

Chaplaincy of Aquitaine

Action and information points from Chaplaincy Council on 22nd February 2022



Covid Situation

With infection rates falling, refreshments after services can now be resumed.



For services on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes will be offered to those who wish it. The use of hand gel and masks is still required, and a degree of caution is still recommended. Congregational singing with masks is allowed.



Chaplaincy AGM and ChapAid AGA 2022

The 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 on **24th March** starting at **11.00**.



Finance

The Chaplaincy ended the year with a surplus of €6,399 after a phenomenal income in December and the Chaplain says congratulations and thank you to everyone. The end of year financial statements were approved by Council.

Environmental Update

Each sector Environmental Advocate is encouraged to carry out a 'progress check' of how they are doing in their sectors (using the updated Chaplaincy Environmental Aims document) and the results reviewed with their local team/committee. The Advocates are then asked to report back to the next Environmental Advocate's zoom meeting.



EcoChurch bronze status: Details of this are to be updated at the next Council meeting after further investigation by the Environment group with the Archdeaconry 'Net Zero' working group who are investigating how French chaplaincies take part.

Mission and Outreach

The current prayer course has been popular with the final session being held on Tuesday 1st March. All are welcome to attend.

During the week of prayer for Christian Unity, about 12 services were held around the Chaplaincy with members of the ministry team involved.

Getting Involved

Discussions are being held in various parts of the Chaplaincy about how to get more people involved in the life and running of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplain asks that if churches are aware of anything getting in the way of people becoming more involved, please discuss it with him to see what can be done.

Women's Retreat

This is being held at the abbey at Echourgnac from 17th to 19th June. Further details will be available soon.

CWL Training

The Chaplain has obtained material for CWL training courses on Zoom and these will be happening in the near future.

Communications Team

The calendar on the Chaplaincy website has been removed, and news items, events, and other information are found on the left hand of the home page of the website.

Chaplaincy bookmarks are being printed to be distributed in churches at Easter.

The graphics on the Chaplaincy website have been updated and the Environment page is in a more prominent place and has a lot of useful information and articles.

Safeguarding

The Chaplaincy Safeguarding Policy for 2022 was reaffirmed by Council and copies of the document will shortly be distributed for display in all churches.

As a first step towards getting workable safeguarding systems in place, Council members have all been asked to complete a Confidential Declaration Form which will be stored securely in the Chaplaincy database. This will be rolled out to all those in the Chaplaincy who require safeguarding training in due course.



Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7th 2022.

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