

# **The Anglican Church of Luxembourg**

## **Assistant Chaplain's AGM Report 2015-2016**

This will be my final report as Assistant Chaplain and I wasn't even certain that I would still be here now, given how rapidly life circumstances can change. But then this is true of all life, particularly here in Luxembourg. Life in Luxembourg is so often good, but, like all human life, contains some strange and complex difficulties. There are often considerable pressures bearing down on us and I have encountered numerous people wrestling with a variety of problems. There are also needs that arise due to the peculiarities of life in Luxembourg, things which notably affect young people and families. All of this has been reflected in the amount of time and energy I have devoted to pastoral matters.

Some things more than others have shaped and defined the past year for me:

- **Junior Church.** I have continued to develop the teaching and activity plan for the Junior Church. We have gradually been working our way through the liturgical years A, B and C, following the Gospel readings from the lectionary along with the rest of our church. This is a project that is nearing conclusion, where we will have a complete 3 year activity cycle for Junior Church.
- **Worship Booklets.** This is an ongoing project that will eventually see booklets produced for use in all seasons of the liturgical calendar. The final booklets for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are nearing completion. The booklets are the result of much time and energy from the original idea formed in a meeting of the Communications Committee to the finished article in services.
- **Young Adults.** Young adults often form a sub-culture of their own, and Luxembourg is no exception. There are specific challenges and problems for young adults in Luxembourg, often requiring time and particular sensitivity to provide the correct support.
- **Work with families.** In particular with those families that are not part of our Anglican Church community. This has involved building links with and through other organisations, helping families with issues that either arise due to life here or become complicated due to life here.
- **Moving.** My contract as Assistant Chaplain ends in August of this year. Consequently much of my time has been spent planning for the future, with the usual complex mixture of employment, for both Caroline and me, family, both immediate and extended, schooling needs and possibilities for both Joshua and Malachi, as well as a whole host of other issues. The future is still unclear for us, but we are confident that it will become clearer in our final few months.

Finally, for myself and on behalf of Caroline, Joshua and Malachi, I would like to thank everyone for your support and prayers during our time here in Luxembourg. We hope that the Anglican Church of Luxembourg will continue to move forward into the future.

*Blessings*

*Andy Markey*