

Chaplaincy of Aquitaine

Action points from Chaplaincy Council on 29th November 2017

Ordination of the Chaplaincy Curate

Revd Deacon Charlotte Sullivan is to be ordained priest. The timing is not yet known but may be around Easter time in 2018.

Increase in Common Fund Contribution

Bishops Robert and David have produced a video explaining the decision of the Bishop's Council to increase the contribution from chaplaincies from the current 5% of chaplaincy income to 6% in 2018 and 10% in 2019. In addition, two of the current diocesan archdeacons are to be moved onto a full stipend. The Chaplain is in communication with the Archdeacon of France on this matter.

Provision of Ministry in Bordeaux

Following the allocation of money from ICS, the Bordeaux team have been working hard looking at how to raise the necessary additional funds to make the provision of ministry in Bordeaux a possibility. With the forthcoming ordination of the Chaplaincy Curate, it has been suggested that she move to Bordeaux to take up that role. With further work needed, the Chaplain has said that more information will be given as soon as possible.

Change in Official Address for the Chaplaincy

It has been agreed that the official address for the Chaplaincy will change from that of the Presbytery in Bordeaux to that of the Chaplaincy Administrator.

Vocations and Training

Anne Penfold has started her training for Licensed Lay Minister and Nellie Salvi has completed all the necessary forms and these have been submitted.

Tina Marshall and Stephen Razafindratsima are attending an enquirers weekend in the UK in January which is the first step in the process for selection for ordination training.

Changes in Lot-et-Garonne Services

Following the Christmas Carol service, there will no longer be any services held at the church at Allez. This is due to the very low congregation numbers.

Safeguarding

A form has been added to the website for parents to sign giving permission for their children to be photographed. The Safeguarding Officer also said that children should only be photographed in groups and that the children should not be recognisable.

A further Level 2 safeguarding training day is to be held in Doudrac on 27th February. The course is already virtually full but the Archdeacon's Secretary, Caroline Gaumy (caroline.gaumy@europe.anglican.org) should be informed of other names.

Communications

Supplies of the Chaplaincy car stickers are now being made available in all centres for purchase. They cost €5 and payment should be by cheque made out to the Chaplaincy of Aquitaine. Further supplies of the Chaplaincy Cards have also been produced for distribution at the Carol Services.

There are plans for a hands-on photography course to be run next year and this will be held at the Chaplain's house. More details will be available at a later date.

Generous Donation

A Singaporean family in Bordeaux are returning to Singapore and have generously donated a car that they won't be taking back to raise funds for Bordeaux. The car is an automatic, diesel Renault Mégane and it is proposed that it be sold with sealed bids. Full details and a guide price will be circulated throughout the Chaplaincy.

Next Chaplaincy Council Meeting

The next Chaplaincy Council meeting will be on Thursday 1st March in Bergerac.

Maggie Lee

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