

## **Chaplaincy of Aquitaine**

### **Action points from Chaplaincy Council on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### **2018 budgets**

Local Treasurers have been contacted by the Chaplaincy Treasurer with regard to the setting of budgets for 2018. It has been asked that these budgets be realistic – not too constrained or too ambitious.

#### **WorshipFest**

This was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at Berbiguières and was a great success with about 50 people attending. It has had the same format for the last 6 years and discussions are now being held about how it might be shaken up a bit to encourage more people to come. It will remain a contemporary format.

#### **Bordeaux**

ICS (Intercontinental Church Society) have made a monetary offer over the next three years to fund the provision of ministry in Bordeaux and the Chaplaincy may also be able to access a scheme through the Church Commissioners in which they would waive pension payments. A proposal is to be put together for the end of November for moving forward to almost immediate recruitment. Whoever is appointed will be a part of the Chaplaincy Ministry Team and not just specific to Bordeaux. Prayers have been requested for the Bordeaux community.

#### **CWL Licensing**

All the current Congregational Worship Leaders are overdue for re-licensing and the 5 CWLs in training can be licensed when they have completed their training. However, it was reported that the majority of these people have not done the level 1 safeguarding training and this is to be a condition of their being put forward for licensing or re-licensing. A formal licensing service will be held.

#### **Reader Training**

It was reported that Anne Penfold (Limeuil) has started her formal Reader (Licensed Lay Minister) training.

#### **Monteton**

Following the death of Paddy Atkinson who was the founder of Monteton Church back in 1977, a memorial service is to be held at the request of her daughters on November 24<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available at a later date. If people are aware of anyone who knew Paddy, could they please make sure they are told.

#### **Safeguarding**

Further level 2 training days are to take place in Niort and Pallanne later this year and some members of the Chaplaincy will be attending. They will be led by the Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer who is also a Diocesan Trainer. It is hoped that further courses will be held more locally. Again the importance has been stressed for relevant people to be checked and to complete the level 1 training. The Diocese is to be audited next year so it is important that this is done. It has been reported that some people are refusing to do the training and they could be asked to step back from their involvement if this continues.

Please contact the Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer, Janis Adams if you have any questions. In the event of any incidents, it is important that Janis is contacted in the first instance – do not deal with it yourself.

### **Communications**

The Communications Team have produced a Communications Plan with the following objectives:

1. Increase the use of Facebook as a way of getting information out across the Chaplaincy to residents and visitors and enable us to reach a wider audience quickly. (Goal: 100 'likes' by Christmas)
2. Increase the use of the printed version of the Magazine to enable a wider audience to be reached both within the Chaplaincy and beyond.
3. Create a portfolio of fun and welcoming pictures of all our churches (currently on hold).
4. Encourage collaboration and consistency with and amongst the wider Chaplaincy Comms Team by working together. Sharing 'the bigger picture' within the Chaplaincy and in a broader sense throughout the Diocese.

A new link has been added to the website to enable on-line donations to the Training Fund, using a secure link. This is to enable those who wish to, to be able to make a donation to the training costs of those within the Chaplaincy who are currently exploring following vocations to both lay and ordained ministry. Further information can be obtained from the Chaplaincy Treasurer or the Chaplain.

The original 50 car stickers produced have all been sold and a further 100 have been produced. If anyone would like to buy one, cheques are preferred made out to 'Chaplaincy of Aquitaine' and orders placed via the Chaplaincy Administrator, Amy Owensmith ([chapag.office@gmail.com](mailto:chapag.office@gmail.com)). Further supplies of the Chaplaincy Cards are to be produced for distribution at the Carol Services.

### **2018 AGM**

The date for the next AGM is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and it is planned to hold the event at Doudrac. This is subject to the availability of the Salle des Fêtes.

Local Committees are asked to arrange for their Local Annual Meeting to be held well in advance of this date and to let the Chaplaincy Administrator and Chaplaincy Secretary know as soon as these have been arranged.

### **Next Chaplaincy Council Meeting**

The next Chaplaincy Council meeting will be on Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> in Bergerac.

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October 2017