

Chaplaincy of Aquitaine

Action and information points from Chaplaincy Council on 23rd November 2021

Covid Situation

Covid rules for churches have not changed and all are asked to continue as they have been doing. If substantial refreshments are served after a service, the passe sanitaire must be asked for. This also applies to Christmas Fairs and concerts held in churches. It is also suggested that local Mairies be consulted to check what they require.

AGM 2022

Provisional date for the 2022 Chaplaincy AGM has been set as the 9th April 2022 and will be held via Zoom starting at 10.00. The ChapAid AGA will also be held via Zoom, but a date has yet to be agreed. Later in the year, it is planned to hold a Chaplaincy Day with a service, shared meal and a chance to enjoy each other's company.

Finance

It is hoped that the loss at the end of the year will be below €10,000 if November and December prove to be as fruitful as normal.

The budget for 2022 has been approved by Council.

Environmental Update

In light of the COP26 conference, the wording of the Chaplaincy Environmental Policy is to be amended and will be presented to Council at the February meeting. The Policy will be presented at the 2022 AGM for firm acceptance.

Environmental Advocates for each sector have been agreed and they will be meeting monthly to look at actions that can be taken and how they can be applied in the different churches.

The possibility of twinning with a church in Malawi, currently supported by the Bordeaux congregation has been suggested. Some discussions and investigation is to be carried out and it is hoped that this can be presented at the Chaplaincy AGM for a firm decision.

Mission and Outreach

A series of Advent Meditations have been planned and these have been publicised in the Weekly Bulletin and on the website. Everyone is welcome to join these Zoom sessions.

New Facebook Pages

Both Monteton and Chancelade et Négrondes have set up new Facebook pages as part of their outreach and to reach Christians who do not go to church.

Men's Retreat

A series of men's breakfast are to be held, starting in the new year rather than an on-line retreat.

Women's Retreat

Following the successful on-line retreat held on 9th October, plans are being made to hold a face-to-face retreat in 2022 with a provisional date of 17th June at the abbey at Echourgnac.

CWL Training

In the new year, a series of formal Zoom training sessions are to be held for those wishing to train as CWLs and for anyone else who might be interested.

Communications Team

The Communications Team have purchased packets of wildflower seeds that are to be distributed to churches for sale for Chaplaincy funds. The packets contain 30 organic wildflower seeds and will be sold for €2.50. Photographs of the results would be most welcome.

Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday February 22nd, 2022.

Maggie Lee December 2021