

## **Chaplaincy of Aquitaine**

### **Action and information points from Chaplaincy Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

#### **Covid**

Given the enhanced policing of adherence to regulations, churches are asked to ensure that they reinforce social distancing and barrier measures at all services. Churches are also not to feel pressured to get back to normal.

#### **Finance**

Official independently examined Chaplaincy accounts for 2020 have been approved by Council with the Chaplaincy posting an end-of-year deficit of just €3,189 against the original budget figure of a deficit of €16,862.

#### **Lent Course**

The Chaplaincy are running a Lent course starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Each session will be repeated the following Tuesday at 2.30pm. The course is entitled Caring for Creation and each session will be led by a member of the Chaplaincy as per the Advent course. Following this, after Easter, there is to be a Chaplaincy-wide Christian Environmental study course.

#### **Women's Retreat**

Feedback from January's women's retreat has been very good, and planning has now started for another retreat on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. A small team has also been formed to look at the possibility of a men's retreat.

#### **Eco Church/Eglise Verte**

The Chaplaincy have been looking at the possibility of adhering to some of the features of an Eco Church (Eglise Verte in France). A questionnaire has been produced which will be sent out to all sector committees with the aim of producing ideas of measures that could be taken both within the Chaplaincy and individually.

#### **Chaplaincy Connect/Website**

Council members were made aware of a new sub-domain on the Chaplaincy website relating to weddings produced largely by Ingrid Lomas. Everyone is encouraged to look at it. In addition, details of weddings booked for 2021 are being stored on Chaplaincy Connect.

#### **Training Course for House Group Leaders**

A training course for House Group Leaders is being planned for after Easter. Details will be available in due course.

#### **Safeguarding**

Dave Wybrow has been appointed as the new Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer.

#### **AGM 2021**

This is to be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April and most probably via Zoom. This is to be confirmed as soon as possible. If the Covid situation changes and face-to-face meetings are possible, the AGM would be held either at Doudrac or Monteton depending on whether the Salles des Fêtes are available.

**Next Council Meeting**

Council meetings for the remainder of 2021 are as follows:

Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Maggie Lee

December 2020