

**ACTIVITY REPORTS for the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be held on 9 APRIL 2013**

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Assistant Chaplain's Report

So much has happened since my arrival and yet there is so much that I have yet to experience in Luxembourg (most notably Easter). Caroline and I have enjoyed our time here so far, but we are really still settling in. My time here began well – thank you all for providing such a warm welcome. I feel a special note of thanks is due to Chris Lyon who has been the source of much help and support during these early months.

Christmas was a particularly interesting time for us with Malachi in hospital for almost a week, arriving home on Christmas Eve. We feel extremely blessed for all the kindness offered to us and the prayers offered for us at that time. Thank you all.

There have also been plenty of working experiences too.

Celebrating and preaching on Sundays. Hopefully I have enabled and contributed to encounters with God.

Teaching in the European School. This has been an enjoyable return to teaching and what has turned out to be a precious opportunity to work with young people in Luxembourg. It is always exciting to find young people who express such creative and challenging ideas about faith, life, religion, the world and God.

Junior Church. Working with the co-ordinators to renew the Sunday activities for young people, ensuring that church is for them also.

My first Luxembourg wedding. Quite different from anything I have done before, but a wonderful Christmas time occasion in the beautiful surroundings of the Protestant Church.

Lent study course. Discussing with others how we can glimpse God in our lives and sharing our faith stories with each other.

Luxembourg funerals. Getting used to the time restrictions while endeavouring to provide the care and support needed.

Teenage Confirmation classes. We have been few in number, but it has been a pleasure to explore issues of faith and religion with such young enquirers.

So far my experiences have been interesting and rewarding. I look forward to more of the same in the coming year.

Blessings

Andy Markey

Churchwardens' Report

It has been a fairly eventful twelve months in the Anglican Church of Luxembourg and, as usual, the Churchwardens have been surfing the wave.

The Chaplain succumbed to gallstones and was relieved of them in April, a mere ten days before the arrival of the Bishop for Confirmation Day. These events coincided with the search for an Assistant Chaplain and intense activity on the part of interested property developers, throughout which the Churchwardens assisted and supported the Chaplain.

The Reverend Andy Markey was confirmed as Assistant Chaplain after a complex but interesting recruitment process involving the Chaplain and Churchwardens and overseen by the Bishop's Chaplain and Acting Archdeacon, Meurig Williams.

The Churchwardens were signatories with others to the Act of Liquidation of the ESCC asbl in June. There was general rejoicing as the intricacies of dissolution had caused the winding up to drag on for many years, especially as, in the end, the costs were minimal.

A process investigating the financing of Cultes was initiated by the Luxembourg government, and several meetings of varying levels of interest have been attended by the Chaplain, Churchwardens and others. The work of the Anglican Church in Luxembourg was admirably delineated by the Chaplain.

Property meetings have continued to take place over the entire year, and there is the possibility that there may soon be concrete proposals to present to the Congregation.

The Churchwardens have frequent meetings with the Chaplains, and are always happy to hear of issues which members of the congregation feel should be discussed.

Catherine Allen and Chris Vaudrey

Ordinand's Report

As you likely already know, I am sponsored by the Anglican Church of Luxembourg for training for ordained ministry. I thought that it might be helpful for you to know a bit about what that training means and how it takes place.

I am in my first year of a three-year training programme. Due to family commitments, I have chosen to engage in part-time, part-residential training. In the Diocese of Europe, that means training with the Eastern Region Ministry Course that is based in Cambridge.

That training is comprised of three parts:

- Academic Studies through the Cambridge Theological Federation. In my case, this will lead to an MA Pastoral Theology, with the studies spread over three years (two years of taught modules and one year of dissertation work);
- Six Formational Training weekends and Summer School each year. In these we address areas such as pastoral theology and skills relating to suffering, healing, death and dying, and conflict transformation, just to name a few;
- Local Ministry. This entails practical work such as preaching and leading services. In the second year, there will be Summer placements, most likely in England.

Spiritual development is an inherent aspect of this training and formation. Prayer is at the core of all of it, which deepens the sense of God's love and mercy for all. This takes place while growing in faith and love, and in my own understanding of being utterly reliant on God. And my own sense of God's call to ordained ministry is growing through this process.

As you might imagine, the experience is both richly rewarding and highly demanding. While the training is part-time, the effects of formation are anything but part-time; they are deep and all-encompassing. Engaging with the kinds of reflections that all of this brings, has a significant impact upon my theological views and my interactions with people, not least with my family. It is an experience of significant change.

On a logistical level, my academic coursework is taught in Cambridge and requires my weekly attendance during term-time, which means a day of travel and overnight stay each week. On some weeks, I have a day in Cambridge, return to Luxembourg and then leave on Friday morning for a weekend of training near Norwich. The impact on the family is understandably significant, on a number of levels.

I have very much appreciated the words of encouragement that I have received from this congregation and I want you to know how important that is to me. Going forward, I will be most grateful for offers of support in prayer, particularly relating to the wisdom, love and perseverance required to grow into this ministry, and for my loving family on this journey.

Susan Bolen
April 2013

Child Protection Report

Training

There has been less demand for training over the past year but I have continued to train small groups and individuals as the need has arisen. I feel there is cause for concern that insufficient numbers of people are coming forward to work with the children in our church. (A training session offered in January was cancelled as only one person signed up for it). The main interest for child protection training has come from the Guides with whom I had a session last Autumn.

As I pointed out last year, the previous Assistant Chaplain's (Joan Lyon) departure has deprived us of an important link - she was the person who sought out and encouraged people to become involved in working with our children. It has been less easy to recruit new volunteers without her involvement.

Health and Safety

I carried out a "health and safety" check on 17 March 2013. The first-aid kits were in place as was the accident file. All the fire extinguishers are checked annually. The fire escape doors all opened easily but there was some blockage from boxes on the stairs leading down from the door near the vestry. The Assistant Chaplain (Andy Markey) cleared these immediately.

I asked the Junior Church teachers and the Crèche helpers on duty if they wished to raise any matters about health and safety issues but nothing was mentioned.

Other

The Chaplain (Chris Lyon) and I had a meeting at the Vicarage on 18 March 2013 with two representatives from the English-speaking Catholic Church in Luxembourg. They have been asked to establish a child protection policy for their church and this was an initial meeting to find out how we could help them.

Hilary Cole, Child Protection Officer, 25 March 2013

Church Fair Report

- The 2012 Church Fair took place on 17 June in the Vaudreys' garden – for the 25th consecutive time there. To mark this milestone, British Ambassador the Honourable Alice Walpole presented the Vaudreys with a superb decanter bearing a small silver plaque with the inscription “Celebrating 25 years of Church Fairs in Useldange”.
- The Fair was formally opened by Mr Pollo Bodem, Mayor of Useldange.
- We were blessed with lovely warm, sunny weather throughout – the essential ingredient for a really enjoyable and successful event.
- The latest figure for the Fair's proceeds communicated to me was EUR 10,749.48, although this was at the time still subject to possible change; the “official” figure is in the accounts.
- We should not however measure the Fair's success purely in financial terms. If the event is enjoyable, brings the community together and shows off our church and our faith in a good light, then the effort has been worthwhile. From my perspective this was the case in 2012.
- One very beneficial aspect of the Fair is the sheer number of different people who give of their time and energy to make it a success. Well over 50 people contribute actively (I mean actively – it can be hard work) to it each year and those contributions matter in that if any job were not done well, the Fair would be less enjoyable in some way. The Chaplaincy and the wider community owe a debt of appreciation to each of those individuals.

Simon Norcross, Church Fair Coordinator 2012

Environmental Footprint Group Report

The Environmental Footprint Group in 2012 continued its occasional meetings on various aspects of sustaining the environment, and its mailing list has been growing steadily. The Group includes members of other churches and of none.

We started with three linked seminars on sustainability led by Katy Fox of the Centre for Ecological Learning Luxembourg. In May Andrew Hallan spoke to us about policy choices and their implications for our freedoms. Previous speakers had argued that action must be taken to preserve the environment, and Andrew explored the various types of action that can be taken – government regulation, market forces, taxation, regulation by supranational bodies, and action by individuals including political lobbying – and the implications for individuals and societies.

In July Peter Carter, Chief Environmentalist at the European Investment Bank, returned from the Rio + 20 conference and shared his impressions with us. Press comment at the time was fairly scathing that the outcome document listed aspirations rather than commitments, but Peter was able to pick out some positive elements: the Brazilian hosts had arranged matters so that the government representatives talked about the substance, rather than details of wording, the document reaffirms that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, it recognises the value of natural resources, the aspirations cover a very wide range of areas including forestry, the marine environment, education, women's reproductive health and many others, and it is accompanied by a list of more than 700 voluntary commitments by governments, agencies and NGOs.

In October Isabel Page spoke to us about her direct, hands-on experience of preserving sea turtles at the Akumal project in Mexico, the importance of the marine environment – for controlling CO₂ and regulating the climate as well as being a rich source of food and other biological resources – and the action that we can take to reduce threats to it from chemicals in sunscreens etc and various types of plastic.

Earlier this year we returned to the topic of sustainability in relation to economic growth, with Steve McCarthy leading the discussion and sharing the results of his considerable research in this area. He explored ways in which social values and attitudes would have to change in the future to achieve a sustainable economy.

More detailed reports of all our meetings are on the church website. In addition, the group has drawn members' attention to activities run by other groups working in this area: the Centre for Ecological Learning, Luxembourg, Natur & Umwelt English-speaking section, and Luxembourg University's series of public lectures on sustainability.

Philippa Seymour

First Sunday Group Report

During 2012, the First Sunday group consolidated its position as part of the musical worship within the Church. Every effort has been made to ensure that the themes of each service are respected as closely as possible and the feedback received from members of the congregation has generally been positive. The core membership of the group is solid and this helps ensure a consistent level of quality in our musical contribution.

Nevertheless, the other demands on the time of the group's members (family, international travel and work) means that we need to widen the group of musical talent we can draw on. In particular, we are heavily reliant on Jim Kent as a pianist, although Ian Kent has once again very kindly supported us when Jim has not been available. Finding a regular second pianist and some new members for the group will be critical in 2013 if it is to flourish.

Jon Grocock

Konvikt Magazine Report

The 'Konvikt', the magazine of the Anglican Church of Luxembourg, is going from strength to strength. We are currently printing 290 copies of this bi-monthly magazine which has information about the happenings in and around our church as well as spiritual musings from different members of our congregation and the world at large.

Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the magazine and to Elaine Birch, for the distribution of the Konvikt.

Any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the Konvikt and make it more spiritual are always welcome.

Rani Roloff - Konvikt Editor

Mothers Prayers Report

It has been two years since the formation of **Mothers Prayers**. It was started to help mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed.

This group follows the guide lines set by Veronica Williams, who started Mothers Prayers in England. Mothers Prayers has spread rapidly throughout the world with contacts in over 90 countries and has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations. There are now thousands of groups around the world. More information can be found on www.mothersprayers.org.

Prayers are simple and heartfelt and this brings a sense of calm and peace into our daily lives. This prayer group also offers support for those needing prayer. We bring all the pain and the worries that we have for our children before God and trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive'.

This is a hospitality as well as a prayer group as we meet in different houses to pray together. The chance for fellowship comes after prayer when we have coffee and cake and get an opportunity to discuss our lives in a Christian context.

There was also the wonderful opportunity to meet Veronica Williams in January 2013. She visited Luxembourg and it was an incredible experience to hear her speak on why she started this prayer group and to listen, first hand, to her experience.

The Mothers Prayers group is open to anyone – mothers, grandmothers, aunts or well-wishers. United in prayer we save our children. We welcome you to come and pray with us.

Our Prayer

*Lord, give me the eyes to see you in my children,
your heart to love them and your gentleness to help them grow.
Give me your wisdom to guide them,
and your strength when I need to let them go.
Amen*

Rani Roloff

Quiet Days Report

Quiet Days were held in June and in December, giving people an opportunity to step aside from the pressures and preoccupations of daily life, to reflect upon, explore and contemplate God's loving presence.

On Friday and Saturday, 29 and 30 June, participants explored the theme *Finding God in All Things* in the garden of Steve and Carol McCarthy. The days included meditation and contemplation through the use of a Labyrinth, Praying with Clay, Drawing to God, Gardening with God, a Bonfire on Friday night and a Prayer walk on Saturday. Participants also appreciated corporate meditation and worship, as well as time to 'simply be' with God.

On Friday and Saturday, 14 & 15 December, participants explored the Advent theme of *Waiting with God* at the site of an ancient prieuré - now the lovely home of Chris and Anna Vaudrey. The days included meditation through Guided reflections, Prayer with an Icon, Poetry, Praying with Clay, Drawing, and fireside contemplation.

As in June, participants appreciated corporate worship, a quiet meal and time to 'simply be' with God.

Very positive feedback was received on both of these events. Many thanks to the McCarthys and to the Vaudreys for their generous hospitality!

These events were organized and led by Susan Bolen, of the Anglican Church of Luxembourg and Steve McCarthy, of the Catholic International Parish in Luxembourg.

Susan Bolen

April 2013

Sunday School Report

Our Sunday School year runs from 1st September until 31st August. Children are placed in groups according to their age on 1st September 2012. There are three age groups: All Stars (age 3-6), Comets (6-9), and Galaxies (9-12) plus a crèche group for the youngest children called Sparklers (0-3).

We currently have 85 children (49 families) registered. All parents receive a copy of our child safe policy and on signing and returning the registration form, parents are acknowledging receipt of this.

Once the registration form is returned to the church office, name badges are printed for the child and attached to a colour-coded ribbon. This helps to easily identify which group the children belong to. It also alerts the leaders and helpers to any new children (as they don't have a badge), and the family can be welcomed and given the registration form and child safe policy.

15 adult leaders run our activities with 5 teenage helpers. All have undergone child protection training, part of which includes a criminal record background check carried out by the Luxembourg authorities. Every week there is 1 leader and 1 helper with each group, with the exception of the oldest group which just has a leader but meets in the same room as the other groups.

We are delighted to have Caroline Kafka-Markey as our new lead Coordinator. As the wife of the new Assistant Chaplain, with two young children and a wealth of professional teaching experience she is a welcome asset, who is breathing new enthusiasm into the children and leaders.

Sunday School begins in the hall with a short group worship and the theme of the day is introduced, badges given out and collection taken. For our curriculum we use the Seasons of the Spirit material; we are actively researching new material for next year.

Dana Luccock (Music Director) now leads Music Sunday on the first Sunday of every month. This was being led by Duncan Smith playing guitar, but was sporadic due to his work related travel commitments.

Every Sunday during refreshments the library is open for the children to borrow books. There is a good selection of books which the children seem to like.

The leaders and helpers meet regularly for discussion, learning and planning.

The Statement of Principles for our Work with Children and Teenagers is:

- We aim to create a secure environment of acceptance and affirmation for all.
- We work in such a way that children and young people can discover their place in the church's tradition of faith and recognise that God loves everyone, including people of other, non-Christian, faith traditions.
- We encourage questions about belief, to search for truth rather than certainty, so that they may come to see that faith and doubt are not contradictory.
- All the educational work of the church should be led by people who themselves are actively learning about faith.
- Work with children and teenagers should prepare them for engagement with the world.

In accordance with these developments we have recently undergone a name change from Sunday School to Junior Church. This reflects the fact that the difference between what is offered to children and adults is not that adults have church and children have school. Rather both groups have church, but that church experience and faith engagement is designed to reach out in appropriate ways to those groups.

Joanne Smith

Wellsprings Report

The contemplative prayer group *Wellsprings* offers a time to pray and simply be aware of God's presence, in the company of other people, in a relaxed home environment.

Wellsprings have been meeting fortnightly on Thursday evenings since early 2011. It enjoys the regular attendance of a core group of about 12 people, with a number of others who come when they are in town and available.

The sessions focus on Meditation of Scriptures and silent Contemplation, often through the ancient practice of Lectio Divina (Sacred Readings) and Ignatian Imaginative Prayer. We also take time for prayerful reflection of the day (called Examen), intercessions, the Lord's Prayer and the Grace. All of this is followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Wellsprings sessions this year have focused on themes relating to God's immeasurable love, and have drawn on readings from the Psalms, Isaiah and the Gospels.

Meditations this year have been led by Cheryl Fisher, Felix Rusere and Susan Bolen. We are happy to have Ann Thorogood on the leadership team in 2013.

Intercessions have been led by a second team of people, including Simon Norcross, Carol Birch and Ann Thorogood.

Wellsprings warmly welcomes everyone.

Susan Bolen

April 2013

Website (www.anglican.lu) Report

An average of 26.3 (2011 21.1) different people a day visited the website during 2012. The lowest monthly total was 543 in February (2011 503 in September) and the highest 1315 in December (2011 862 in June).

The website is designed to be easy to use with many internal links to make it quick to move around. Being the only publicly available overview of our church's activities it has two primary objectives:

"OUTREACH"

- Explaining "Who we are, what we do, and how to find us" to those who are looking for a church to attend in Luxembourg.
- Informing anyone interested within the Diocese of Europe and further afield.

A Google search for "Anglican Church Luxembourg" or "English Speaking Church Luxembourg" brings up our website on top of the list and in a number of the following entries, and we know that many of our new members have found us through the internet.

"INREACH"

Providing all parishioners, clergy and church officials with current and useful information for their daily involvement with church life, including:

- Dates and times of services
- Notices and event information
- Calendar of events
- Choral information
- Duties for 8 rotas, with searching by date, by name of person and by rota name
- Readings, this Sunday, last Sunday, future dates
- Photos of church activities
- Konvikt magazine archive
- Useful forms and information notes
- Church Council and AGM minutes
- Links to other websites of interest

I am grateful to everyone who supplies information on a timely and regular basis - your support is essential if the website is to remain effective - and special thanks to Maina Nkomo-Rusere for her help with the rotas and Cherry Kent for standing in for a number of weeks while the webmaster was absent.

*Chris Vaudrey,
Webmaster*

Director of Music's Report

I have so enjoyed becoming a part of this community, both in my role as Music Director since April 2012, and also in offering music at significant church events such as the Queen's Jubilee service, Church Fair, Easter Sunrise service, and Christmas lunch. It's been a joy to get to know and sing with you.

This year has seen:

- Re-establishment of a Youth Choir which rehearses for 6 weeks in the Christmas and spring seasons to prepare music for worship services
- Monthly music program for children in Junior Church
- Introduction of many new (some Canadian) Communion anthems
- Music at Church events: Christmas Lunch, Church Fair, Easter Sunrise Service
- Queen's Jubilee service in Notre Dame, music chosen and directed by Chris Vigar
- Participation in the RSCM Choir Festival in Brussels (June 2012)
- Evensong services featuring viols (Nov. & March)
- Advent carol service with guest soloist Baiba Rosenbaha
- Combined Good Friday service with Catholic Congregation in Hollerich

I'd like to continue to find opportunities for music-making to every aspect of church life. Some plans for the coming year include:

- Adult choir to host the RSCM Choir Festival in Luxembourg, June 2013
- Jubilate Deo Harvest Celebration featuring Britten's two settings of Jubilate Deo sung by the Adult Choir, as well as performances by the Youth Choir, a new Children's Choir, and 1st Sunday Group
- New communion setting to be chosen and added to our current Caesar, Greening and Merbecke settings
- Music-reading basics course for adults wanting to learn how to decipher a musical score and gain confidence singing new music
- Introduction of more world music and contemporary hymns to Sun. morning services
- Evensong services to be held regularly in St. Alphonse church

Special thanks to organists Ron Haigh, Jean Olinger, Robin Alder and Alan Carlisle for their contribution to worship services and their patience as I learn to conduct an almost completely new repertoire of hymns (we sing different ones in Canada!), and a special mention of gratitude to Edward Seymour for his support, encouragement and advisement on virtually every aspect of choral music in our church.

I have felt such a warmth and kindness from the congregation since my arrival last year, and I look forward to another year of music making in the church.

With sincere thanks,

Dana Luccock

Young Adults Group Report

The Young Adults Group (YAG) has now been active since June 2006 and we feel there is still a clear need and desire for a group of this kind. We also consider the 'young adults' tag to be very flexible – our doors are definitely open to anyone who feels comfortable with us.

After a long summer break in 2012 meetings started again in autumn with a slightly different format. Instead of meeting every second week and alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays we decided to make it a weekly meeting, every Wednesday at 8pm. The venues have been the houses of Paul and Katarina Townend and John Dimond and Victoria Byrum. We also always order pizza so that people can come straight from work and we can eat together.

Another change in the format was to take a more structured approach and follow a course – the Emmaus course was selected. It offers a framework for the meetings and potentially makes it easier to take it in turns to lead the group discussions. The aim is to remain flexible, but so far the Emmaus material has provided a useful basis for getting discussions going.

The number of people attending has not been as high as in previous periods – we will look into this after Easter and will find out from the much larger list of people on the mailing list, if they have any suggestions or ideas about the meetings. I know of a couple of people who cannot make it on Wednesdays due to other commitments.

It was decided to join up with the Lent study group while that was going on before Easter, which was a good chance for different people to meet up and see different 'sections' of the church.

We are planning a spring social event – depending on the weather – and meetings will be starting again in April.

The core activities of the group remain ensuring a regular presence and meetings in Luxembourg. One of YAG's most important aims is to act as a welcome network for anyone in the demographic arriving in Luxembourg and in that regard we intend to make a bit more effort with publicity and information about what we get up to.

Paul Townend

YAG Group

Report on the Archdeaconry Synod 11-13 October 2012 at Vaalbeck near Leuven, Belgium

The focus was: ***How can we present ourselves as a confident church?***

There was a lot to be squeezed in between Thursday 2000 hrs and Saturday 1400 hrs.

The Synod included:

- talks on:
 - *Confident Church* by the Revd. Philip North, Team Rector of the Old St Pancras Team Ministry in London
 - *Safeguarding* by the Revd. Chris Lyon
 - *Communications* by the Revd. Paul Needle (the Bishop's Press Officer)
- information about Luweero in Africa
- questions and answers with Adrian Mumford, the Diocesan Secretary
- celebrations of the Eucharist
- evening prayers
- breaks

Synod means the way or travel and if members are absent people are concerned.

Other matters touched on were:

- Translation of Common Worship Holy Communion Order 1 into Dutch
- Readers' conference 15-18 June 2013 in Cologne.
- Adrian Mumford spoke about finding clergy for the Diocese of Europe. At present there are 165 clergy of whom about two thirds (110) are stipendiary.
- It is hoped there will be four freestanding Archdeacons with effect from 1 January 2014. More news about progress towards this goal might be available in May 2013 after the UK Parliament debate.
- Commemoration of WW1 in 2014. The Revd. Brian Llewellyn (Ypres) and the Revd. Canon Robert Innes (Brussels) are involved.

Postscript: Dr Geoffrey Rowell (Bishop in Europe) is to retire in November 2013 after twelve years in office. He is 70 years old.

John Overstall,
Archdeaconry Representative

CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT 2012

The Charities Committee has met three times since the last AGM.

Following my taking over as co-ordinator the first meeting, in April, was devoted largely to reviewing the criteria that the committee had developed over the years to identify and select charities for possible support. These are, broadly, environmental and educational charities, a mix of small and large organisations, specific projects and low overhead/administrative costs. In addition, there is a predisposition to favour proposals that offer the possibility to obtain matching funds (e.g. from the Luxembourg government, the European Commission), and also to limit support for 3-5 years.

Whilst agreeing that the charities supported in 2011 namely,

- 1) Greyton Genadendal Education Fund – South Africa,
- 2) Mercy Corps – Congo,
- 3) CSI Letzebuerg - Democratic Republic of Congo,
- 4) World Vision – Romania,
- 5) Connection St Martin's – UK,
- 6) Christian Aid – Sierra Leone,

should continue to be eligible, the Committee agreed to consider other proposals. Two were subsequently received. One was deemed ineligible and the other did not respond to the additional information that the Committee requested. A third request was received too late for possible consideration. Consequently, at its second meeting in September, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Church Council that the six charities supported in 2011 should be supported again in 2012. Subsequently, as the amount of funds available for distribution, EUR 13,000, was higher than in 2011, the Committee proposed a one-off contribution to the local charity Stemm vun der Strooss in recognition of the growing incidence of poverty and deprivation in Luxembourg.

At the third meeting in February it was decided that, as the specific projects of two of the charities that the Church had been supporting had been completed, the Committee should look for new applicant projects to sponsor. In the meantime, three possible new candidates have been identified. They have been asked to provide additional information by the end of April, so that, hopefully, one or more of them can be added to the list in time for the Church Fair in June.

In closing I would like to thank the Committee members for their help and support through the year and also to say how sorry we were to lose Rani, who, because of her many other commitments, felt obliged to resign as a member of the committee.

Martin Curwen.
1 April 2013

Crèche Report 2012

During 2012 Crèche volunteers have continued to provide a fundamental service to our families with babies, toddlers and young children up to the age of 3. Out of the twelve full-time adult helpers on the rota this time last year, due to a variety of reasons, nine remain assisted by just one teenager.

In addition to this, our highly appreciated Crèche Co-Ordinator, Eyi Geers, has stepped down for the time being due to personal reasons. At the time of writing this report, the Church is urgently seeking a volunteer to take over Eyi's role in her absence. More adult and teenage volunteers are also urgently needed to take a turn on the rota, even if only once every quarter. If you can help, please contact our Assistant Chaplain, Andy Markey, directly on Andy.Markey@anglican.lu.

We have 12 babies and toddlers presently registered as attending Crèche. The register indicates that from this number we have a regular attendance of 8 babies and toddlers. We welcome Mums and Dads that remain in the Crèche until their child is comfortable with staying alone.

The Crèche room aims to be open ten minutes before the start of the 11.00 am service on Sundays. Parents and guardians are asked to complete a registration form for their children which should include medical or other special needs of the child that the Crèche volunteers should know about.

We should like to thank all those who have served on the Crèche rota in the past year for their valued help. A special thanks also goes to Brigitte Boelen who has been a pillar of support to the adult and teenage Crèche helpers by setting up the room each Sunday and playing with the toddlers.