

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF LUXEMBOURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday 24 March 2011
6.30 pm, the Vicarage

MINUTES

Present: The Rev'd Chris Lyon, the Rev'd Joan Lyon, Catherine Allen (Churchwarden), Tania Buhr (Secretary), Moira Hogg, Sarah Parkhouse (Treasurer), Felix Rusere.

1. Welcome

The Chaplain welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending this special Council meeting, called at very short notice.

2. New development

There had been a very surprising new development which would have many consequences for the congregation. It had just been confirmed on Monday 21 March that the Assistant Chaplain had been appointed to a new job in England. She would be licensed on 8 September 2011 as a team vicar in charge of 4 out of the 8 rural parishes covered by the Sole Bay team ministry in East Suffolk. Apart from ministering to the congregations and the many tourists visiting the area, her remit would also include promoting the use of the church buildings for cultural purposes. The Council congratulated Joan Lyon on her new appointment and said she would be very much missed in Luxembourg.

3. & 4. Proposed communication to the leadership group of the Church later that evening & Communication to the whole congregation by e-mail

The immediate question was how to announce this to the congregation and to the rest of the Church Council. The Council read and proposed minor amendments to the letter drawn up by the Chaplains which they proposed to send by e-mail, firstly, that evening, to the other members of the Council who had not been able to attend the special Council meeting and to the leadership group of the Church (the Council approved the proposed list of addressees of this message), and, secondly, the following day (Friday 25 March), to the rest of the congregation. At the next Council meeting, to be held on 6 April, the Council would talk about further consequences for the congregation/Chaplains.

5. Sunday 27 March, order of events

The Chaplain would take both services and would preach, and the Assistant Chaplain would say something to the congregation about her new appointment.

6. Consequences for the agenda of the Council meeting to be held on 6 April 2011

The agenda would include discussion of Joan Lyon's departure; how and when to go about replacing her, given that it would take between 6 and 9 months to get someone in the job; the question of accommodation for the Chaplain and the replacement – the Vicarage would be too big for the Chaplain on his own, the

replacement could perhaps be housed in the Vicarage; and the sound system for the chapel (the quote had now risen to 8 000 or 9 000 euro).

Catherine Allen suggested that the by-election for appointing Council candidates scheduled for 10 April be brought forward to 3 April so that the newly appointed Council members could then be involved in the discussions at the 6 April meeting about the consequences of Joan's appointment.

7. Closing prayer

The meeting was closed at 7.30 p.m.