

# All Saints, Hérault

## Minutes of the Chaplaincy Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 10.30 am at 1 Rue Jean Moulin, 34800 Péret and by hybrid Zoom

Present: Revd Roger Smith (Chairman), Patricia Bigot, John Gifford, Julie Johnson (to item 7 and from item 13), Jim Mallett, Phyl Mallett, Jac Phillips, Sue Robinson, Delia Smith, Nigel Summersall, Ian Thomas.

The sign in sheet was signed, and marked for those attending by Zoom, and it was agreed to record the meeting. The chairman welcomed everyone, thanked Ian for his hospitality and opened the meeting with prayer.

		Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Graham Gardner	
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2023</b> were approved and signed by the chairman as a correct record.	
3	<b>2024 AGM</b>	
3.1	<b>Approval of 2023 Report &amp; Accounts</b> A draft report, produced by Nigel and edited by Roger had been distributed prior to the meeting. The report was approved subject to recording support for Restos du Coeur and donations of food and household essentials to Languedoc Solidarity with Refugees. Roger pointed out that he had changed the report on Lent Groups and added statistics. He had also modified the section on Safeguarding as some of it was specifically addressed to the council. He had changed the Theology/Doctrine section but it was agreed that it should revert to the original. Nigel would add a title page and the independent examiner's certificate and send the complete report to all council members for e-mail approval. Following some questions and comments, the previously distributed Accounts were approved. Nigel would add a note to "Charitable Giving to Fellow Churches" that it was mainly to Fenoarivo.	Nigel Nigel
3.2	<b>Preparations</b> Nigel and Patricia would produce/display/distribute paperwork in accordance with the statutory timetable. The meeting would be followed by a bring and share lunch. Jac expected to be away but John expected to be there.	Patricia Nigel Jac John
4	<b>Electoral Roll update</b> Patricia reported no change to the electoral roll. She commented that the roll was falsely high, probably by about 10, as she didn't have the written requests needed to remove people who had left. The true figure should become clear with the 2025 full review.	
5	<b>Update on the Three Chaplaincies project</b> Ian reported that the three chaplaincies had decided unanimously to invite one candidate to interview. This candidate would be in the area from 11 February for about ten days, to see the Bishop and Archdeacon and to spend time first in the Gard, then Pyrénées Orientales, then in the Hérault, meeting All Saints'	

Chaplaincy Council on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and attending the service on 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting with the council on 17<sup>th</sup> would be a hybrid Zoom one.

It was agreed that the three chaplaincies should split the costs of this visit in the proportions agreed for the project, ie All Saints would pay half. John agreed to take care of arrangements for a bring and share lunch at the Temple on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Ian was thanked for the huge amount of time and effort he has put into this project.

Roger would draft a message to the congregation about this visit, to go out before the next service, as well as telling them about it at the service.

Roger

## 6 **Finance**

6.1 **Payments pending** were to Zola for the website, for a Zoom licence, and for a DVD and books for the Lent course.

### 6.2 **Income and Expenditure year to date**

A report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was accepted.

6.3 **Budget** Nigel commented that the budget assumed paying the cost of a House for Duty priest for the second half of the year.

## 7 **Safeguarding**

7.1 The dashboard included in the Safeguarding Officer's report which was circulated with meeting papers was incorrect. Roger said he should have access to this but doesn't. He would get it and correct the dashboard.

Roger

7.2 The following were approved and signed:

### **Safeguarding Policy Statement**

#### **Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders and**

#### **Policy Statement on use of Social Media and the Internet.**

7.3 **Possible future issues** None were envisaged.

7.4 **Training for council members** The Safeguarding Officer had asked that the council consider making training a requirement for council membership. It was decided training should be strongly encouraged but should not be a bar. Jac had training outstanding which she would do later in the day.

Jac

## 8 **Link with Fenoarivo**

Phyl reported that Carol Gardner was planning to visit Fenoarivo in June, when she would ask what specific help was needed. It was known that crops had failed and money recently given would be used to buy goats. Carol would also like to take gifts with her from the chaplaincy. Phyl commented that it is sad that so many photos are received from Fenoarivo and reciprocating is so hard due to data protection legislation.

## 9 **Correspondence**

Correspondence had been circulated before the meeting and noted.

- 10      **Music Team Report**  
 Sue presented the following report:  
 Alison, Carol and Sue have currently prepared the music up to our service on 17th March and are meeting again on 16th February to prepare for services up until the end of July 2024 (well, Roger has kindly provided the readings up to that date). Many thanks for Tim’s contributions for the live music. We are also grateful to Ian for organising and preparing the music for our services in Nigel’s absence - it’s good to have someone else who has the technical ‘know how’. Thanks as always to Nigel for his time and effort in collating the music for our services. It’s been a while since we had any preferences or thoughts for music and hymns so please feel free to offer any thoughts to a member of the Music Team - Alison, Carol, Sue or Ian.
- 11      **Website** Delia said she keeps it “ticking over”. Roger had checked recently that it is up-to-date following an erroneous comment from an enquirer.
- 12      **Lent Groups** were currently being arranged following the usual pattern.
- 13      **Future Services and Events**  
 Roger would ask Alison Kane to try to arrange to use the chapel at Puissalicon for the Good Friday service. Roger  
 It was agreed not to have a service on the Sunday after Easter, 7 April. Sue would tell the Music Team. Sue  
 Roger suggested an Ascension Day service at the chapel at Roquessels. He suggested that safety measures such as a leader to walk with a group on the path from the village and helpers at the top of the path through the cemetery would be necessary. The suggestions were agreed. Roger agreed to live-stream the service and ask Simon and Monica if it would be possible to have a shared meal at Domaine des Trinités afterwards. If this was the case, he would also ask if he may stream the service to their cave. Roger  
 Julie said she was disappointed not to have been able to attend the service at Roquessels at Pentecost 2023.
- 14      **Any Other Business**
- 14.1      **Wednesday Group** Jim said this might re-start after Lent Groups, possibly continuing with “Jesus the Game Changer”. Roger reminded the meeting that another meeting of the Faith Matters group was planned.
- 14.2      **Bishop David’s retirement** Nigel had drafted a letter and asked Roger to send him an All Saints letter heading. Roger
- 15      **Date and place of next meetings** 17 February at Roger and Delia’s home, 15 May at Nigel and Ingrid’s home.

Roger closed the meeting with prayer at 12.30 pm.