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A WELCOME FROM THE ARCHDEACON

It is very good to greet you at this time of Michalemas celebrations. I hope those of you who have been able to take some time away over the

summer have returned refreshed and re-energized; and those who are still to have some holiday will soon be able to lay the demands of work to one side for a time of rest and renewal. In particular, I want to thank those chaplaincies, along with their chaplains and lay officers, that serve holiday 'hot spots' who have been working hard throughout the summer to welcome visitors. Having experienced the intensity of both episodes of the *canicule* this summer, I know how challenging the extreme heat has been. Elsewhere, there are some suggestions about how chaplaincies might think ahead about precautions to alleviate the discomfort – both for worshippers and chaplains.

ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD

We had an excellent Archdeaconry Synod in Lyon, this year. It was a day shorter, but no less engaging and informative. A report appears elsewhere in this newsletter. In my address to the Synod, I highlighted the degree to which conflict in a small number of chaplaincies is causing unacceptable stress for chaplains, their families, and others. Much of this arises from confused expectations about the roles and responsibilities of the chaplain in relation some of the lay officers; as well as mistaken assumptions about the nature of the chaplain's accountability, and how this often arises from inappropriate models of governance. All church officers would benefit from refreshing our understanding of what is normative under the Constitution of the Diocese, the Church Representation Rules and Churchwardens' Measure – particularly if you are preparing to welcome a new chaplain or beginning the process of recruitment. I would encourage you to think creatively and level-headedly about how clarity around roles, responsibilities and accountabilities can be foundational in

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enabling chaplaincies to be places where we believe the Gospel – and live by it. Bullying, manipulation, disregard for appropriate boundaries, unprofessional behaviour or opaque processes have no place in our chaplaincies if they are to be communities of welcome, safety and flourishing for all. Thankfully, such instances are exceptional. Where they are evident, they not only cause untold hurt, but fundamentally undermine the effectiveness of the Church's mission.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR LAY DISCIPLESHIP

One positive – and exciting – development arising from the Archdeaconry Synod, which emerged from discussions in both the House of Laity and the House of Clergy, was the expressed desire for more flexible and creative approaches to lay ministry. There is a strong wish to value a distinctive lay witness, not least as it has been articulated in the latest report from the Church of England *Setting God's People Free*. A motion was sent from the Archdeaconry Synod to the Diocesan Synod (I am grateful to Canon Debbie Flach for presenting the motion on behalf of the Archdeaconry), which was accepted by an overwhelming majority. The Diocesan Ministry Team has been asked by the Diocesan Synod to implement this development, which it will begin addressing in 2020.

SAFEGUARDING

As you will be aware from extensive media coverage over recent months, the Church of England's safeguarding practices have been the subject of considerable scrutiny, not least as part of the Independent Investigation into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) in Britain. The Church of England is just one of many British statutory and voluntary bodies that will be investigated. The accounts of abuse that have emerged from this process have been extremely distressing, not least where there have been failures in following agreed protocols or the reporting of abuse. It goes without saying that the Diocesan safeguarding protocols are the normative standard that must apply in *all* our chaplaincies – not least where local law may have lower expectations. In particular, where chaplains and wardens are seeking locum ministry, whether to cover

holidays or a period of vacancy, they must be satisfied that visiting clergy have either Permission to Officiate in this Diocese (for longer periods of locum ministry) or that, for single occasions, they hold a current Licence from the bishop of another diocese, and are in good standing after recent completion of the appropriate level of safeguarding training. Where chaplaincies are planning to invite a bishop (after seeking Bishop Robert's goodwill) to conduct confirmations, invitations should only be extended to those bishops listed as Honorary Assistant Bishops in the Diocesan Handbook and on the Diocesan website. If you are in any doubt or have questions, please contact your Area Dean in the first instance. A **new Diocesan safeguarding policy** will be appearing on the Diocesan website very shortly. Please look out for it and become familiar with it.

BREXIT

Again, at the time of writing, we are still no clearer about the British government's position on the terms under which the UK might leave the EU. I am keenly aware of the uncertainty and distress that this continues to cause many of us. As well as the regular updates Bishop Robert provides on his blog <https://bishopineurope.wordpress.com/> you may also know that 25 bishops of the Church of England have written to the British prime minister expressing concern at the impact of a no-deal Brexit, especially for UK citizens living and working in the EU. More pointedly, the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, has written an excellent piece about the need for truth and transparency in public life, which can be accessed on the *Church Times* website at <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2019/6-september/comment/opinion/what-is-truth-when-we-have-a-pm-who-lies> Our good friend, the Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, who gave powerful expositions of truth and power from John's Gospel at our 2018 Archdeaconry Synod, writes a regular blog with penetrating reflections on the consequences of Brexit <http://northernwoolgatherer.blogspot.com/>

WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

On Michaelmas Day I will be in Marseille to Licence the Reverend **Jamie Johnston** as the Chaplain of Marseille, Aix-en-Provence and the

Luberon. Jamie comes to us after serving his title at St Matthew's, Westminster (familiar to many in the Diocese as a past venue for our Friends' Festival). Before ordination, Jamie had a career in the legal profession and also has sustained experience of living and working in France. The following Sunday, I travel to St Michael's, Paris, to Licence **Debra Orleach** as a Reader.

Earlier this month, Bishop Robert licenced Canon **Gary Wilton** as Chaplain of St Bartholomew's, Dinard. Gary is no stranger to the Diocese, having previously been the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the EU institutions. Before arriving in Dinard, Gary was the incumbent of Eccleshall, a major parish in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Reverend **Hazel Door** was licenced as Chaplain of All Saints, Vendée in June, and it will be a delight to re-licence the Reverend **John Neal** (Touraine), the Reverend **Ben Harding** (Lyon), the Reverend **Peter Jackson** (Nice and Vence) and the Reverend **Charlotte Sullivan** (Aquitaine) to their respective ministries. A number of clergy based in France have been given **Permission to Officiate** in the Diocese, and I am very grateful for their ministry and support for our chaplaincies.

It was also a joy to Commission **Roy Carter** to exercise the ministry of a pastoral evangelist in the Poitou-Charentes Chaplaincy, a ministry he first began in 1965 in the Diocese of Southwark.

During the past year, we have said Farewell and Thank You to the Reverend **Bob Hurley** (Grenoble), the Reverend **Elizabeth Dean** (Fontainebleau), the Reverend **Adam Boulter** (Poitou-Charentes), the Reverend **Olaf Eriksson** (Maisons-Laffitte) and Canon **Elaine Labourel** (Director of Reader Ministry for the Diocese). We thank them all for the diversity and depth of their various ministries among us.

I continue to enjoy travelling to chaplaincies throughout the Archdeaconry, especially those that are currently without a full-time Chaplain, and those preparing to recruit and welcome new chaplains. I am grateful for the warm hospitality I receive, and for the care and energy that goes into preparing for my visits.

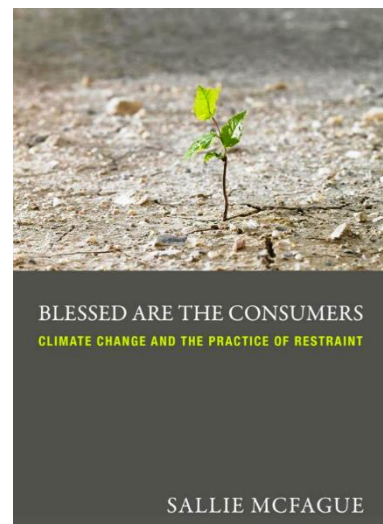
With every blessing and my grateful thanks for all that you do to make our churches places of welcome, outreach and encounter with the reality of God. May the angels surround our steps as we journey on.



SÉMINAIRE INTERCONFESSIONNEL DE THÉOLOGIE ANGLOPHONE

Eight sessions exploring the theology of kenosis
and ecology in the work of the American
theologian,
SALLIE MCFAGUE

Beginning Wednesday 16thth October 2019



Further information:

<https://istina.eu/centre/seminaire-theologie-anglophone/>

COVER IMAGE

St Michael's Victory over the Devil by Jacob Epstein, 1958, Coventry Cathedral.

MINORITY ANGLICAN RESEARCH

The Minority Anglican Project, based at the University of Birmingham, is seeking to compose an accurate and comprehensive picture of how churches in every diocese of the Church of England are responding positively to the diverse needs of minorities – as well as identifying the factors that contribute to the exclusion of minorities.



The
Minority
Anglicanism
Project

The survey is available at https://birminghamcoaal.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oTtoaj8l9MjbJX

Alongside the main survey, there are separate streams relating to questions of ethnicity, sexuality and disability. Given that the Diocese in Europe is one of the most culturally and geographically diverse in the Church of England, it is important that as many of us as possible participate in this survey. It is crucial that our experience and insights are included in this significant research, and that the Diocese in Europe contributes to the overall conclusions. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

KEEPING COOL IN THE *CANICULE*

For the second summer in succession, France has experienced excessive heat, with temperatures exceeding 40 degrees centigrade in many parts of the country. This makes life – and work – especially demanding. As well as keeping an eye on vulnerable groups and their well-being, chaplaincies need to ensure that

- adequate air conditioning is available in chaplains' homes where necessary.

- Where chaplaincies are welcoming locum chaplains for an extended period over the summer, it is essential that appropriate equipment is in place, such as fans and, where necessary, air conditioning units.
- Please remember also that there is long-standing legislation in France that does not require anyone to work in temperatures in excess of 35 degrees.

Our places of worship, especially where we are welcomed to use ancient churches, can be cooler locations. Nonetheless, worship has been uncomfortable for some communities this year. Please ensure that

- There is plenty of water on hand for people who may become dehydrated and that there is good ventilation.
- Opportunities are explored to hold worship in shaded outdoor areas where practical and appropriate.
- Chaplaincies have a strategy in place for dealing with medical emergencies in the extreme heat – as much for the young as the not so young!

LOOKING FORWARD FROM LYON

The Archdeaconry Synod of France and Monaco of 2019 gathered in Domaine Lyon St Joseph, once a Roman Catholic Diocesan seminary for Lyon, in a delightful location on the outskirts of the city, providing comfortable facilities, welcome hospitality and good food. A real bonus was having a spacious and inviting chapel separate from our main conference hall. Worship and Bible study was the framework within which we engaged with issues of communication, conflict, safeguarding, and the wider mission of the Diocese, as well as an update on Brexit. The worship was led by a variety of clergy and lay ministers, with the Archdeacon sharing presidency of the Eucharist (and preaching) with the three Area Deans. **Tonie Chandler** was also commissioned by the Archdeacon as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union. The

worship was greatly enhanced by the musical leadership of **Adrian Shaw** and his team.

A full report can be found on the Archdeacons website at https://anglicanfrance.fr/wp-content/uploads/2019_Synod_Report-Summary-MW.pdf

The 2020 Archdeaconry Synod will return to St Jacut de la Mer in Brittany, from the afternoon of Wednesday 29th April until the morning of Saturday 2nd May. Further details to follow.

NEW DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The Diocese has launched a new publication. *European Anglicans*, a selection of stories from across the Diocese in the first half of this year. The online version of the publication is available now and can be accessed here: <https://europe.anglican.org/downloads/europeananglicans-springsummer2019.pdf>

Please do send any feedback to **Damian Thwaites**, the Diocesan Communications Director, as well as any news stories and articles damian.thwaites@europe.anglican.org

CONTINUING TO KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN FOCUS



In France, the Church of England is part of the [Diocese in Europe](#) and a Christian presence in over 80 different [locations](#) serving a diverse, international, English-speaking population. We work closely with our ecumenical partners in other Christian churches. We are a focus for worship, outreach, prayer, sanctuary and

nurture. One of the ways we can express our sense of belonging is through the **Archdeacons website** which is a gathering-place for news and information. There is a lot happening in our chaplaincies, and it is important that we share ideas and initiatives with each other, as well as provide visitors to France with a sense of what our churches offer.

- What are the good news stories you can share more widely?
- Are you exploring new ways of worship, outreach, exploring the faith, and being more integrated in your local communities?
- What can you offer visitors and those new to your area?
- How is the community of faith making a difference to peoples' lives?

Please make sure your social media feeds (e.g. Twitter) are followed by the Diocesan and Church of England feeds.

BUILDING PEACE A CENTURY ON

A symposium organised by the Conference of European Churches commenced in Paris on 10 September, bringing into focus the legacy of the 1919 Paris Peace Conference, which resulted in the encounter of Allied powers following the end of the First World War, and the establishing peace terms. A series of dialogues, lectures and photographs is available at <http://www.ceceurope.org/cec-peace-conference-begins-learning-from-the-past-envisioning-future/>

The resources may be especially useful to chaplaincies and other groups who wish to reflect on peace-building, justice and reconciliation in a European context.

TRAVELS, MEETINGS & DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS

The Archdeacon is continuing to visit chaplaincies regularly, and is giving particular priority to chaplaincies in vacancy – or that are about to become vacant. Before the summer holidays, he visited **Vendée, Poitou-Charentes, Fontainebleau, Chantilly and Pau**, as well as delivering a paper on Anglicanism at the **Institut Catholique de Paris**. He also attended ecumenical meetings in **Alsace** and **Paris** as part of his membership of the **Forum Chrétien Francophone**, and the **Reuilly Contact Group**, which is the Church of England's forum for conversations with the Reformed and Protestant churches in France.

More recent – and forthcoming – visits include **Pas de Calais**, where our partners from the Diocese of Canterbury and USPG met to support Kirrilee Reid's ministry there; along with **Maison-Laffitte, Lorgues, Marseille, St Michael's, Paris** and **Lyon**. At the beginning of November, he is preaching at **Keble College, Oxford**.

You can keep up to date with the Archdeacon's visits via his Twitter feed **@gaularchdeacon**.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCHES IN FRANCE

The Archdeaconry website has important information about the legislative requirements for churches and non-profit organizations. Each chaplaincy in France is individually responsible for ensuring that it is complying with both the **Association 1901 Act** 1901 (which regulates how religious and charitable organizations may use their money, including outreach and mission giving to other organizations); and the **Association 1905 Act** (which concerns buildings for worship and the ministry of churches and their personnel). There are helpful links (in French and English) that can be accessed here:

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/resources/french-law-on-non-profit-organisations-1901-and-1905-associations/>

IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT & A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

On the first Sunday of Advent (1 December), the scriptural focus of our worship begins afresh at the beginning of a new Christian year, and readings from Matthew's Gospel will feature prominently at the principal services and celebrations. Among the many resources available to assist those preparing worship, the Diocese's own Exploring Faith in Europe blog offers weekly reflections on the Sunday readings:

<https://faithineurope.net>

Among more recently published material is ***Everyday Conversations with Matthew*** by John Holdsworth (SCM Press), and a new edition of ***Matthew*** by the leading American ethicist and theologian Stanley Hauerwas (also SCM Press).



**everyday
conversations
with matthew**
john holdsworth

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE WITH BISHOP ROBERT'S NEWS

The Bishop writes a regular blog which offers reflections on current issues, travels within the Diocese, as well as aspects of his ministry in the wider Church.

Over the summer, Bishop Robert spent some time on retreat in **Jerusalem** with other bishops from around the Anglican Communion, to prepare next year's Lambeth Conference. He has also recently visited our chaplaincies in **Dinard, Ankara, Zurich** and **Voorschoten**. He regularly reflects on the interface between faith and issues of political and cultural interest, as well as posting recent sermons and addresses.

<https://bishopineurope.wordpress.com/>