

How are we organized?

The Anglican Chaplaincy in Strasbourg is part of the Church of England Diocese of Europe, which in turn is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, one of the largest denominations in the world. Anglicans see themselves as both Catholic and Reformed in their understanding of the Christian faith and of Church order. However, the comprehensive nature of our Church means that we are able to welcome people from diverse Christian backgrounds. We are happy that our Chaplaincy in Strasbourg acts as a spiritual home for Christians of many different denominations.

Our activities

Chaplaincy Council

The Council meets every month to manage the Church's finances, to take executive decisions and to give guidance to our church groups. The Council is composed of three ex-officio members (the Chaplain, the Associate Chaplain and the Reader), and 13 members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Council Members are available to discuss Church affairs with members of the congregation. The Church is an "Association culturelle" under French law.

One World Group

Outward giving is the purpose of this Group to which all members are welcome. 10% of the donated income is allocated to humanitarian projects in Alsace, France and further afield. The choice of these projects is inspired by requests coming directly from Church members.

Sunday School & Crèche

During the Sunday Service, except in the school holidays, the Crèche takes care of infants and small children while the older children are given basic religious education at Sunday School. Our teenagers also participate in outside activities such as weekends in retreat centres or trips to interesting spiritual locations such as Taizé.



Prayer Group and educational activities

The Prayer Group meets one evening each month for reading, discussion and prayer. A Women's Bible Study Group meets every other week on a Tuesday morning. Other meetings are organised from time to time, such as Bible study courses, Alpha Group meetings and Lent courses. Baptism and Confirmation classes for children and adults are organised whenever needed.

Music

Music is the soul of a church service and all are welcome to choir practice each Friday evening. The Choirmaster is always on the look-out for musical talent and new musicians. The Choir sings in Church on alternate Sundays and the Organist faithfully plays at all the services. Psalms and hymns are selected to give a very varied range of traditional and modern music in the weekly worship.

Sunday Rota

Every week, a small team of volunteers ensures that everyone receives a warm welcome when they arrive for the service. Afterwards, others organise a friendly get-together with coffee and refreshments.

Hospitality Group

To help us get to know one another better, Church members organise several Sunday lunches each year. Other events, as well as providing opportunities for fellowship and outreach, can contribute additional funds for the Chaplaincy - Burns Night in January, Africa evening, concerts and shows with choral and musical groups from other congregations in Strasbourg.

Pastoral care

The Chaplain is available at any hour of the day or night in cases of pastoral need, or for ministry to the sick. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved so that Holy Communion may be given at any time, and the traditional ministries of anointing and sacramental confession are also available by arrangement with the Chaplain.

Reaching out

The Good News of the Christian faith is for everyone and we welcome all who wish to explore their faith alongside us. Anglicans see themselves as a 'bridge' between the Reformed Churches on the one hand and the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches on the other; helping to break down barriers and bring people together. So it is natural to find many denominations represented in our Chaplaincy here in Strasbourg.