**ANGLICAN ARCHDECONRY OF FRANCE AND MONACO**

**BREAKOUT GROUPS HELD ON 17 APRIL 2021**

Points for discussion

 a) Looking Back: what are we missing and what are we not missing in the life of our Chaplaincies as a result of the Covid pandemic

 b) Looking Forward: What are we doing today that we want to keep

 c) Looking Forward: What do we want to do in the coming months and years

**A COLLATED SUMMARY OF THE FEEDBACK FROM THE SEVEN GROUPS**

**a) Looking Back: what are we missing and what are we not missing in the life of our Chaplaincies as a result of the Covid pandemic**

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| **WHAT WE MISS** | **WHAT WE DON'T MISS** |
| WORSHIP- The physical presence of services, singing, Eucharist etc, doing the Peace the old way- The ability to meet for worship when and where we like (ie. the inability to have evening worship because of curfew).YOUTHWORK- Youth work and Sunday School – stopped or paused. OUTREACH- Ecumenical events, Carol services and WPCU services.- Maintaining our evangelism, invitational mission and outreach events.SOCIAL ASPECTS- Fellowship and social interaction, the social life of Church, coffee chats, fundraising events.Christmas, - The easier communication with our French neighbours CONTACT- Those people unable to engage online.- Personal contact, physical contact- Summer visitorsFINANCES- Our income. | - Travel (long distances, late at night etc)- Inconsequential and unfocused meetings - meeting just for the sake of it- Routine events & fund-raising, which had become automatic (taking a breather gives time to re-think them).- Sitting in cold churches |

**b) Looking Forward: What are we doing today that we want to keep**

* Zoom (accepting we get tired by it, frustrated at times with technological problems etc)
* Live-streamed services both local and Diocesan
* Some ‘different’ and ‘deeper’ ways of sharing have happened, it seems, more easily on-line
* Nature – less travel, quietness of nature when less traffic
* Fun ways of connecting on-line to enjoy social/community time as well as Bible studies etc
* Hybrid church
* Enable disabled, house-bound people or non-churchgoers to attend services and everyone to attend funerals at a distance

**c) Looking Forward: What do we want to do in the coming months and years**

TECHNOLOGY

* Better rationalisation of technology/face to face – how to make best use of time
* Avoid too much online fatigue
* Become more technology proficient
* Understand better the theology of sacramental worship vis a vis on-line worship
* Zoom training
* Develop youth work online

SHARING RESOURCES

* Build a shared responsibility for pastoral care across our communities
* Local solutions as well as France- or Diocese-wide
* There is scope for more large central services transmitted online, perhaps direct to our Churches.
* Pulpit sharing

ENVIRONMENT

* A more environmental outlook in churches, better use of resources

PASTORAL CARE

* We need to think ‘outside the box’ about ways to reach out with our pastoral care and services.

WORSHIP

* Hybrid church – often this builds up the community, but it also can reduce the numbers actually attending church in person.
* Internationality and Diversity - opening up from a (semi) exclusive British church to English speakers from all nationalities.

ALSO

* Work on stewardship to re-build income