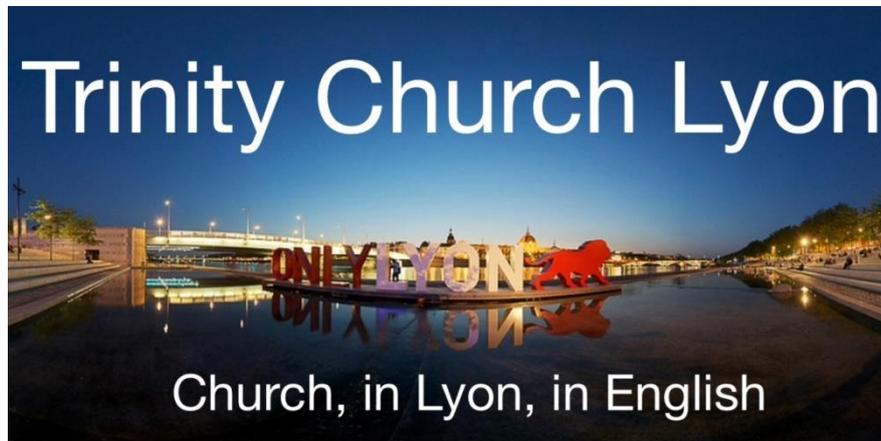


*March 2019 Newsletter:
2018 AGM Minutes and 2019 AGM Reports*



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Dear friends,

Please find below:

- 1. Minutes, Lyon Anglican Church Annual General Meeting, Held April 28, 2018**
- 2. Church Council and Various Group Reports for the 2019 Annual General Meeting, To Be Held, April 7, 2019**

Important:

***Trinity Church Lyon will celebrate Easter at
Église Christ-Roi, 22 rue Jean Jaurès, 69500 BRON***

- 1. Minutes, Lyon Anglican Church Annual General Meeting, April 28, 2018**

Minutes of the Trinity Church Lyon Annual General Meeting held at En Guedi Centre, 131 boulevard Yves Farge, Lyon on Sunday 29 April 2018 at 11.25.

50 members on the Electoral Roll were present, ie 53.8% of the 93 members.

The Chaplain, Ben Harding, chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Claudie Paterson, Hilary and Jean-Pierre Ligot, Christine Pouey, Chantal Evans.

Reports of activities over the past year had been circulated. Diana Sarran and Marie Bolton were thanked for their efforts in this.

A short explanation of safeguarding was given and Keith Burrell was thanked for his time spent as Safeguarding Officer. This role has now been taken over by Andrew Baldwin.

Natalie Richards, Andrej Zafirov and Festus Uzoma were also thanked for their contributions to the church council over the past year. Tim Evans had agreed to replace Natalie Richards as Archdeaconry Synod representative.

Proper Thank You presentations will be made subsequently to these people.

The Chaplain also thanked all who contribute to church life and reminded those present that we are here to help other local English-speakers to engage with Jesus.

Kae Trouilloud presented the Electoral Roll. Last year there were 95 members and this year 93, of whom 50% were present. She pointed out that there is considerable turnover, especially students who come for a short time, but she also spoke of the joy and enthusiasm demonstrated by many members.

The Chaplain mentioned the many new Iranian members who enrich church life.

The church council was presented as having a role of thinking strategically and acting logistically. It is a key body that helps us navigate where we are going. There was no need for an election for the council as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of places. The new council therefore consists of:

Jerry Bekoe, Christine Pouey, Julie Castellon, Monica Yama, Diana Sarran, Benjamin Heal. These six council members join Kae Trouilloud (churchwarden), Roy Carpenter (churchwarden), Keith Burrell (Lay Reader), Judy Wood (Archdeaconry Synod representative), Tim Evans (Archdeaconry Synod representative).

The Treasurer presented his report with the help of slides. He showed **where the money came from**: last year income was 76,500€ of which a little over 80% came from regular payments, 13% from Sunday collections and the rest from weddings, Solidarités Anglicanes, etc.

Where the money went: expenditure was 80,000€. It mostly paid for the Chaplain's stipend, pension and car. Another 8% covered Vicarage repairs, 7% Church of England quotas to the Diocese, 5% church rent (1000€/quarter at En Guedi), 4% charitable giving, and 4% miscellaneous. Consequently there is currently a 3600€ deficit. We have approximately 25,500€ in reserves, so the situation is not sustainable on the long term. In the medium term we need to find ways to increase giving. Last year the deficit concerned mostly the months up to June. More recently we have been breaking even.

For financial stability we have to think of:

giving our *whole* selves
getting involved
building a church that people want to support.

Julius Anozie, the CEMES intern this year was thanked for all that he had brought to church life.

The Chaplain then referred to the document 'Trinity Church on the Move', repeating that our primary focus for the next 12 months should be helping English speakers locally engage with Jesus. He also explained the need for new premises. In the short term some monks will be moving into En Guedi and so the sisters and we have to move to a new location. However, this is a timely development as our numbers are growing such that we really need disabled access, baby-changing facilities, etc. The Roman Catholic diocese have offered a church in La Duchère which is a wonderful building but not central. So for the short term we are in contact with the Eglise Protestante Unie. And in the long term, can we imagine a building of our own? The impending move has forced us to ask ourselves questions about how God is leading us into the future: Who are we? Where are we going? Why? The Chaplain likes to tell people we are everywhere, especially through our charity work. Our vision could be 'Kingdom people cultivating a Kingdom culture'.

The Chaplain finished by thanking the church family for being such a great family.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were signed as a true record of that meeting.

Keith Burrell thanked the Chaplain for his hard work.

The meeting ended at 11.50.

2. Church Council and Various Group Reports for the 2019 Annual General Meeting, To Be Held, 2019

Agapé Mission/Anne Schweitzer



March 2019

Dear friends from Trinity Church,

2018 has been full and in many ways wonder-full! Louis and I are still very much involved in Spiritual direction training, leading retreats and more. I also led my first spiritual in English for Missionaries arriving in France who are part of the Elan program (<http://www.elanmission.org/en/>). But I must say the major highlight of the year was the preparation and participation in the first French Speaking (European) Christian Forum that took place late October. So I copy part of what I wrote afterwards!

It seems to me that, along with an amazing team (Ben Harding being part of it ☺), and by God's grace, we have participated in giving birth to an unheard of, wonderful event. It was impossible at the end of the Forum to tell all that God did both in the big things and the tiny details, and the feedbacks we keep receiving make it *worse* ☺. Yet since then, I have wanted to tell again and again how the birth went and all the beautiful features of the "new-born". So here are at least a few snippets of the story.

After more than 2 years of work and prayer, it was such a joy to see the faces of the 220 delegates from more than 20 Church denominations coming from France, Switzerland, Belgium and a handful from further away (Egypt, Madagascar, USA, New Caledonia)! It was the first time that such a variety of Christian leaders were gathered: bishops (Catholic, Orthodox, Copt or Anglican), priests, Protestant or Evangelical (strict or more open ones, charismatic or not) pastors, mission leaders (CRU, YWAM, Young Life...) or community leaders (Taizé, San Egidio...), presidents of national Church Federations (the 2 main Protestant and Evangelical ones in France). I could see *live* heirs of 20 centuries of Church History who experience the richness of the diverse spiritualities we are teaching about in our 1st year of spiritual direction training! It was like a glimpse into God's heart, his Kingdom, the beauty of his Church with and in spite of her failings.

Our days followed the thread of 3 themes of Mark 3.13-15 : *Jesus called to him those he wanted... that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach*, that was presented by 3 theologians from 3 different confessions. It was touching to see a Catholic cardinal taking notes while the Baptist Biblicist talked about Jesus' calling or 2 Pentecostal pastors nodding to each other while an Orthodox was sharing about Missions (I must confess I was totally blown away by the latter as it was so motivating).



But a critical aspect of the Forum took place not in the plenary session but in the small groups (12-14 people). I was leading one of them. At first, we each had **7 minutes** to talk about our encounter and journey with Jesus-Christ, and the others were to listen without commenting. A moment of grace! We discovered that the others had also encountered Jesus. It was humble, genuine, and beautiful and it shattered our prejudices.



There were a few "puzzlement" as we faced some of our differences (we didn't erase them but they were not center stage) but most of all, there was the awareness of being one family in Christ and thanks to him. As a result, we could then talk about what touched us, questioned us, and bothered us freely in a climate of trust.

We went out one afternoon in downtown Lyon (the only half day without rain and with bright sunshine ☺). We shared about *building bridges* between us and also had the option of meeting the passersby with a mini-survey (as a good Agapé/CRU staff member, I



had put it together along with the *how to* instructions) and offer them a beautiful blessing card made for the Forum (with the blessing of Numbers 6.24-26 at the back). Many interchurch groups dared to go and meet people in the streets. It was a first for many and I keep hearing stories of how it went and the readiness of the people to answer the survey and accept the card.

Then, after being welcomed in 7 different Churches in town, we were more than 700 people, joined by Christians from the whole region for an evening of praise and celebration with testimonies. Prisca was one of the witnesses sharing about her experience of a year living in Canterbury England in a small community of young adults coming from all over the world and belonging to very different Churches. More than 35 years ago, Anne, her Mom met Jesus in the first Discovery group I was leading on the Lyon campus, as a student myself, and she has been a great friend ever since.

During the Forum we also had times of testimonies, prayers and fervent prayers led by worship teams from different Churches, a time of Lectio Divina (prayerful time with a passage of the Bible) that I led with a Protestant leader friend and for which we received wonderful comments, encounters by geographical regions or by denominations, many breaks to allow personal interactions and more... An interdenominational team of 8 people moderated by Louis wrote a message of what we lived destined to all our Churches.



Simplicity, genuineness, humility were trademarks of the Forum as well as a contagious joy. The atmosphere was wonderful and it was hard to leave each other!

The feedbacks are so positive included coming from delegates from various Churches who were quite reluctant towards other confessions. We heard numerous testimonies of what the Lord has done to take down prejudices, create improbable and moving connections... Many are hoping (planning) for more of this kind of events again at the French speaking European level or nationally or locally. We have started to work with the team to help birthing possible "little brothers or sisters".

The main goal was not to resolve our theological differences but to learn to get to know each other, to recognize one another as children of the same Father, appreciate each other, love them even, so that it would make a difference in our testimony to the world. The "result" exceeded our hopes. My heart is swelled with gratitude, gratefulness and wonder to our great God even though I know only a tiny fraction of He has done... Alleluia!

Please pray the Lord will guide the follow up to help enhance his Kingdom in our countries!



With gratitude to you, brothers and sisters from the Trinity Church, for your prayers and support that partake of this ministry, I wish you many blessings and joy in Him!

Anne Schweitzer

Agapé France

Agapé France in Rennes/The Violleau Family

Making Jesus known in France and in Europe, online and offline.



Journeying spiritually through Digital with people in France and in Europe is now David's main focus.

In September 2018, David took on new responsibilities. He is not only responsible for Agapé France's Digital Strategies department, but he has also agreed to dedicate 30% of his time to leading Digital Strategies for Agape Europe. So, his role is to develop and help with the use of digital means in Agape Europe's 22 countries in order to achieve our mission of making Jesus known. He has also joined Agapé France's leadership team, whose task is to give the general direction for the future of our ministry.

We knew that taking on these different roles would be challenging, and it is intense work, particularly as far as learning the ropes of his new European role goes. But this choice was made after much thought and prayer, and it is first and foremost a great opportunity for David to totally depend on God and not his own strength, to carry out his assignment. Your prayers for wisdom and perseverance (Colossians 1:9-12) would be much appreciated.

Carolyn is enjoying her work with Agapé's Human Resources team. She has now completed half of her 3-year counselling course. What she is learning is still both stimulating and thought-provoking. She is able to put her learning into practice as she coaches staff members or spends time with other mums from school.

Our Church Plant in the North of Rennes is making progress. We had our first public service in February 2018 and a student from India gave his life to Christ and got baptised in June. We had the unexpected opportunity to buy a building in a great location at a very good price but

we have had to put the project on hold for now as no bank would grant us a loan. We are grateful that we are now able to rent a stable community centre every Sunday where people can find us easily, especially international students who are one of our Church's focuses. Carolyn was asked to translate the sermon into English a few times.

On the family front, Julie is now 11, Anna is 9 and Claire is 5. They enjoy school (Julie started collège in September) and music lessons for Julie and Anna.

Thank you so much for your support, both financial and in prayer, which mean so much to us.

With all our love, David, Carolyn, Julie, Anna & Claire

All-Age Worship Team

Report on All Age Worship 2018-2019

We have continued to organise all Age Worship services on the first Sunday of every month, a chance for the whole church family to worship together in a rather more informal and interactive style. It's not always easy to plan these services so that everybody from babies to pensioners can experience something of the Lord's love and learn more about Him. We know it's sometimes hard too for children to concentrate for a whole service and have been trying very hard to keep these services to one hour maximum. Notices are our greatest enemy in this endeavour!!

Last year we used Alpha material as the basis of our teaching themes and this year we are using Church of England resources and the readings set for the day. Highlights have been the emerging of Lazarus (aka Jonty!) from the tomb, complete with grave clothes, and the bracelets we tied on each other with Christmas thread to remind us of our need for Jesus and for one another. People were still wearing them weeks later!

To celebrate the fact that we are family, we are celebrating church birthdays each month, and we have made a Question Box for adults and children alike to ask difficult questions about God and faith, one of which we try to answer each month.

Many thanks to the team, Alison, Ben, Elspeth, Joanne, Jonty, Kae and Tim, for their creativity and prayer in preparing these services. We would love to welcome others onto the team so feel free to come and have a go. We meet once a month to plan and generally have a lot of fun while we're at it!

Baby Friendly TGIF

Baby Friendly Thank God It's Friday (TGIF)



History: TGIF (Thank God it's Friday!) Baby Friendly group evolved from the Young Mothers' Group which began in 2004. It started as an informal gathering 'in-town' to support parents of very young babies who could not attend other groups available at the time due to transport limitations, and who needed a baby-friendly environment. It moved between the city and the countryside, at one time there were two groups. It is now in Lyon city again.

International life in our church means a high turnover (and babies grow and parents return to work), so we encourage everyone to jump straight in, and if you have 2 or 3 interested to start another group please let us know and we'll help you! We aim to support one another in the weird and wonderful life of parenting, walking faith together.

When: Friday mornings (9:45-11:45-ish, flexible as babies require!), except during school holidays.

Where: Currently in Lyon 69007 at a bakery Fournil des Girondins or someone's home.

What: Baby-friendly, everyone welcomed, with the understanding that babies may be present and may demand attention and that's fine!

How: We currently begin with croissants tea coffee chocolate!, spend time catching up and sharing life, then do a short bible study, pray and encourage each other. We have a Facebook closed group and a Whatsapp prayer group, we share prayer needs and encouragement during the week. Books we have done previously and loved: Boundaries (+ with Kids) by Cloud/Townsend, Five Love Languages of Children by Chapman/Campbell, Aren't They Lovely When They're Asleep by Ann Benton, Brother John from Taizé's At the Wellspring of Life, The Lord's Prayer, and we are now doing his Reading the Ten Commandments. We also organize ladies' nights out (open to all) at local restaurants every three months (8-12 ladies turning up each time). We organized a ladies' retreat morning led by Jo and Grace in 2016, a baby blessing party in 2017, and some of us are very involved with Lifesprings (www.lifesprings.org) and will be helping at the October retreat (for your agendas!).

Who: Currently 6-8 of us +/- babies! Representing last year China, France, Malaysia, Nigeria, Philippines, Sweden, UK, US with visits from alumni all over the world ☺.

Contact: Christine 06 85 20 29 12 Emilie 06 68 19 48 93

Carol Singing

In 2018, once again, we were invited to sing at the Chassieu Twinning committee Christmas party. It was on Saturday, December 1st in the village hall.

After Sunday services in November, we went through the songs. The program is made with religious carols. The words are displayed both in English for those who want to sing along and in French for those who need help to understand what is being sung.

One of the teachers led her students in singing one Christmas song and we all joined in for 'Wishing a Happy New Year'. The competition is raising...

The concert was very much appreciated. I thank all who took part and witnessed by their presence. The organizers gave a cheque of €100 which, through Solidarités Anglicanes, was given to the Salvation Army (foundation).

On the two Saturday afternoons before Christmas, by the Salvation Army 'Marmite', a handful of carollers came together to sing on Rue de la République – some from outside our Church community. We were able to help them in their work and witness in Lyon. The atmosphere in Lyon centre was charged with tension this year.

A great thank you to all participants! You have help to forward the work of the Salvation Army with those in need.

Armand Castellon

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain's Report

Church in Lyon, in English



2019 Thinking out of the box and Following the Spirit of the living God.

As you are aware 2019 will be a pivotal time in the life of our church family. It feels like we have had our fair share of challenges as we have navigated logistical and organisational obstacles from year to year whilst faithfully saying "au revoir" to dear church friends and being renewed as we welcome others. As has been said - "change is here to stay"! One of the challenges that face us as individuals and as a church is not whether we change (that happens to us naturally - it's part of our DNA) but how to work with the current changes we are

living through. It seems more our question is about 'what now' or to use the Ecclesiastes 3 model 'what season are we in'? Is it a time to plant or a time to harvest? A time to 'cut back' or a time to 'invest'? A time to 'birth' new things or a time to 'prune back' that which has had its effective lifespan? Thursday evenings have formed a significant part in this process as well as input and feedback on Sundays and beyond. Thank you to those who have inputted time, prayer and ideas as we collectively seek the Lord for His calling, voice



Jonty

It has been great to welcome Jonty this year as he has joined us on our second CEMES internship. Jonty will be with us until June and we wish him every blessing as he discerns the next phase of God's calling on his life.

NEW LOOK



The Church Council asked Todd Lowder, a friend of the community to draft a number of logos for us. The council chose this one - welcome to new look Trinity Church Lyon!

NEW PLACE



In October 2018 we moved premises to our current building. The space is working well, we are gradually starting to feel at home. Let's look forward to picnics in the park in summer!

SAME MISSION



The March consultations about the future development and direction of our church have born much fruit. Not least the confirmation that our mission remains the same: to engage english speakers in the Lyon area with the Lord Jesus.



Logo-motion

Our new logo is designed to represent the Holy Trinity, unity and different people working together. Are there other interpretations you can suggest?

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and heart in these matters of direction. There has been a sense of vibrancy, hope and energy as we consider what next and how do we do it? By the summer break we should have good idea of one or two concrete steps that we are going to make in order for our church to move into a more fruitful and sustainable future.

Looking back over the last year some of the highlights have been the Forum Chretien Francophone in October, the Men's camp last June, the emerging evenings at Rue Bancel exploring different contemporary topics and worship styles as well as offering opportunities for the worship group to rehearse and the emerging Farsi Bible study and outreach group to meet and grow. It is with a sense of pride and (not my own but in the work of the Holy Spirit) that I think about how our community has been able to move, adapt and settle into our new situation, there is still move for improvement of course but it feels like that - improvement - rather than - disaster relief - for which I praise God and appreciate the role you have all played!!

The chaplain's report is a good opportunity to express my thanks and I would like to make a point of thanking the church council and the wardens, the All Age Worship Team, the Preaching and Leading Team, the leaders of our Youth Work, the Solidarity Anglican team, the Prayer Ministry team, the communicators of news, and the leaders of each of the ministries you will read about in our reports. Thanks again to all those who have been supplying rooms, homes, and food and clothing for the 'Simple Cupboard'. Those of you who have been regularly and generously contributing towards the church's financial needs, those who serve refreshments, welcome, set up sound and visual equipment and particularly a special group called 'the hidden' those whom no-one ever sees but selflessly give of themselves for the glory of our Lord Jesus.

A few final words from Matt Redman in a song that we have been singing recently. They cast the hope on which we can look confidently towards the future, knowing that we have been cared for and provided for in the past.

Standing on this mountaintop
Looking just how far we've
come
Knowing that for every step
You were with us

Kneeling on this battle ground
Seeing just how much You've done
Knowing every victory
Was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way
But with joy our hearts can say
Yes, our hearts can say-
Never once did we ever walk alone
Never once did You leave us on our own
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

With Every blessing in Him,



Pastoral Life

"Hello", "welcome", "its great being with you" and "farewell"! - The cycle of chaplaincy life means that we often make friendships fast. We get to know people better and deeper more quickly than in more static congregations. Therefore we are aiming to be better at welcoming people, walking with each other more closely (Bible Study, small groups, prayer ministry) and keeping in touch afterwards - is there any mileage in a TCL Alumni?



Forum Chretien Francophone

31st October 2018 saw 250 delegates from almost every French speaking denomination in France, Belgium, and Switzerland come together for a three day conference in Lyon. It was an exceptional event, the ripples of which we are still encountering. Thank you to all those who participated, this will have a lasting impact on relations between churches and christians in France for years to come.

Church Council Report

This past year the church council have been extra busy. Obviously high on the agenda was the need to move from En Guedi, and TCL finally came to rest in Bron in October. The council approved the building and worked hard to implement the move. Alongside that, there was the need for premises for midweek activities and a deal was done with the Protestants at rue Bancel for us to use their hall on Thursdays. The other big issue has been finance with our hard-working treasurer keeping us up-to-date with the situation. As it is not too healthy, a lot of time has been spent on looking for sources of income, including preparing a video presentation of our church for interested parties in other countries. Members of the council have also been involved in the preparation of the '20/20 Vision' meetings taking place at rue Bancel to try to determine the way forward for our community if it is to be sustainable. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend these meetings.

Important work has been done with refugees, making contacts with local organisations working with them and also running an Alpha course in Farsi. After the move, the Simple Cupboard became the Simple Table and provides much needed food and clothing for the less well-off.

The council oversees the maintenance of the Vicarage, our one asset. But it's not all nuts and bolts. We also dabble in high-tech. The treasurer has researched electronic card readers to facilitate the Offering when people do not have cash on them. We also now have translation hardware which allows the services to be translated into Farsi. The treasurer is now also our Data Manager as some time was spent on examining the new legislation on Data Protection. After approving the new name for our community, 'Trinity Church Lyon', we now have a new logo.

To recharge members' batteries there are periodic Council Away Days with more time to discuss certain matters in depth and this year with training for taking Holy Communion to people at home. There is always also the planning of events and services: Harvest, Welcome Apéro, Christmas, etc.

So the council are kept busy, but one recent development has been the drawing up of a list of tasks to do to ensure the smooth running of services. It is unrealistic to expect one small group of volunteers to do everything, so all members of the congregation are encouraged to sign on for a task they feel equipped for which can be anything from cleaning the toilets to reading Scripture.

Last but not least we said goodbye to our wonderful intern Julius, off to study for the ministry, and welcomed on to the council the equally delightful Jonty.

There are presently 14 people on the council and we meet once a month. Current members, who represent the congregation, have their origins in at least 7 different countries and range from students to the retired. If you are not afraid of new challenges and would like to help lead the church along the path the Lord has for us in the coming year, do think about it and pray about it and don't hesitate to put your name forward.

Diana Sarran, church council secretary

Counselling Service

The church-based counselling service offers professional counselling in English and in French to people within and outwith the church community. The trained counsellors wish to offer hope, help, and an opportunity for self-development through acceptance, support, guidance, and a listening ear.

Since the last AGM the counselling service has continued to function, in spite of some challenges. One major issue was finding suitable premises after the church moved to Bron. It was no longer possible to use the little room at En Guedi, but finally a very nice room was supplied by Chemin Neuf near Charpennes, so well served by public transport. Another challenge was the departure of one of our two counsellors, leaving just one to carry on the service. However, as usual, demand and supply have matched though we are still looking out for another qualified Christian counsellor to recruit.

The service functions as before: clients can get in touch by phone (the number is on the church website). LiJing Jacquelin has been holding the phone faithfully for many years but now is no longer able to do so. Consequently there is a need for someone to replace her.

The income from the service (clients are invited to make a donation to cover running costs) is paid into Solidarités Anglicanes in order to comply with French law. A part of this money pays for counsellor supervision, some on-going training, and running expenses of the LACCS; the rest is given away at the discretion of Solidarités Anglicanes. Each of the counsellors offering their services generally works with 2 to 4 clients at any given time; appointments are typically on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The counsellors are all volunteers (i.e. are not paid by LACCS).

Administrative tasks are undertaken by Diana Sarran on the Management Team. She organises meetings and writes up the minutes. She also acts as liaison between the Management Team and the church council. Rev Ben Harding is the link between the Counselling Service Management Team and the board of Solidarités Anglicanes. The Management Team meet every two or three months and provide support (practical and moral) to the counsellors.

The LAC Counselling Service has been running now for almost twenty years and is part of the Lyon Anglican Church's ministry. We thank God for his faithful provision of just the right number of clients and counsellors and trust Him for the future of this important service.

Diana Sarran

French Conversation Group

For the very first time since the French conversation group in the Brioche Dorée began many years ago, no-one turned up at all on one particular Wednesday morning last autumn. I wondered if this was perhaps a sign that it was time to move on and decided that if it happened again, I would seriously consider the future of the group. Since that day, so many people have joined us that it is difficult to fit everyone round the table! It has been a joy to welcome members from the US and Canada, Poland, Ireland, Vietnam, Nigeria, Syria, and the UK, including two toddlers and two MEN!

Occasionally people are encouraged to come along only to find that their basic level of French is insufficient to join in the conversation, which is discouraging for them and a waste of their time. So, to clarify, this is a group for people who already have a basic grasp of French vocabulary and grammar but need a safe and relaxed place to practice, since often such people have few French-speakers in their circle of friends. For those who need more basic French language instruction, it would be better to talk to John McGregor or attend the Alliance Française, Fac Catho or local French language courses to start with. This year's group is a mix of believers and others and my prayer is that something of the light of Jesus may be seen as we get to know one another better.

Elspeth Burrell

Iranian Group

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With utmost respect I'd like to inform you about activities of Persia sector of Anglican Church in the city of Lion France.

In the past year the activities are as follows:

1. Church system and some of Iranian have organized Persian group to expand the services of church such as bible study, Christianity education, worship, participation, communication and solidarity for solving their problems.
2. We have encouraged more than twenty Persians to join the church.
3. Five Persian person were baptized. Pastor Ben Harding has baptized them
4. Anglican Church system and almost of its members helps us to finding and organizing several accommodations for more than 15 Persian refugees who were homeless
5. Pastor Ben Harding with two Iranian people (translators) teach the basic Concepts of Christianity systematically and regularly (ALFA COURSE) for new believers every week .
6. Pastor Ben Harding and his colleagues organize a man meeting for reading Bible and explaining about meanings of the words and phrases every Thursday afternoon.
7. One of Iranians (who can understand English) is studying Bible by Ben Harding and Pastor Garrett De Blauw for education to other Iranian people. This method helps us to educate Gospel commands for Persian.
8. Pastor Ben Harding and his team have at least one meeting with one of Iranians per week . we talk about progress group plans and other related issues.

Your attention is appreciated in advance, sincerely yours,

Maryam Bordbar

Kids for Peace (K4P) France

Report for Kids for Peace (K4P) France/Copains pour la Paix (2018-2019)

K4P France is an association based in Lyon that brings kids of the three monotheistic religions (10 to 14 years old), or pioneers (15-18) together. Kids from other religions but also those with no religion are also welcomed. K4P France belongs to K4P International present in

the USA. K4P France meets once a month on a Sunday in the premises of the Nativity Catholic Church in Villeurbanne. The association also frequently meets at the Liberal synagogue Keren Or in Villeurbanne. Sunday meetings usually start with the circle of friendship (children form a circle with councillors) to talk about certain events or things that they wish to do. The beginning of the meeting starts with a song sometimes with someone playing a guitar. A song is always followed by games. Children in 3 or 4 teams are then made to research on the internet or in books on questions related to Judaism, Christianity or Islam. They are also asked for example about the origins of the Jewish, Latin, Arabic alphabets, the relationship to the Phoenician alphabet, and indicate how people write and say good morning, good night, how are you, and other common words in these different languages. Alternatively, they may be asked about medical discoveries and practices during the Greek, Roman, Jewish, Arab, European, Asian, and American. Kids in teams present their work to the audience. The aim of the research work is to encourage children to research and see that discoveries in language, medicine and other items depends on many cultures and traditions that come from different countries and religions. After the research and presentation of findings by the kids a snack/gouter is served and this is followed by another game and song. The meeting always come to an end with the circle of friends where children indicate what they liked about the meeting and what they wish to do for the next get together. The period 2018-2019 brought K4P France to meet with members of the liberal Jewish synagogue, attend a one-day retreat and mass of the Catholic church and attend the afternoon prayers at the Othman mosque. In February 2019 the Muslim scouts of France met together with K4P France to sing, play and research together in mixed teams to answer questions. Parents of K4P France sometimes join as councillors or frequently attend meetings. It is hoped that children and parents from Trinity Church of Lyon (TCL) will join K4P France (www.k4p.org/france) to know more about Jews, Muslims, talk about Christianity and learn how to exchange, play and share with children from other faiths. Indeed, K4P France was initiated and is run by several members of TCL. E-mail to join is k4pfrance@gmail.com

Kingdom Seekers

KINGDOM SEEKERS

For children aged 0 to 18 meeting on a Sunday morning during the service

At Kingdom Seekers, we seek to **ENJOY** the Kingdom (Fellowship), **TEACH** the Kingdom (Discipleship), **HONOUR** the Kingdom (Worship), **SHARE** the Kingdom (Evangelism) and **BE** the Kingdom (Service)

DISCOVERERS: Crèche has gone from strength to strength, ever since we moved out of Centre En Guedi and inherited our own play and "learning space" of our own. As the creche caters for not only our babies, but toddlers up to 4 years old, we may have up to 8 children on any one week. Particularly exciting is having a couple of girls (sisters) who love getting involved in our kick-off songs at the moment, and as the older sister is 4 it makes it that much easier when there are babies to keep entertained too. It has proved essential to have a parent in with the main creche leader most Sundays due to the numbers. We have really enjoyed getting into the Bible StoryBook (Every Book whispers his name), and try to read a chapter (or summarize it) each week. There is a pull-out sheet to go with it, and we provide extra colouring on the theme. We've read up to Moses. It has been difficult to keep all the toddlers occupied since the table and benches we have is only big enough for four. Ideally,

we need another similar table for 4 children, or upgrade what we have to a larger table and chairs. There would be the space on the upper step at the end of the step for a larger table: it means there is a good separation of the play area and "learning" area in this room, so that the children can decide if they want to play or craft. Not to mention that it is a place that the parents can pop in and out of when needed, and therefore a huge improvement on what we've had before. Thanks to our new helpers Emily and Aaron we are able to cover up to 4 Sundays in the month, with Jennifer, Monica and myself leading on other days. God is good, and we thank him for our enthusiastic children and understanding parents! **Grace Freeman, Monica Yama, Jennifer Ravenscroft, Emily Mosby**

EXPLORERS: We teach the 3-7 year olds and there are between 8 and 12 children depending on the week.

Some of the very young ones get up and join Discoverers (Crèche). Every year it seems to get harder to teach in English so we usually do the lesson in French. They learn about the life of Jesus and his teachings or characters from the Old Testament. This is accompanied with a craft, colouring and cutting out. While they are happily colouring in I read the theme for the week with them, read the bible references, sing a song which is usually in key with the theme. It has been amazing to teach about prayer and how it's an important way of talking to God – about anything! Sometimes we have a drink and a snack together. **Judith and Haniyaa**

ADVENTURERS: We teach between 3 and 10 lovely children, depending on the week. As some of them do not understand English, we opt for French, which results in a much quieter time and in making it possible to cover many more subjects as it is a gain of time (otherwise, we have to translate everything into French for those who do not understand). Our resources are the Urban Saints website as well as audio-visual materials we bought in Christian libraries in order for our classes to be more attractive for the children. Each session is organized with a prayer time, sometimes at the beginning but generally at the end, the reading of a passage of the Bible, which we explain and discuss, and some kind of illustration: drawing, watching a part of a movie, copying and completing Gospel's sentences. All volunteers are most welcome to join our team. **Brigitte McGregor and Denise Rémy**

PIONEERS: Emilie Clauet has joined the team this year, which is fantastic. The Pioneers (11-14's) have followed the 'Thy Kingdom Come' series and are now looking at 'The Wonderful Youth' series empowering young people to be the best they can be. Julie has been delving into issues using The Ideas Factory Book too. There is a wider spread of boys and girls this year. **Emilie, Julie and Jo**

14-18's: At the beginning of the year we started a Discipleship Course called The Beautiful Disciplines. We have talked about what Spiritual Disciplines are and have looked at Prayer and Fasting so far and how these can bring us closer to God. It is a joy to lead this group as they express their ideas and are challenged to live for the Lord. Our bi-monthly socials have been fun and help to create relationships within the group. **Julie and Jo**

MESSY CHURCH: The Crèche and Explorers together

We have had another fun year in Messy Church being creative and playing games. Some of the younger children join the

Explorer's group for Messy Church so we sometimes have a big group of up to 18 children but there are usually less.

Recently we have been talking about how we are like the parts of a body with different gifts and how we should work together to use our gifts to help others. We made a giant jigsaw puzzle of a dove which we showed to the congregation and each child took home the piece they had decorated in Church to remind them to work together with others all the time not just on Sunday. We have also discussed how wonderful God's creation is and made paper flowers which miraculously open when placed in water to demonstrate how amazing the world is. At Christmas we made origami star ornaments to remind us of how faithfully the Wise Men followed the star to see baby Jesus and to remind us to follow Jesus just as faithfully every day.

Ruth Louis

KINGDOM UNITED: The Adventurers, Pioneers and 14-18's together

Craft: The aim of the arts and craft side of Kingdom United is for the young people to connect with God and each other in a creative way. This year, we have used a variety of materials (eg. paper/clay/paint) to reflect on and interpret themes and Scripture, such as Jesus as portrayed in John's Gospel, Easter images and Light. *Wing and Judy*

Sports: Led by a great team (Milad and Julien), we play Basketball and Football together. We try to think how it is to be a Christian sportsperson and honour Jesus with our talents, but also just have fun together doing things we all enjoy! It is a great opportunity for the leaders to get alongside the children and chat on the way to and back from the pitch. Thanks Team!

Ladies' Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship,
Brigitte MCGREGOR

We meet regularly every week, except the school holidays, on Thursday afternoon. We are a very diverse group of different age, background, and country of origine.

It's really lovely to spend time together sharing the different part of the Scriptures. We are currently looking through Peter's first letter. Before that we were studying a book about parenting which the young mothers appreciated very much.

Any woman is most welcome !

Men's Bible Study

We are a group of God loving men from different denominations across Lyon. We meet every Thursday from 13hrs to 14hrs at the La Causerie (115 Grande rue de la Guillotiere 69007 Lyon) to study a chapter of the Bible and socialise.

Rev. Ben Harding usually leads us in discussing the bible chapter in detail and how it relates to our everyday life.

The format is pretty relaxed. You can eat lunch whilst discussing what the chapter read says about God, about the people at the time, about ourselves and who we can share what we've learnt with.

Over the year there has been a steady increase in our numbers (we average, 12 men per session).

We regularly join forces with the TCL Men's group to organise monthly or quarterly activities such as pool/ games night, movie nights, pizza nights, etc.

Once a year in June, we organise a 24 hour tactical men's retreat (from Friday evening to Saturday late afternoon). We usually gather at the Le Chatelard, have a barbeque & bonfire night and a storming worship & teaching session throughout the Saturday. About 43 men attended the 2018 retreat

Invite other men in your life to join with men from different countries and culture to learn and share the word of God and life experiences or visit our website- menoflyon.org

All men are welcome! Jerry Bekoe

Men's Fellowship Group

Members of the group have continued to meet in diverse contexts, including the regular Thursday lunchtime Bible study and more occasional evening get-togethers. We have not yet returned to our traditional routine of some years back of a once-a-month sit-down event owing to something of a lack of convenient central venues, but remain open to all offers! In the meantime, upcoming events in the coming months include the annual camping outing and, hopefully, visits to a sports match.

Positive Discipline Seminar and Workshops



Positive Discipline Association

Developing Respectful Relationships

From April to December 2018, parents and others who work with children were able to join one or two modules of Positive Discipline workshops, held after church. Those who attended noted an improvement in the way they relate to their children (of whatever age). The workshops focus on activities and instruction which allow adults to learn more about how children react and develop, but also about how we react as adults... and the aim is to give parents the tools to support their children in becoming motivated, respectful, caring and confident.

A certain number of free places were offered to church members who could not pay for themselves – Kristina Gaudrey, the trainer, was very generous with this. Each module costs 100€ for those who can pay – about 15 people paid for the first module, and a smaller group advanced to the second module.

People from outside the church joined us, and one Christian family became regular and committed members of the church after seeing this programme advertised and joining in.

We are launching an introductory workshop for a new series of modules, on March 24th. If there is enough interest the first module will run on the first Sundays in April, May and June (after All Age Worship). There may also be some interest in Thursday evening workshops at Rue Bancel.

It's been great to see God at work in helping Christians and the wider English-speaking community get together for the benefit of our children.

Alison Heal

Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Ministry Team continues to pray especially for Church activities and contacts and for any specific requests received, although meetings have been somewhat disrupted as a result of the change of premises. Two stalwart members of the team, Heather Wild and Diane Webb, have moved back to England, and have not yet been replaced.

Prayer request slips are available at each service so that anyone who would like prayer for any reason can jot their request down on a slip and place it in the box at the back of the church. Requests are then circulated to the Prayer Ministry Team for prayer during the following week. Requests are treated confidentially and you do not need to put your name on the slip.

Also two members of the Prayer Ministry Team are available to pray with anyone who wishes at the end of each church service.

The Team will be pleased to welcome new people who feel they have a call to support the Church and its members in this way.

Keith B. Burrell
7/3/2019

Refreshments Report

Since moving to our new premises, refreshments have become an integral part of the service. Being at the back of the church enables the children and adults to mingle over a "cuppa" and get to know each other better.

There is always a need for extra volunteers. Your name will be added to the weekly email, where you can put down your name when you are available to help out and see what is needed for the following Sunday.

For those who can't help out physically, a contribution to our pantry would be most welcome.



Items: Tea, coffee, sugar cubes, long life milk, biscuits, tea bags and syrup (any of the red ones - afraid the kids are not partial to the others)

Please chat to Charmaine, Rachel or Patricia (one of them will be found behind the refreshment table each week) for any further information, or to put down your name to join a very friendly "Refreshment" team.

Charmaine Van Rijswijk

Safeguarding

Happily, there is nothing dramatic to report from this year! We are still in the process of compiling complete background checks on our whole team of those with responsibilities for children and adults. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our diocesan trainer for a one-day safeguarding event at rue Bancel on Saturday 6 April.

Andrew Baldwin

Solidarités Anglicanes de Lyon

Report for Trinity Church Lyon AGM 2019

Solidarités Anglicanes is a non-profit making organization set up by members of TCL in 2008 to help people in need both morally and financially. It is a '1901 Association' and as such is allowed under French law to donate money to both individuals and other 1901 Associations, such as Mercy Ships and Tearfund, which would be illegal for the Church itself as a purely religious association.

The income of Solidarités Anglicanes comes partly from the LAC Counselling Service (known as LACCS). Other sources of income are fund-raising events organised in conjunction with the Church Council, one-off donations from members of the congregation and membership subscriptions. When holding fund-raising events SA usually supports a specific organization as well as raising funds to support the TCL mission in Lyon. In order to be considered a member of SA a donation of at least 20€ must be made annually which is considered to be the equivalent of a subscription payment.

SA has raised funds by supporting John McGregor's plan of 'meals with talks'. It has donated money to ACLAAM which supports and organizes French classes for refugees.

In order to provide more help to those who need it, Solidarités Anglicanes needs your involvement.

Armand Castellon

Synod

Here is the report from Meurig Williamson the archdeaconry Synod 2018... taken from this website: <https://anglicanfrance.fr/2018/05/02/hints-hopes-and-horizons/>

Hints, hopes and horizons

by [Meurig Williams](#) | Published [2 May 2018](#)

SOME REFLECTIONS ON A HAPPY & HOPEFUL 2018 FRENCH ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD

The gloriously warm weather in Brittany in the third week of April ensured that the Archdeaconry Synod of France and Monaco began well at the Abbaye de St Jacut de la Mer, from 18th to 21st April. Members of the Synod enjoyed the generous hospitality of the community, which helped to mitigate against the emergency structural repairs taking place on the guest accommodation.

The warm sunshine was also welcome because so many dark clouds threatened to overshadow the opening of the Synod. Rising political tensions on the world stage had resulted in France, Britain and America carrying out bombing raids on Syria in the days before we met. The painful, but necessary, process of admitting how we have failed to make the Church a safe place for the vulnerable, and how the abuse of power went unchecked for so long, had been laid bare at the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in London the previous month. We also knew that, by the time we meet as a Synod in 2019, those of us who possess only a British passport will have formally ceased to be full citizens of the European Union.

As we settled down to a varied pattern of worship, inspiring and informative presentations by our visiting speakers, and the delight of one another's company, it became clear that the sun was here to stay!

Our Bible studies (<http://northernambo.blogspot.be/2018/04/citizens-of-nowhere-citizens-of.html?spref=tw>) were led by one of the Church of England's passionate Europeans: Michael Sadgrove, Dean Emeritus of Durham. Taking two sections of the Passion narrative in John's Gospel, Michael spoke incisively on the theme of citizenship and identity, as we were invited to consider what it might mean to be citizens of nowhere, citizens of everywhere, and citizens of the kingdom of God. Combining deeply rooted scholarship with perceptive human insight, Michael illuminated the Gospel text with a keen awareness of our present context and our future. As he put it 'When we meet as friends of Jesus Christ and citizens of his kingdom, we always know that we are subjects of the same rule and authority, and this transcends all other kinds of belonging, whether it's the tribe, the race or the nation... Instead of pulling up

drawbridges, we need to reach out to one another in truth and friendship, celebrating the citizenship we have in common both within the human family, and as brothers and sisters under God.’

Grace Davie, Emeritus Professor of the Sociology of Religion at the University of Exeter, has a special place in the life of the Diocese, as one of our Lay Canons. Over many decades, her work has had a profound influence on our understanding of the place of religion in Europe, and has given us a memorable way of speaking about how many people do not worship regularly in churches but still describe themselves as ‘religious’ in her phrase ‘believing without belonging.’ Grace’s presentation helped us to understand the context of our mission and ministry ‘from within’ and ‘from without.’ In particular, how the church grows where there are migrants; and that the decline in religious commitment we see around us is a European exception: ‘large parts of the world are as furiously religious as ever’ she insisted. Grace also challenged some of the lazy assumptions that we encounter: ‘

Don’t ask if religion causes conflict.... ask under what circumstances religion becomes embroiled in conflict.’

Knowing that Brexit, and the confusion it is producing, is causing worry for many people in our chaplaincies, I invited Matthew Lodge, Minister at the British Embassy in Paris (and a former Ambassador to Finland) to provide some clarity on the progress of the negotiations. He very helpfully disentangled fact from media hype; just as he was candid in saying there will be real changes after 23rd March next year, and that we still cannot fully know what they will look like.

I am glad that the Bishop has committed to being with us when we meet as a Synod, and his two presentations were very well-received. The Bishop’s first address, which explored future strategy, including current financial challenges, for the Diocese, served to remind us that ‘the Diocese in Europe is the European conscience of the Church of England.’

His second address, exploring how we minister to growing numbers of migrants in the Diocese, spoke with particular insight to the developments taking place in the Pas-de-Calais chaplaincy, and our partnership with the Diocese of Canterbury and USPG, as we recruit a new chaplain to serve this challenging context. The Bishop also presided and preached at the Synod Eucharist in the Parish Church of St Jacut on the final evening.

Mike Fegan, our Interim Diocesan Secretary, spoke candidly about the financial plan which will impinge on all of us throughout the Diocese, if we are to take our mission and ministry seriously. He answered the many questions with grace. In fact, the time we gave to the financial plan and to the daunting increase in Common Fund had a positive effect on proceedings: we face our financial challenges together, knowing that as fellow members of the Body of Christ, we belong together across many nations and will continue to cherish our common belonging in Christ.

Our ecumenical calling as Anglicans in France is of the very essence of who we are. We were delighted to welcome Mgr Ginoux, Bishop of Mauntauaban on behalf of the French Conference of Catholic Bishops and Pasteur Emmanuelle Seyboldt, president of the national council of the Eglise Protestante Unie de France. Our relations with both churches go from strength to strength, as we seek new ways of expressing our common belonging, in the practical sharing of resources and by drawing from each other’s well of spiritual resources.

It was good for me to share with Synod something of the shape of my diary since last year's synod at St Jacut. I hope it shows how more of you have seen more of me. Because this is the first time France has had an Archdeacon who, on being appointed, does not have chaplaincy responsibilities, it allows me to be out-and-about in a way that was simply not possible for my predecessors. Although I receive my stipend for being the Bishop's commissary and chaplain, and that's why my base is both in Brussels and in Limousin, I do enjoy travelling to chaplaincies throughout the Archdeaconry – and I am very grateful for the way our three Area Deans, Tony Lomas, Debbie Flach and Giles Williams support this ministry of oversight.

I left St Jacut on the Saturday morning, like so many others who had enjoyed the Synod, full of thanks and feeling thoroughly energized by our time together. Next year's Synod will be in Domaine Lyon St Joseph, just outside the center of Lyon from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th May. It may be a shorter synod but I promise it will be as full and as dynamic as this year's!

Meurig Williams
Archdeacon of France

2 May, 2018

Treasurer's Report

TREASURERS' REPORT AGM 07/04/19

Jesus never said "Money isn't important..."

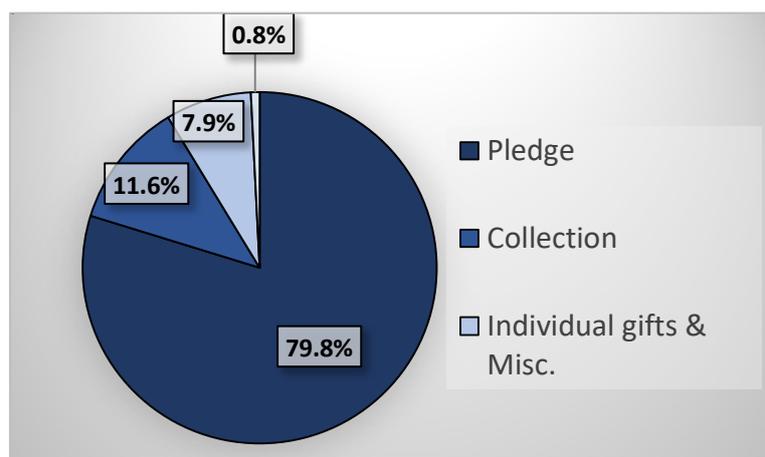
Introduction

Firstly I'd like to start, as always, by thanking everyone for the huge commitment that is shown in church. People give freely of their time, their energy and their money to help make TCL a success and the church wouldn't survive long without the generosity of its members! Below there is my usual overview of incomes and expenses – if anyone would like a more detailed breakdown please don't hesitate to ask.

The take-home message this year has to be that our current way of funding the church just isn't working. This is not to say that people are less generous but times have changed and the demographics of our congregation with it. In order for the church to have a future we therefore need to consider radical changes in the way that the church is financed.

Where it came from

Total church income last year (accrual basis) was €75 090 (a 1.9% decrease from 2017) As is usual the great majority of church income comes from the regular monthly giving or "Pledge" of church members (bank transfers and cheques). This dropped slightly in 2018, by about €2 800, but was largely offset by increases in individual gifts.



Where it went

Total church expenditure last year (accrual basis) was €79 853 (a 0.4% drop from 2017) There was a significant increase in car costs last year but this was offset by savings in other areas.

The cost of running a fulltime employee remains the main expenditure of the church. This isn't just for salary! More than half the cost are for taxes and charges, statutory health insurance, pension etc.

After vicarage maintenance and repairs (essentially also part of the employment costs) the largest expense is the quotas paid to the Anglican Church as our contribution to the diocese and the rest of the C of E structures.

Current situation and future perspectives

As many of you are aware we are in the process of discerning God's vision for our church for this current generation and beyond. The 2020 Vision process which is a discussion trying to come up with a new model for both doing and being church – asking the questions:

- How does a sustainable church Worship?
- How does a sustainable church Grow?
- How does a sustainable church Generate Funds?
- How does a sustainable church Fulfil Its Mission today?

One of the starting points for this discussion was the current state of the church finances – thankfully it was not the end of the discussion! In one sense the “Generate Funds” question is the least relevant, because if a church gets its worship and growth right and is fulfilling its mission then the finances won't be a problem.

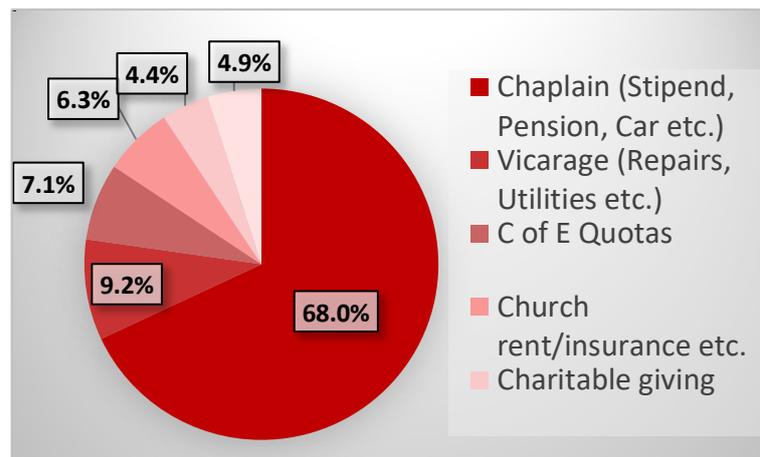
However we have to be honest with ourselves and admit that our current church funding model is unsustainable.

2018 has again seen a deficit (approx. -€4 800) for the third year that I have been treasurer and, I gather, this has been the case for many years prior to this. At the end of 2018 we had just €19 300 in reserves (down from €25 500 last year). Make no mistake, that when this value reaches zero the church will cease to exist – there are no outside organisations (not the Anglican Church in the UK nor any other body) that will step in to save us.

Whatever the outcome of the 2020 Vision

process we are going to need to accept significant change in the way Trinity church funds itself and we shall need to do one or more of the following if we are to survive past about 3 years from now:

- Enlarge our donor base (reach out beyond the walls of our church)
- Create an income stream (a business of some sort)



- Cut costs/share costs (share our chaplain...?)

How we do one or more of these is down to you! The idea is that the 2020 Vision process will result in ideas and suggestions on which the church can take action.

Please help us all by directing your thoughts and your prayers, and your energy and your time towards new ways of being and doing church and for new ways of generating income.

Ben Heal

Tweet: The church is changing and our funding basis must change with it. Please continue to pray and to support the church's Vision with time, action and money to see us through to the next generation.

Wardens' Report

Church Wardens Report 2018-2019

Well! Here is a recap of the many activities our church community got up to since the last AGM:

In February 2018 we started looking for a new church location, as our former location En Guédi Centre restructured its activities, and also as needs became more urgent for a location that will be more disabled-friendly with better access. Our wish list was long and seemed impossible: Where can we find a place that is both central enough yet in a peaceful neighbourhood, have public transport bus métro tram yet enough parking spaces for our spread-out congregation, have a chapel big and bright enough for 200 people as well as rooms for crèche and children's church and activities, be near an outdoor space for Kingdom United sport, have space for church lunches, and and and ... all for the same sum we have paid in previous years? How is that possible?

And yet, here we are, six months after our search began, we moved to Notre Dame de Lourdes in Bron in October 2018. God has answered all our needs. He even provided a big green park right opposite the chapel. The local diocese is welcoming and supportive. There is ample light and space. The chapel is even in the shape of the Millennium Falcon! Certes, it is not the central location we had in mind. Public transport on a Sunday is still sparse. Yet even here God is providing, as we look forward to the arrival of the new tramway T6 due in December 2019. And meanwhile we will need to contribute our part: we will need to build up the audio-visual systems, make sure each time the kettle is set the electricity will stay put, provide more punctual heating for the crèche in winter, eventually help in the garden. And so we give thanks, and acknowledge God's provisions, as we embark on a new journey of vision and mission seeking, for the future of our community, and the greater area of Lyon.

And so you'll see, God is faithful, and our church community continues to experience abundant life. There were Lent ecumenical activities with *Prière Pomme Pain*, and a bilingual All Age celebration at the Grand Temple with the Eglise Protestante Unie, after co-hosting a full weekend of brothers and sisters from different church traditions meeting together in Lyon commemorating the Reuilly convention, in the presence of Archdeacon Meurig Williams. We held a series of Christians in the Middle East lunches hosted by *Solidarités Anglicanes* and Middle Eastern brethren, to raise awareness and funds for the benefit of refugees. We were moved to tears by the Palm Sunday play directed by our young adults group. We went on a Good Friday walk in Rontalon, praying at different stations of the cross. We joined the ecumenical Easter sunrise service celebration and hosted our own Easter All Age Communion

service. In April, we co-hosted a bilingual session on parenting led by international writer Leslie Leyland Fields. During the year, Julius our intern with Alison ably ran Positive Discipline courses led by trainer Kristina, for parents and teachers looking for an encouraging approach to parenting. We celebrated Trinity Sunday in May, and Youth Sunday in June, where our young people led and played instruments and read and prayed and encouraged us. We co-hosted the men's bilingual retreat in Chaponost. We held a bilingual Youth worship in rue Bancel, set up a pool and had an outdoors baptism service in July, and said tearful goodbyes, to Julius who is now in training to become a pastor in the UK, as well as people who have become like family to us who had to move on to other places, such is the life of an international community.

In September we welcomed our new intern Jonty! We co-hosted the first ever Forum Chrétien Francophone in Lyon, gathering leaders from every Christian denomination in French-speaking Switzerland, Belgium and France. We moved church locations in October, hosted Hellie Brunt who led us in an evening of worship and teaching and prayer in November, and in December we went carolling all over the place including Bellecour and had a banging Carol Service with the Salvation Army band, filling up all the pews in the new church location! We had another surprise visit from Mercy Ships International, through Dr Michelle White and Kirstie Randal sharing and praying with us, then hosted a Christmas Eve dinner at rue Bancel. We filled a table with Secret Santa packages for our brethren in need for Christmas.

Since January 2019 we have been holding monthly discussions every 2nd Thursday evening at rue Bancel on different issues, such as Marriage and Relationships, and LGBTQ+us. In February we hosted an All Age service with over 100 children from French speaking parishes joining us, as well as a Winter Party with a balloon ride giveaway! Which brings us to March. We are currently holding a series of vision seeking gatherings on Thursday evenings, to seek God's guidance to building a sustainable church for the near future. We invite everyone to join us, to dialogue and to pray, as we walk this new phase of our journey together in faith and hope.

For nuts and bolts matters, we were given the gift of the use of a car which saved us car rental for a big part of the year, and we'll leave our very able treasurer to give you updates on financial matters. There are obviously expenses we will need to prepare for this year, especially urgently for renovation work in the vicarage. We received two estimations for repairing the roof on the side of the house (approximately 3,000€ and for the leak in the balcony above the living room (approximately 1,600€) for a total of about 4,600€, which will probably need to be budgeted for this year.

And it is here that I Kae would like to thank everyone for making church a home and making all the above possible, if as you read this you are as amazed as I am every year. It is with great sadness that I will be stepping down as church warden, as I will be taking up a new leadership role for the Lifesprings School of Ministry in Lyon, planned for October 2020. I thank Roy and Ben and the church council, it has been a great joy working with you all, and I am certain God has risen up new servant leaders for the coming phase and journey. I do encourage everyone who hears His call, who is excited about church life, and willing to serve in any capacity, to come forth and join this amazing servant leader team. You will be frontline witnesses to the abundant life that God gives to this community.

So we invite you to join Ben and the church council to continue to be faithful in prayer, and pray and speak and act onwards and upwards for the future of Trinity Church Lyon.

In His amazing grace, blessings, Kae and Roy