

Key Points from the Council Meeting 23/9/19

- Hazel's helpful Training Day workshop has resulted in two more people coming forward to help with administration of the chalice. They will join the rota once the Archdeacon has given permission and they have completed Level 1 of Safeguarding.
- Hazel presented a revised version of the leaflet 'What if I should die in France?' which is now available. Fees for Occasional Offices (Weddings and Funerals) and Travel Expenses have not been revised in our Chaplaincy since 2012. Our Treasurer Iain is looking into bringing them into line with the average.
- Council are looking at effective ways to increase revenues from fundraising, whilst maintaining our focus on mission. Current economic uncertainties make it difficult to estimate cost increases. Fundraising is essential to meet this challenge.
- Social events are a core activity, alongside worship, of our communal life. Council felt that often the burden of organisation falls on just one or two people. It is important, particularly for insurance purposes, that Council are aware of events held under the auspices of ASV. To aid communication it was decided to form a small Social Events Committee to ensure clear programming and publicity, and widen the pool of helpers. Keep an eye out in Grapevine for the details for the next Quiz (the 50th!), the Christmas Meal, and Christmas Draw, all taking place in November and December.
- Revd Bob Wharton (who with his wife Sue attended ASV before they moved to set up their retreat centre near Ruffec) has drawn up, at Council's request, a proposal for a Quiet Day - 'A time to listen to God and one another'. Still at discussion stage, this is envisaged to take place in early March 2020, and would be open to all. Further details to follow.