

# CHAPLAINCY REPORT TO THE ARCHDEANERY SYNOD

## Anglican Chaplaincy Caen 2017

### Chaplaincy events since May 2016

Regular Eucharist services were held until June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 and started again on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 saw the marriage blessing of Benjamin and Anne-Sophie Heeks led by Yvonnice Bouche under the supervision of Fr. Robert Lloyd-Richards. Benjamin passed away on June 4<sup>th</sup> having received the Extreme Unction from Fr. Varty two days earlier.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June, for the 950<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of L'Abbaye aux Dames, the Choir from St. George's sang Ecumenical Vespers with the presence of the Archdeacon of Exeter, Ian Chandler and Fr. Matthew; Père Bertout felt that a similar ecumenical event with the Choir should become a regular annual event. This service was followed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> with a Concert of Sacred Music sung by St. George's Choir at the Abbaye aux Hommes and on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> by a Sung Eucharist at the Chapelle de La Miséricorde with Frs. Rob Varty, Robert Lloyd-Richards and Douglas Emmott.

We had a truly great weekend



A Scripture Study/Exchange Time, held on Sundays before the service, began on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Chaplaincy welcomed Fr. Douglas Emmott as part of the clergy serving Caen when he took his first service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. So we now have 5 priests who serve us.

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> saw Yvonnice Bouche representing the Chaplaincy at the Ecumenical Reception of the Peace Light of Bethlehem at the Church of St. Jean; it was also the evening for the Carol Service in the Chapelle with the Choir of St. George's. F. Matthew Harrison, Père Berthout (Head priest of Paroisse de la Sainte Trinité - Caen city centre) and Pasteur Nyangono (of the Eglise Protestante Unie de France) participated in the service. The attendance was down on the previous year's and it was suggested that better advertising be made for the Carol Service this year.

Christian Unity Week was celebrated with an Ecumenical Service at the Temple of the Eglise Protestante Unie on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

Ecumenical reception of the peace light from Bethlehem and Carol service  
The third Sunday in Advent was very rich in ecumenical events in Caen.



This religious event organised by the Scouts de France Movement has been a tradition for many years but this year it took on a special ecumenical flavour



Many Thanks to Peter Hicks, choir master, and St Georges choir for their essential contribution for the success of these events

On a sadder note Francis our church warden had an operation on her knee and is still recuperating; also our organist Pierre had a heart attack in November and is unable to attend any more for the moment, our prayers and best wishes are always with the for a speedy recovery.



La Chapelle de La Misericorde Caen our beautiful Church