

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg

Lay Pastoral Assistant AGM Report for 2017-2018

- I continue to be responsible for Junior Church, including planning all the lessons / resources (see separate report).
- I have had particular responsibility for all-age services. There is now a 'Questions to Consider' document for the First Sunday Group (FSG) to help them as they select the music.
- Our Christian Classics Book Club started in September 2017 as a vehicle for gentle discipleship education and mission outreach (see separate report).
- As part of the Communications Team I usually take the Minutes; I am also one of the administrators of the church Facebook page.
- I received Diocesan training to become a Level 2 Safeguarding Trainer for the NW Archdeaconry (Level 4 training) and I am now part of the training team.
- I developed and organised two new services offered as trial balloons: the Iona Service of Prayers for Healing with Laying-on of Hands (22.11.2017) and a Blue Christmas service (21.12.2017). The Church Council judged these to have been successful.
- Chaplaincy prayer life: together with Carol Birch, the intercessors' rota leader, I provided training for intercessors; created a monthly 'Prayers for the Chaplaincy', including a liturgy booklet to support whoever turns up to do it; created resources for Advent, Lent and Holy Week to support and encourage faith beyond Sunday mornings; took the initiative to organise a Lent Course for this year and led two of the five sessions.
- As an ordinand, I am in the second of three years of training with the Eastern Region Ministry Course, with the expectation that I will be ordained in June / July 2019. Formational elements are delivered during six weekends in the year and a summer school, and I am also completing an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission accredited by Durham University. Placements are part of the training, and I have spent time this year at a church in the UK.
- I am very grateful to the Churchwardens for their practical and moral support and enthusiastic engagement with the new initiatives of this past year.

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