

All Saints, Hérault

Report of the Chaplaincy Council Meeting held at Les Vents Chantants, Mas Canet, Merifons, at 10.30 am on Friday 16 June 2023

The purpose of the meeting was to identify All Saints' priorities with regard to the recruitment of a new chaplain, in advance of the meeting with the Archdeacon and representatives of St Michael's in the Gard and St George's, Vernet-les-Bains, to be held on Friday 30 June.

Council members present: Revd Roger Smith, Patricia Bigot, Graham Gardner, John Gifford, Julie Johnson, Jim Mallett, Phyl Mallett, Jac Phillips, Sue Robinson, Delia Smith, Nigel Summersall and Ian Thomas

In attendance by invitation: Alison Kane and Jenny Morgan

Roger thanked Jenny for her hospitality and opened the meeting with prayer.

1 **Competency framework** Ian explained clearly and concisely how to use such a framework and its relevance and usefulness in the selection of a new chaplain. He distributed a detailed written presentation and asked that it be read and borne in mind as the selection process progressed.

2 **Question 1 from the Archdeacon** *Where are we now in our chaplaincy, what do we give thanks for now?* The following list of what we value was drawn up:

Fellowship & friendship, convivial
Broad, inclusive worship
Open-mindedness about other traditions
The ability to worship in our own language
Help for deaf and those whose first language is not English
Good service booklets give help and offer variety within the church year
Structured worship
Sermons which teach and to which we can relate – human, preaching to not at
Intercessions – personal, varied and good
Music – good variety of hymns and incidental music
Music within the Eucharist (Gloria etc)
Support for two local charities and for a parish in Madagascar
Commitment to tithing and frequent restricted donations/collections
Lent groups and study groups
Emergency contact scheme
Good informal pastoral care
Good use of technology
Good website
Democratic decision making
Viable congregation

3 **Question 2 from the Archdeacon** *Where would we like to be, what would we like the chaplaincy to look like, in five years' time?* The following list was agreed:

Retain all 20 good points
A younger congregation

An organised formal pastoral care system
More on-line contact
Financial viability
Time, talents and money
Congregational Worship Leaders
A town site
Develop our partnership with the other chaplaincies
More variety of services, including Sunday School
Outreach
Develop ecumenical relationships

- 4 **Representatives** Those present came to an agreement by secret ballot that the following should represent the chaplaincy at the meeting on 30 June:

Patricia Bigot
Alison Kane
Roger Smith
Ian Thomas

- 5 **Chaplaincy Profile** The representatives would work on this. Jenny Morgan and Nigel Summersall offered material drawn up in 2019.

6 **Any Other Business**

- 6.1 **Service on 17 September** Roger said he and Delia would like to be away on that Sunday. Gwilym Richards would be asked to take the service.

- 6.2 **September Council Meeting** It was agreed to move this to Wednesday 27 September.

- 6.3 **Harvest Festival** It was agreed that this would be at St Pargoire on 1 October, followed by a bring and share lunch.

The meeting closed with the Grace.