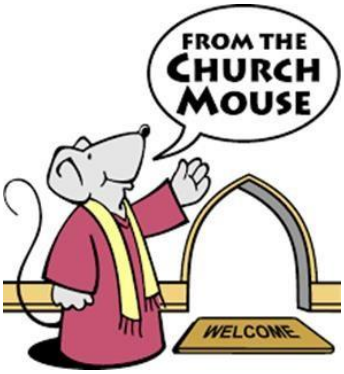


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The Autumn Giving Campaign – November update.

Our campaign is now well under way.

Rev. Paul and I have almost completed their session of visits to the individual congregations, with the final one at Cahors scheduled to take place on Sunday 15th November.

At each visit, we have briefed everyone on the campaign: both in terms of the time and talents that the chaplaincy needs for its ongoing development, and to secure a sound financial base for us to be able to go forward into the future. Each session gave us the opportunity to explain a number of areas which needed better understanding and better planning, but the overall response has been positive.

We are now moving into the second phase of our campaign which has been handed over to each congregations lay representatives. They have been asked to ensure that you have received the presentation pack which gives you full information about the campaign. They then will be contacting you either individually or as families or groups, to discuss with you the information you have received. After that their role is to gently encourage you both to use your practical skills and increase your financial contributions to ensure the well-being of the chaplaincy.

Asking people to give time and money is not easy, so a webinar for the lay representatives was organised by Maggie Herbert from the Communications group. Its purpose was to brief each of them on the best way to handle such meetings, so that everyone involved would feel at ease with the information provided, and the following action which is being given. This end of this second phase is the most important as we need you to return your pledge form directly to me in the envelope in your pack, and please will you help me by doing so by the end of November.

I will be following up the results from your pledge forms in December, and we hope to be able to give you details of the success in the year's end issue of the Church Mouse.

Ross Jenkins



The Reason we are all here.

A Daily Prayer for our Chaplaincy Stewardship Campaign.

Almighty God, everything we have is a gift from you -our time, our unique gifts, and our financial resources.

Help us to slow down and make space for what truly matters in our life of faith and guide us to use our strengths and talents to lift others up and make a real difference. Give us open hands and generous hearts to invest in your vision for our future.

Amen

This prayer is linked in with the Autumn Giving Campaign, and it is asked that it is woven into the Intercessions at every service.





NEWS FROM CAHORS

Once again Terre Rouge held their annual All Souls All Saints Service, with 45 names on our Remembrance Brochure. This service started in 2010. The photo shows the Editor on the left and Revd June in the right.

Sad news – we heard at the end of the service that Ginny Tidy had died – both she and John moved back to the UK just over a year ago. Sadly, John Tidy died in June 2026.







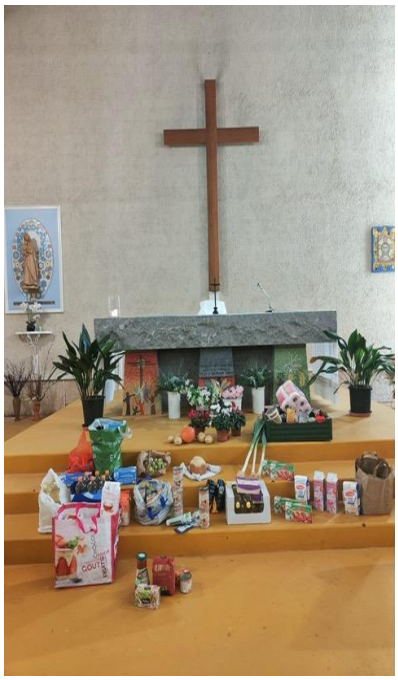
Lectern Fall for Remembrance at Cahors.



Although this Lectern Fall is Only used once a year – it Was brought out on the 8th. November for our Remembrance Service at Cahors. The poppies are Hand pieced and stitched Hexagons in two cotton fabrics, surrounded by a black cotton border.
Thank you, Andrea Higginson, For another beautiful lectern Fall.

NEWS FROM TOULOUSE – Sam Silverthorn







We had a lovely Harvest festival service, led by Revd Paul.
Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to send a large donation of goods to Secours Catholique.
After the service Ross, our treasurer, and Revd Paul presented the Autumn giving campaign to us all, with the themes of Time, talents and treasure. A good message for us as we could give thanks for what we have received and think about how we can give to the church.



Carol Services the Chaplaincy



Toulouse - 9 lessons and Carols 7th December 19h.30 at Pibrac.

Cahors-
9 lessons and Carols – 10th December at Gourdon at 19h.00.

Terre Rouge – 9 lessons and Carols – 6th December at 10h.00

Betaille – 9 lessons and Carols – Sunday 6th December at 15h.30

Carcassonne - Wednesday 16th December at 18h.00 Annual service of 9 Lessons & Carols at St Pierre, Alaigne. Caylus & Brens Monday 14th December – carols and Lessons at St Antonin Noble Val – 10am.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY -November 22nd, 2026, or the nearest date in you worship centre calendar.

Safeguarding Sunday has been an annual event in the Church of England calendar in the month of November for the last 8 years. Churches throughout parishes in England and the Diocese of Europe have been celebrating this event with a particular theme each year. This year the theme is: **LOVE PROTECTS**

Because love protects. Always. This Safeguarding Sunday, let's embrace protection not as a duty, but as one of the most beautiful expressions of our faith. Because when we truly understand that love protects, safeguarding stops being something we must do and becomes something we can't help but do. In everyday terms, safeguarding means:

- Protecting children and adults from abuse, neglect, exploitation and mistreatment
- Preventing harm to a person's health, wellbeing or development
- Noticing early when something isn't right and offering support before a situation worsens
- Responding appropriately when there are concerns, so people get the help and protection they need
- Creating a culture of safety, so people can flourish in safe, respectful relationships and environments

Why safeguarding matters in churches

Churches are often built around trust, welcome, community and service. These are all positive and powerful strengths, but they can also create risk when boundaries are unclear, power and authority is misused, or concerns are minimised or covered up.

Safeguarding matters because:

- Abuse can happen anywhere, including faith settings
- People may disclose harm in church because it feels safe and trusted
- Good safeguarding protects everyone – those who may be harmed, those who have been have been harmed.

Safeguarding is not about suspicion or bureaucracy; it is a form of care: taking responsibility so that people can participate confidently and safely

The Safeguarding team are putting together an Intergenerational service for this special day. There will be an order of service and Homily provided for all worship centres. I look forward to hearing how your Safeguarding Service went in your worship centre.

Celia Scott – Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer





Revd Paul has given us a real boost by organising a regular Evening prayer every Tuesday At 18h.30 (French time)
For the very first time we will have A Chaplaincy wide Zoom service on November 29th – a 5th Sunday) starting at 11am
More details to follow.

CONFIRMATION

Revd Paul is asking, There maybe people in each of your worship centres, who would really appreciate the opportunity to be Confirmed, and/or Baptised.
The likely date will be early March next year, when one of our Bishops will make a visitation to the SW Deanery.
Please ask your congregations, and let me know numbers and names as soon as possible
names as soon as you can.

NEWS FROM BRENS – thank you Peter Burd





Hello! I'm Rebecca Silverthorn, the new Website Manager for ACMPA. I grew up as part of the Toulouse congregation and am now based in Bristol. I designed the new website last year, in collaboration with the Communications Committee. If you have any queries or feedback regarding the website, please contact me on. Thank you.
webmaster@churchinmidipa.org

December – Toulouse - Notices.

6th - Christingle
7th at 19h30 in Pibrac - 9 Lessons and Carols
13th at 12;30 for a shared
lunch followed by a service at 14h30 with the Malagassy Anglican Community - Carols and Communion for Christmas
20th Nativity Play and Holy Communion
25th at 11h00 Prayers and Carols for Christmas Day





One of the Charities we support in Cahors is Aide et Espoir. Each Year at Christmas, they put on a Beautiful Christmas Concert. The concert starts at 17h.30.

Aide et Espoir aux Réfugiés-Help and Hope for Refugees www.aider-helpandhope.org

The beautiful Chrysanthemum – Gill Heyworth

November 1st is a very special day in France – it is called Toussaint and is similar to All Souls and All Saints. All of us will notice that a few weeks before, pots of chrysanthemums in all their glorious colours start appearing on roundabouts, supermarkets and florists. As we reach Toussaint which is a public holiday, cemeteries throughout France are covered in flowers, their plots weeded and stones cleaned.





When we were in Japan we visited the Imperial Gardens and heard the whole history of the Chrysanthemum Throne – the gardens were full of chrysanthemums.





The Imperial Status and Sacred Tradition the Introduction (8th century CE): came via Buddhist monks and Korea, the flower captured the hearts of Japanese nobility.
The Imperial Crest: Adopted by the Japanese Imperial Family, the 16-petaled chrysanthemum became the symbol of the **Chrysanthemum Throne**, and the highest national honour became the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum.
The Festival of Happiness: Celebrated during *Kiku no Sekku* (National Chrysanthemum Day), one of Japan's five ancient sacred festivals.





EVERY POPPY COUNTS

NEWS FROM THE AUDE – Thank you Margaret.

Our service will be a Remembrance Day Eucharist led by Revd Canon Tony Jewiss, whom we welcome back from his long sojourn in the USA over summer.

This is the day when we remember all who have served to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. If you have served in the military, please wear your medals on your left breast; if you have the medals of another family member and wish to wear them to honour their service please wear those medals on your right breast.

We will have Royal British Legion poppies available for you on the day. A donation is requested for each poppy, and those donations will be passed to the RBL in France. There will be refreshments available after the service and a chance for you to chat and enjoy fellowship.

NEWS FROM LIGHT BEAM – CAHORS – Thank you Kate.









From Kate Clark who teaches at this school in India on-line Cahors supports the Charity Lightbeam – and this is their Diwali Project.
The exact date of Diwali is 8th November and is the Hindu Festival of Lights and runs over 5 days.

