

Synod Report 2017/2018 Anglican Chaplaincy Caen.

We have had a great year with some wonderful events and some changes in clergy, I will start with Christmas 2017 and follow from there.

Just before Christmas we shared in the ecumenical service of the reception of the Peace light of Bethlehem. We were invited to participate by the RC Bishop Jean-Claude Boulanger.



A very touching moment occurred when the Bishop invited all the ministers present to light the flame of Faith together. Then from this flame, the peace light of Bethlehem was distributed by the scouts to all the congregation. The same afternoon Fr Douglas received in the chaplaincy's name The light of Bethlehem during our Eucharist service.

Our Carol service with the choir of St Georges Paris led by Peter Hicks was very much appreciated as usual. The service was led by Father Andrew and Pere Berthout curate of la Trinite parish Caen was our guest and gave a reading.

Our Chaplaincy was indeed privileged to have a concelebrated Eucharist with Fr Douglas presiding and assisted by Fr Robert and Fr Matthew, the

three Priests who serve us in Caen.



Sunday, 16 July 2017

Ceremony in commemoration of the Jewish victims during the Vichy regime and homage to the "Righteous among the Nations" of France

This is the national day of Remembrance of the Jewish victims of the Vichy regime during the Nazi occupation of France. In just two days in July 1942 over thirteen thousand Jews were arrested and detained in Paris before being sent to the death camps.



Michelle, our Ecumenical Officer, was officially invited to the ceremony and she read a prayer specially written for the occasion along with representatives of the Caen Jewish community, the local Christian denominations and the Caen Muslim community.

Farewell Fr Rob!



Our beloved Fr Rob Varty will be leaving France soon after serving the Caen Chaplaincy (as well as many other communities) for 13 years.

Thank you so much, Fr Rob, for your wonderful dedication as part of the pastoral team for all these years!