

ALL SAINTS, HERAULT, THE ENGLISH CHURCH AT SAINT PARGOIRE
MINUTES OF THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM
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- Awareness and respect for confidentiality and safeguarding to remain paramount. There is no necessity for disclosure of reasons for prayer. God knows the needs.
- Names only of those for whom prayers have been requested to be on the notice sheet.
- Patricia and Jenny have already begun communicating the various prayer needs, as has been previously done by Patricia with the intercessors. This is going well.
- Members of the prayer group have always contacted each other during the month between meetings with prayer requests usually from either the clergy or Patricia, and these requests we add to our own prayer lists.
- The prayer group is mentioned both on the notices and the web site. These need to be reassessed.
- The names of people to be prayed for during the intercessions can be given to the appropriate person at any time, including just before the service.
- **The person leading the prayer group** will arrange to communicate to each of those prayed for during the prayer meeting, that they have been included in our prayers for that month and if appropriate the previous service. These communications will be sent to **Patricia** to send out.
- **Jim** will communicate our discussion and decisions at the next prayer group meeting.

14. Future services & events

14.1 Ash Wednesday – 5th March. (Music **Nigel**)

Maundy Thursday 17th April (Music **Nigel**)

Good Friday 18th April (Music **Nigel**)

Easter Day 20th April (Music **Ian**)

Easter 2 – 4th May (Music to be arranged)

14.2 Service at Roquessels.

It did not happen last year because of Simon's health problems.

He is recovering well but the feeling was that this year would be too soon to recommence the service. Also, the problem of access needs to be further discussed and addressed.

15. Any other business.

Carol service at Fontes.

Roy will contact Stephan and Rochelle about re-establishing it as it was so popular. To be discussed at the next council meeting.

16. **Date and place of next meeting :-**

28th May 2025, 10.30am in person, at Nigel's.

The meeting closed in prayer.

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