

2017

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**Services**

**9.15 am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**10.30 am**

- Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays)

- All-age worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

- Morning Prayer (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

**6.30 pm** Praise and Prayer



# CHRIST CHURCH LILLE

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## Progress

A recent survey shows that our efforts to change and grow both by enhancing our worship and by reaching out to others have been appreciated. There is still work to do of course, and we know that we have to work together in order to respond to the mission God has entrusted us with.

On a digital note, we now have a YouTube channel, and sent out our first video Christmas card. We were delighted that this reached so many people.



## Welcome and Hospitality

One of our main aims has been to make sure we offer a welcome and hospitality to everyone. This has been put into effect not only on Sundays with new welcome teams, and a new welcome leaflet, but also in our church life too. The drop-in café has been running since October, and welcomes a wide range of visitors on a Wednesday morning; some early visitors are now regular church attenders.

Our congregation comes from a wide range of countries and backgrounds; our church wifi now enables those whose English is not so good to access translations so they can follow more easily.

We were able to offer a welcome last year to a brass band in need of a last-minute rehearsal space, and a choir and chamber orchestra who needed a venue when they were let down. We're currently working on refurbishing the church hall to make more events possible.

## Outreach

Our Outreach organisation continues to support local, national and international charities. Last year in particular we welcomed and supported aid workers in Calais and Dunkerque and the refugees they work with.



## Finances

A major setback was the cancellation of the Lille braderie, which up until now has provided a major part of our fund-raising efforts.

However, last year's bequest of money to purchase a chaplaincy house has now been officially approved by the Prefecture and with the help of some generous donors, accommodation for the chaplain has been purchased. Even with initial costs and safety works taken into account, this is beginning to show a positive effect on our outgoings, and it is of course a major commitment to the future of our church in Lille.

## Looking forward

Making sure that everyone did the Safeguarding training last year was one of our priorities and we are continuing to work on this; like everybody else, we take Safeguarding very seriously.

We are grateful for all the work, seen and unseen, that goes on and will build on this as we move forward in a changing world.