

**ALL SAINTS, HÉRAULT**  
**MEETING OF THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10:30 am by Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**Agreement to the recording of the meeting was duly noted**

1. **Apologies for absence** Julie (medical appointment), Graham Gardner (Medical)
2. **Minutes of CC meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October** were duly approved (moved Nigel, seconded Patricia)
3. **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:**
  - 3.1 Contrary to the minute of the previous meeting, and additional service will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December with Roy officiating. Roger would take the Christmas Eve Communion
  - 3.2 Roys schedule for the three chaplaincies is now drawn up and has been circulated to the Council. Roy commented that the driing required to serve all three chaplaincies was not over-burdensome but that the time required
4. **Election/appointment of Church Council Officers**

**Appointments still outstanding:**

  - 4.1 **Safeguarding Officer**\_Ian will take over as Safeguarding Officer with effect from first January 2025
  - 4.2 **Youth Officer /Site Working Group**

Roy advised that the proposed working group for an alternative site for worship had not yet been convened. It was noted that as successor to Steven as Safeguarding Officer would be part of the group. The Group would convene in January

Roy also mentioned that the Archdeacon had confirmed that the would be no problem with the Episcopalian Church over having a Student Prayer Group in Montpellier led by Roy and two congregation members. It was later noted that Safeguarding clearance of the lay leaders would be required

**Local officers:**

  - 4.3 **Minutes secretary:** Nigel again reported that the lack of a Minutes Secretary was being ever more keenly felt by him.

**Circular or other appeal to the wider congregation** - no action had yet been taken
5. **Finance**
  - 5.1 **Donations**

The donation to Fenoarivo had been made and the donations to UNICEF Gaza, Languedoc Refugees and the Bishop's Advent appeal would be effected shortly (since done)
  - 5.2 **Payments pending:** The only payment outstanding was for the Chapelle de Saint Guiraud at Puissalicon. The cheque for €50 sent July had not been cashed. Enquires were in hand.
  - 5.3 **Balance Sheet & Statements:** Association Funds stood at over €9,000 plus the frozen Succession Fund of EUR46,600
  - 5.4 **Income and expenditure year to date & Budget:** Income was Euro 3,500 ahead whilst Expenditure was in line.
6. **Chaplaincy development – Progress of the ‘Three Chaplaincies’ project.**
  - 6.1 The schedule of services at which Roy was to officiate had been drawn up and was available
  - 6.2 Roy stated that he wished a working group from the three chaplaincies to be formed and meet quarterly to decide mutual priorities and projects

## **7. Electoral roll update (Patricia) scheduled for 2025 :**

- 7.1 On schedule preparations were in hand. The inscription forms for the new roll would be dated 1-1-2025 as required.
- 7.2 Patricia would advise congregation members that they needed to re-enroll in order to remain on the register.
- 7.3 It was expected that +/- 30% of names on the expiring Roll would fall away

## **8. Chalice Bearers:**

- 8.1 Barry Marsh and Andrew Marshall needed to be removed from the list for obvious reasons. The Hopkins and the Wilmot Halls had become less regular attenders and there was a need to train new Chalice Bearers to ensure coverage. Susan Robinson, Ingrid Summersall and Trevor Jones had been willing to take this on.
- 8.2 The suggestion that communicants should kneel in a row before the altar- thus requiring only one chalice bearer - was discussed but declined on the grounds that the space in front of the altar was too cluttered and crowded.
- 8.3 Training for the new nominees would be scheduled for **January**

## **9. Social / Medical Assurance for Roy**

- 9.1 Roy's affiliation to CAVIMAC for social/health insurance was still awaited. It would be insisted that Roy had need of a doctor (affiliation has since been approved but complications remain)

## **10. Safeguarding**

- 10.1 Steven's report for the first half-year was duly noted
- 10.2 Safeguarding training for Council members – Patricia, Ian and Nigel had all scheduled their training sessions with Diocese. Patricia and Ian had attended; Nigel was still scheduled.. Ian commented that the training was useful and mainly based on common sense but had highlighted the risks to which various groups were exposed.
- 10.3 Ian expressed his disappointment with reactions to Archbishop Welby's announced resignation and the prehistory and considered the hierarchy's reactions inadequate.

## **11. Link with Fenoarivo parish in Toliara Diocese in Madagascar (see 5.1)**

- 11.1 Phyll stressed the need to ensure that the funds we donated were applied in accordance with our wishes. Photographs of the application of funds (the bicycle etc) would be good. Nigel advised receipt of a letter from Bishop Sami confirming receipt the use to which the money had been put.

## **12. Correspondence - none noted**

## **13. Music team report – duly noted.**

## **14. Website – need to keep the website abreast of Council decisions and plans duly noted**

## **15. Recent activities: Roy's Induction Service: The success and impact of the service on the large congregation present was commented at length.**

The possibility of further tri-chaplaincy services/events was raised:e.g. A joint service with following picnic in the late summer

## **16. Arrangements for Upcoming Services/events**

### **16.1 Christmas Eve:**

Roger would officiate in Roy's place. There would be no refreshment after the service given family commitments

### **16.2 Fontès Carol Service:**

In principle agreement with Simply Church to revive this for 2025. **Carried forward**

### **16.3 EGM to elect new Chairman of Association after service on 19<sup>th</sup> January**

This was a purely formal/legal procedure to elect Roy chairman of the Association de l'Eglise Anglicane de Tous les Saints. His induction as chaplain had already made him chairman of the Chaplaincy Council *ex-officio*

**16.4 Lenten Group**

Roy was updated on the previous form of Lenten Group sessions. He expressed the hope that these could be arranged on a tri-chaplaincy basis which would require communication by Zoom. It *was not* easy to see how this would be compatible with our familiar arrangements

**16.5 AGM**

Patricia pointed out that the most practical date for this was after the service on 16<sup>th</sup> March and this was agreed.

**17. Any other business –**

None

**18. Date & place of next Council Meeting: at Jac's apartment in Beziers on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**