

ALL SAINTS, HÉRAULT
MEETING OF THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL
Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 10:30 am by Zoom
MINUTES

Agreement to the recording of the meeting was duly noted

1. Apologies for absence John, Ian. Susan (Julie signed in but was unable to communicate)
2. Minutes of CC meeting on 5th June 2024 as annotated at supplementary meeting on 31st July 2024
3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda to an enquiry of Roy's concerning the possible need for extra services in December it was established that All Saints would hold the usual two services in December, on Sunday 1st December and Christmas Eve (Temple timings to be agreed with ECU).
4. Election/appointment of Church Council Officers

Appointments still outstanding:

- 4.1 Safeguarding Officer there was uncertainty as to whether Ian was prepared to accept the rôle and from what date. Ian has since confirmed that he will take over from Steven when the latter relinquishes.
- 4.2 Youth Officer in order to progress All Saints' long held ambition to provide ministry to English-speaking urban children and young people Roy proposed the establishment of a 3-4 member working group to meet regularly. Patricia mentioned that urban church halls could be rented to provide a location for these sessions. Jim, Phyl, Ian and Steven were mentioned as possible members of this working group.

Roy's proposal was formally approved.

Local officers:

- 4.3 Minutes secretary: Nigel reported that the lack of a Minutes Secretary was being keenly felt by him. The candidates so far proposed, Rosemary and Edwige, both had problems of availability, even for Zoom meetings. Roy pointed out that the availability of audio/video recordings of the Zoom meeting dispensed with the need for actual attendance.

It was agreed that a circular should be sent to the congregation in case there was an available candidate who wished to come forward ACTION_by Nigel

5. Finance

5.1 **Donations**

At Roy's suggestion it was decided this year to retain the practice of 4 donations of €250 each to beneficiaries familiar to us.

After long discussions and review of the needs of our twinned Fenoarivo parish in Madagascar it was agreed that €250 should be donated to help finance the building of bases for water filters in a village in the area. Carol's assistance would be needed in ensuring that the funds were correctly directed.

A further donation of €250 to the UNICEF Gaza/Palastine/Lebanon Appeal was approved, as was the usual annual donation of €250 to Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees

Finally, subject to our approval of the beneficiary yet to be announced, our customary donation of €250 should be made to the Bishop's Advent Fund.

- 5.2 **Payments pending:** €300 contribution to Temple, €409.50 per month our share Roy's housing allowance had since been effected

- 5.3 Balance Sheet & Statement of Funds noted without comment

- 5.4 Income and expenditure year to date & Budget (5.4) Roy had enquired whether the income of €3,800 under "Donations" was a normal amount, It was explained that donations under this heading were restricted to specified causes, In 2024 these donations were exceptionally high due to generous giving for Roger and Delia's farewell gifts and an exceptional donation of €980 for Restos du Cœur.

6. Chaplaincy development – Progress of the ‘Three Chaplaincies’ project.
 - 6.1 Roy’s affiliation to CAVIMAC for social/health insurance was still awaited. All the required documentation had been submitted in early August and Nigel would forcefully follow up with them. Mutuelle cover for Roy could not be arranged until CAVIMAC was in place but that was not expected to be a problem.
 - 6.2 The Council upheld Roy’s proposal that a joint 3 chaplaincy structure be set up in order to agree and schedule Roy’s services and other attendances at the three locations. Such a structure did not exist and was manifestly necessary. Action by Churchwardens
7. Electoral roll update (Patricia) scheduled for 2025
8. Safeguarding
 - 8.1 Steven’s report for the first half-year was duly noted
 - 8.2 Safeguarding training for Council members – Patricia, Ian and Nigel had all scheduled their training sessions with Diocese
9. Link with Fenoarivo parish in Toliara Diocese in Madagascar (see 5.1)
10. Correspondence
11. Music team report – duly noted. Ian’s contribution appreciated with thanks.
12. Website – need to keep the website abreast of Council decisions and plans duly noted.
13. Recent activities
 - 13.1 Fenoarivo visit presentation
14. Arrangements for Upcoming Services
 - 14.1 Roy and Roger to agree a rota of when each would officiate at All Saints during 2025
 - 14.2 Harvest Festival 6th October – arrangements in place
 - 14.3 Installation of new Chaplain 8th October – volunteers to replace John had been identified.
 - 14.4 Remembrance Day Service 17th November – confirmed to Roy that this service combined memorial of the War Dead with the presentation of candles for the near and dear departed whom members of the congregation wished to remember.
 - 14.5 Fontès Carol Service: in principle agreement with Simply Church to revive this for 2025. Preparation (Church access, choir, organist) would need to begin long in advance.
15. Any other business –
 - 15.1 John’s resignation noted with dismay and regret, Secretary to write to him to appreciate his huge contribution over the years, wish him well in medical treatment and request him to consider rejoining Council when his health permits.
 - 15.2 Jakob’ s request for Roy to meet and minister to his daughter and fellow students in Montpellier was welcomed. Roy would after clearance from Peter progress this on an exploratory basis.
16. Date & place of next meeting by Zoom on 27th November, Roy chairing