider making one-off or regular donations by cheque or bank transfer, which would of course benefit from tax relief.

Financial Report

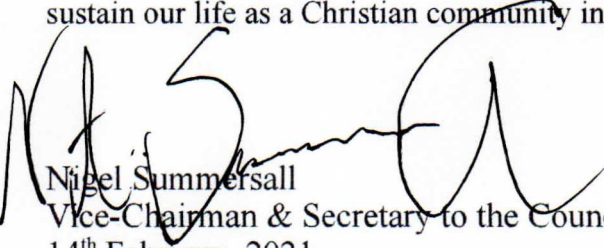
The salient features of the accounts presented here may be summarised as:

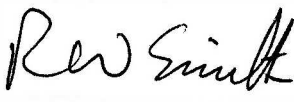
- Collections were down by 23% against 2019 and total income, after adjusting for the previous year’s exceptional donations, by a similar percentage.

- Total expenditure at €5,074 was down by a similar percentage after adjusting for exceptionals. Charitable donations were the major item (€2,345) followed by the standing costs of the Temple (€1,086). There was no Synod expense. Thanks to the Diocese's generous gesture to assist with the PicRights incident, total quotas paid to Diocese and Archdeaconry amounted to just €249.
- The monthly transfer of €500 to the Succession Fund was maintained up to October and will be resumed in January 2021.
- Chaplaincy funds are held wholly in bank accounts (sterling funds are held on an account with Diocese). At year-end €27,542 (96% of the total) was held in an interest-bearing Livret A which earned interest of €119 in 2020. These funds provide more than adequate cover for the Succession and Contingency reserves. The balance is held on current accounts with La Banque Postale and with the Diocese.
- The statement of receipts & payments analysed by class of fund (Unrestricted, Designated or Restricted) to/from which monies are paid is presented in a note to the 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

A year not like others: bereavement and suffering have afflicted too many of our members; almost all of us have had to bear separation from our loved ones living outside France. Yet in comparison with others in the world most of us have been fortunate in being able to avoid physical infection by isolating, without this causing us severe economic or physical hardship. Although we have not been able to celebrate the sacraments in worship together since March, Roger and his team have held us together and provided huge spiritual comfort through the podcast services and prayer meetings. Roger's decision to stay on for now postpones anxiety over succession arrangements until relatively normal life can resume, and we feel we can face with less apprehension the challenges of his succession. Our financial position enabled us to maintain charitable giving at a high level in contrast with many chaplaincies not so fortunately placed. We continue to pray for the growing number of our past and present members who are sick or otherwise disabled and remember Trish and Roger Armson, two founding members of our congregation, who left us to resettle in the U.K. in 2020. As always, our thanks are due to all who contributed in so many new and creative ways to maintain and sustain our life as a Christian community in this most difficult of years.


Nigel Summersall
Vice-Chairman & Secretary to the Council
14th February, 2021


Reverend Roger Smith
Chairman of the Chaplaincy Church Council
14th February, 2021

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9 February 2021

ASSOCIATION L'ÉGLISE ANGLICANE DE TOUS LES SAINTS DANS
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I have audited the books, records of the above Association for the year to 31st December 2020 and the Accounts are in accordance with those books and records.

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

John Holmes FCA

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2019		INCOME	2020
		Collections	
7,006.72		Planned	7,080.00
667.00		Sterling	826.00
4,099.27		Plate	1,166.10
	11,772.99	Total	9,072.10
		Fees, other donations	
67.50		Lent Booklets	115.20
3,345.00		Donations	700.00
	3,412.50	Total	815.20
		Fund Raising Events	
702.50		Lent Lunches	345.00
379.00		Harvest Festival etc	0.00
	1,081.50	Total	345.00
	130.61	Interest and Investment Income	119.45
	16,397.60	TOTAL INCOME	10,351.75
		EXPENSES	
		Chaplain Accommodation & Expense	
54.00		Chaplain Expenses	
	54.00	Total	0.00
		Charitable Giving	
500.00		Contingency fund	500.00
702.50		Lent Lunch Proceeds	345.00
250.00		Fellow Churches	
5,900.57		Support for Charities	1,500.00
	7,353.07	Total	2,345.00
		Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas	
460.00		Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quota	249.00
510.00		Continuing Ministry Education	
		Synod Expense	0.00
	970.00	Total	249.00
		Exceptional Items	
		PicRights	700.00
-17.70		Social Events	0.00
	-17.70	Total	700.00
		Upkeep of Church Fabric	
800.00		Upkeep of Temple	800.00
276.51		Insurance	285.79
164.50		Other Premises Costs	0.00
	1,241.01	Total	1,085.79
		Service and Admin costs	
54.00		Bank Charges & Legal	78.00
255.99		Books etc for Congregation	150.86
295.23		Printing and Consumables	105.91
14.40		Publicity	86.63
0.00		Other	272.67
-12.15		Exchange Adjustments and other	
	607.47	Total	694.07
	10,207.85	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,073.86
	6,189.75	SURPLUS or (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	5,277.89

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2019	ASSETS	2020	
23,327.97	Cash at Banks	28,806.03	
-	Cash	-	28,806.03
200.17	Other Assets		
23,528.14	Total Assets		28,806.03
	LIABILITIES		
	Chaplaincy Account		
17,338.39	As at Jan 1st 2020	23,528.14	
6,189.75	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	5,277.89	
23,528.14	Account as at 31st December		28,806.03
	This consists of		
	Unrestricted Funds	3,456.03	
	Restricted Funds	-	
	Designated	25,350.00	
	Total	<u>28,806.03</u>	
23,528.14	Total Liabilities		28,806.03

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		As at 1st January 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Payments	Transfers between Funds	As At 31st December
Designated Funds	Succession Planning	20,350.00			5,000.00	25,350.00
	Disaster Appeals	500.00		500.00		-
Restricted Funds	Lent Fund raising		345.00	345.00		-
	Donation for PicRights claim		500.00	500.00		-
						-
						-
						-
Unrestricted Funds						
	General Fund	2,678.14	9,506.75	3,728.86	(5,000.00)	3,456.03
TOTALS		23,528.14	10,351.75	5,073.86	-	28,806.03

The Diocese in Europe

Standard Accounts - Year ended 31st December 2020

Chaplaincy	All Saints Heraldt	
Currency conversion rate		1.12
Electoral Roll number as at AGM		74

INCOME	€	£
Collections (plate & planned) & Gift Aid	9,072.10	7977.16
Chaplaincy Fund Raising Events	345.00	308.04
Interest and Investment Income	119.45	106.65
Trust Income		
Grants:Diocese, MMS, ICS and Others		
Fees, other donations & sundry Income	815.20	727.86
Total Income	10,351.75	9,119.71

EXPENDITURE		
Chaplain stipend (incl. locum costs)		
Chaplain accommodation & expenses	0.00	0.00
Upkeep of Services & Administration Costs	694.07	619.71
Upkeep of Church Fabric (or Church Rent)	1,085.79	969.46
Diocesan & Archdeaconry Quotas	249.00	222.32
Charitable Giving	2,345.00	2,093.75
Exceptional items (separate note)	700.00	625.00
Total Expenditure	5,073.86	4,530.23
Net surplus (deficit)	5,277.89	4,589.47

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets: Church/Church Hall		
Fixed Assets: Chaplains accommodation		
Fixed Assets: Other (cars/property, etc)		
Debtors & Loans receivable	0.00	0.00
Investments		
Bank account & cash in hand	28,806.03	25,672.78
Deduct: Creditors		
Deduct: Loans/Mortgages repayable		
Net Assets(Liabilities)	28,806.03	25,672.78