

Churchwarden's report

During 2016 St. George's Andorra held 12 services of Holy Communion, an Easter sunrise service on a mountain top, an informal Ascension Day Holy Communion Service at home, a Christmas Eve Carol Service at La Massana, and 6 services of CD recorded Prayer and Praise.

The total number of attendees for the year was only one less than the previous year, but with two less services the average attendance shows an increase of two. Whilst these figures are important and of interest to those who analyse statistics I am reluctant to emphasise the "what we have achieved" aspect. We should instead praise the Lord for answering our prayers, thanking Him for His help and guidance.

That we have been able to continue as a chaplaincy has only been made possible by council members Anthea, Brenda, Clare, John, Leela, Tiffany, and Valerie each giving of their time and individual talents, for which many thanks. We continue to be grateful to the Roman Catholic church for allowing us to use the Santa Maria del Fener building as if it were our own, as well as to council members for their willingness to open their homes to hold services and bible studies. We are thankful to all the chaplains who have been able to travel to us through the year, especially to Canon Mel Smith and his family for also preparing worship CD's and ministering to us in this way.

Over the past few years it has become increasingly apparent that for us to continue as a Chaplaincy without a chaplain was becoming impractical. As I indicated at the beginning of this church year, after 12 years as Churchwarden it was important that I not seek re-election but that we should look for new ways to continue as a church. As I write this report, a procedure for organisational change has commenced, the proposition being for us to become part of the Barcelona congregation. Whilst the wheels have been set in motion, we should continue to pray for guidance for us all, in particular for our Synod representatives, the Bishop, and all those involved in the process. We should continue to pray thanks to the Lord for sending Revs Deborah and John Chapman to make the concept possible and for the warm and supportive welcoming agreement from the Barcelona congregation. With these prayers I can conclude with gratitude for the past, and hope, happiness, and excitement for the future.

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