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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVING BELGIUM

## **The Mission of All Saints' Church**

We welcome all with joy to our spiritual home.

We seek to share and to deepen our faith and our love of God through Anglican worship, pastoral care, Christian nurture, and vibrant community life.

## **The Mission of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe**

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe is a welcoming community that knows God loves all people – no exceptions. We celebrate our diversity of languages, cultures and nations. Worshipping together, we rejoice in reaching out to the world and becoming One in Christ.

## **The Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion**

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers.

To respond to human need by loving service.

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

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## From the Rector: Christmas mystery

“Well confusion’s here, and the wicked seem to win,  
but the the Lord’s keeping tally, on the wages of sin...  
where-abouts are your prophets,  
what-abouts are your beliefs,  
if you win the whole wide world,  
but lose your ever-loving soul?” (*Camp song, source unknown to me*)

As I write this, the world is reacting to the death of Fidel Castro.  
There is dancing in the streets of Miami.

There is weeping in the streets of Moscow.

For some people, a horrible tyrant has finally left this world,  
and is headed straight to hell.

For others, a person of courage and vision who stood for the rights of the people  
is gone.

In truth, I’m not sure which side I’m on.

Just as with the conflict in Syria – for me, I do not see that there is any clear path to  
good and right.

I only know that people are suffering and dying who are not to blame on any side of  
the conflict.

And I know that we are all children of God, created in the image of God.

I am a child of God.

You are a child of God.

But also – Bashar al-Assad is a child of God.

We are all made in the image of the child of God whose birth in Bethlehem  
we prepare to celebrate this Advent.

That child lived with the same ambiguity we live with.

Shepherds visited him and rejoiced over his birth. Wise men traveled from afar to  
celebrate and honor him. His mother took all this in her heart. His father risked  
their lives, and followed dreams, which ultimately protected the child’s young life.

But also – innocents were killed, because the news of his birth created political  
conflict. Children, whose mothers wept, were lost forever, as a result of his birth.

Our rejoicing at his birth must be lessened by remembering this.

Nothing seems to be clear and simple, does it?

Somehow, Mary knew. Mary knew that in spite of appearances,

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there is hope, and the hope – then and still today – is in her son.

Mary said,

“I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God.

God took one good look at me, and look what happened—

I’m the most fortunate woman on earth!

What God has done for me will never be forgotten,

the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.

His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him.

He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts.

He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud.

The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold.

He embraced his chosen child, Israel;

he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high.

It’s exactly what he promised,

beginning with Abraham and right up to now.”

*(Luke 1:46-55, The Message translation)*

Mary did not know how, but somehow she knew,

and I don’t know how, but somehow I know,

that following the teachings and committing my life to this baby born in Bethlehem brings peace, peace which passes understanding.

Even in the midst of confusion about who’s right and who’s wrong, whose actions are good and whose are bad, Jesus is transforming our world.

“Things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are being brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Lord.” *(BCP page 280)*

God bless your Advent and celebration of his birth.

*(The Rev) Sunny Hallanan+*

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## The Episcopal Convention of Europe, 2016

This year, in October, we traveled to Munich, Germany for the Convocation’s Convention. It was very insightful to see the inner working of the Episcopal Church in Europe and I was very thankful and honored to be selected as a delegate, along with Fiona White, to represent All Saints’. I was very thankful to meet our brothers

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and sisters in Christ from all our other parishes here in Europe, and to hear all the wonderful stories of God's work that is taking place.

The delegates were divided into groups, and we discussed many things, and shared and compared our experiences from our parishes. We focused on relevancy and how to remain relevant, and how better to use our resources for networking, such as social media and other outlets. We discussed communication, hopes for growth, work on bringing in and being multinational, and reaching beyond the expat community. We spoke about lay governance; lay people need more training. It was discussed how to articulate ways to share what we are doing as a parish in our good works.

We discussed ways to reach out to more of our youth, and how to mentor them into leadership roles. There was discussion about having greater collaboration with other denominations, and a need for greater integration. We spoke about tackling the crisis of the local community and engaging them, and how to facilitate the sharing of best practices. We also spoke about making the Senior Wardens a point of contact, and not just the Rectors.

We talked about exchanging best practices from each parish when it comes to welcoming newcomers to church. We also discussed that maybe it would be possible for our leadership council to come up with a basic formula to implement these practices of welcoming newcomers.

We discussed the coming election of the new Bishop, and what that would bring. Some suggested that perhaps we needed to move to having a part-time Bishop, but others, like me, spoke in support of the necessity of having a full-time Bishop. This issue will likely be discussed more in the future, so we welcome input from you, our parishioners here in Waterloo.

The Convention for 2017 will take place at The Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Wiesbaden, Germany. 2018's Convention will be hosted by us here in Waterloo. So now is the time for us to start planning, and preparing at All Saints'. We encourage everyone to give us input and feedback, and we ask your prayers for God's guidance about the upcoming election for our new Bishop here in Europe.

God's Peace to you all!  
Michael Smets-Tolley

# ❧ Christmas 2016 ❧

All Saints' Church invites you to share with us the joys of Christmas in our services over the festive season.

## **Ecumenical Lessons & Carols Service:**

Wednesday, 14 December, 8pm (with other churches from Waterloo)

**Christmas Pageant & Parish Party:** Sunday, 11 December, 11am

## **Advent Lessons & Carols at Christ Church Charleroi:**

(20 Boulevard Audent, 6000 Charleroi) Sunday, 11 December, 4pm

**Christmas Eve Family Service:** Saturday, 24 December, 5pm

## **Christmas Eve Carols & Midnight Service:**

Sunday, 24 December, 11pm

**Christmas Day Eucharist:** Sunday, 25 December, 11am

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## Thanksgiving Thanks

So many people pitched in to make the Thanksgiving Feast a real celebration!

They include:

- Gordon Mackenzie, who procured the turkeys, and Jennifer Leon who drove up to All Saints' with them from SHAPE.
- the advance set-up team: Bill Bythell, Mike Breton, Bob DeWitt, Karina Leath, Gordon Mackenzie, and Fiona White.
- a group of Scouts with their leader Andrew Girvan. who worked tirelessly for about four hours. They had the food out and the turkeys carved in time for us to be able to walk out of church and immediately sit down for lunch. They also cleared the tables, did all the washing up and swept the floors!

And then so many delicious dishes were provided – far more than had been signed up for in advance. If you brought something that was not finished don't take it personally! There was so much to be thankful for! All Saints' is truly a place of abundance, when it comes to food.

Our tables and chairs were next in use at Gare du Nord on Thanksgiving Day so that our refugee friends could enjoy a feast too! (See photo on right.)

*Sunny Hallanan+*



# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Advent 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> </ul>	<p>Kamehameha and Emma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Beavers</li> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p>19:30 Scout leaders meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>Saint Andrew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<p>Nicholas Ferrar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>Channing Moore Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:30 Scout training</li> <li>10:30 DO-RE-MI</li> </ul>
<p>2 Advent</p> <p>John of Damascus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> <li>16:00 1st Waterloo Scouts – Carol concert</li> </ul>	<p>Clement of Alexandria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Beavers</li> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p>Nicholas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>Ambrose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14:00 Wednesday Club – Christmas celebrations</li> <li>15:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 DO-RE-MI</li> <li>19:00 Carol Supper</li> </ul>
<p>3 Advent</p> <p>11:00 Pageant &amp; Holy Eucharist, Parish Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15:45 Lessons &amp; Carols, Charteroi</li> </ul>	<p>17:00 Beavers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> <li>19:30 Vestry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> <li>20:00 Community Lessons &amp; Carols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 DO-RE-MI</li> </ul>
<p>4 Advent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> <li>12:15 Decorate the Church</li> </ul>	<p>18:00 Cubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p>20:30 AA (French)</p>	<p>Saint Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09:00 Beaver planning meeting</li> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<p>Christmas Eve</p>
<p>Christmas Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Christmas Day service</li> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> <li>12:00 Private party – Cafe</li> </ul>	<p>St Stephen's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> </ul>	<p>St John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>The Holy Innocents</p>	<p>Thomas Becket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>Frances Joseph Gaudet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<p>Eve of Holy Name</p>

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>The Holy Name</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> </ul>	<p>18:30 Food for friends</p>	<p>20:30 AA (French)</p>	<p>18:15 Girl Guides</p>	<p><b>Eve of Epiphany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Epiphany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Harrie Bedell, Deacon, Missionary, 1969</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> </ul>	<p><b>Julia Chester Emery, 1922</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Beavers</li> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p><b>William Laud</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p>14:00 Wednesday Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aelred</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hilary of Poitiers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> </ul>	<p>17:00 Beavers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> <li>19:30 Vestry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Antony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Confession of Peter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13:30 Wednesday Club</li> <li>16:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<p>19:30 CIB Xn Unity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fabian</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agnes</b></p>
<p><b>Vincent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> <li>15:00 Piano concert by Joëlle Vanopbroeke</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phillips Brooks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Beavers</li> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ordination of Florence LI Tim-Oi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conversion of Paul</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14:00 Wednesday Club</li> <li>16:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<p><b>Timothy &amp; Titus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>John Chrysostom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thomas Aquinas</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 Holy Eucharist</li> </ul>	<p>17:00 Beavers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18:00 Cubs</li> <li>18:30 Food for friends</li> <li>19:30 Scouts &amp; Explorers</li> </ul>	<p>20:30 AA (French)</p>	<p><b>Brigid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14:00 Wednesday Club</li> <li>16:00 Rainbows &amp; Brownies</li> <li>18:15 Girl Guides</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candlemas</li> <li>20:30 AA (French)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Anskar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>08:00 Rector's day off</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cornelius the Centurion</b></p>

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Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
<b>4 December: Second Sunday of Advent</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	M. Tolley F. Soares	M. Breton	OT: P. Marchandise NT: R. Abbott	B. DeWitt
<b>11 December: Third Sunday of Advent</b>	Pageant	Pageant	M. Smets	M. Breton	Pageant	Pageant
<b>18 December: Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	B. Bythell B. Nahimana	R. & E. Abbott	OT: D.-H. Lemaire NT: F. Soares	C. Ducastel
<b>24 December: Christmas Eve (5 p.m.)</b>	Special Service	Special Service	B. Bythell	A. White	P. McMillan	A. White
<b>24 December: Christmas Eve (11 p.m.)</b>	Psalm 96 Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20		M. Breton	OT: P. Breton NT: M. Breton	J. Leigh
<b>25 December: Christmas Day</b>	Psalm 96 Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20	B. Bythell	A. White	OT: B. Bythell NT: F. White	A. White

If you are on the roster and are unable to be in church, please arrange a swap with someone else.

## LECTIONARY AND ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2017

Date	Lectionary Psalm / Hebrew Scripture	Apostolic Scripture / Gospel	Lay Assistants	Ushers	Lesson Readers	Prayer
<b>1 January: The Holy Name</b>	Psalm 8 Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21		M. Breton	OT: C. Ducastel NT: M. Breton	C. Ducastel
<b>8 January: The Epiphany</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	M. Tolley	A. White	OT: D.-H. Lemaire NT: R. Abbott	A. White
<b>15 January: The Baptism of our Lord</b>	Psalm 29 Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	B. Bythell F. Soares	M. Breton	OT: M. Smets NT: S. Downhill	J. Leigh
<b>22 January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	Psalm 27:1, 5-13 Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:18-18 Matthew 4:12-23	M. Smets B. Nahimana	M. Breton	OT: B. Nahimana NT: N. Molenstra	C. Ducastel
<b>29 January: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	Psalm 15 Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	B. Bythell	R. & E. Abbott	OT: P. Marchandise NT: B. DeWitt	S. Downhill

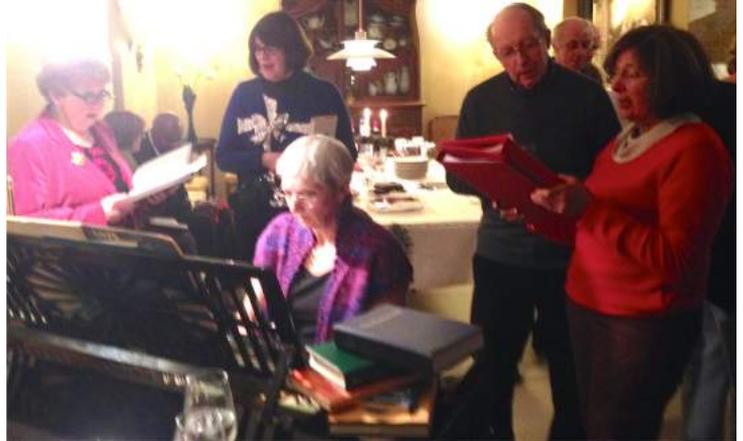
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## ADVENT CAROL SUPPER

Please join us for a pot-luck Carol Supper on Saturday, 10 December at 7 p.m. at the home of Laura Atlee and David Ingram.

**Bring a dish (main course, vegetable or dessert) and mulled wine will be provided. Enjoy the lively company and fine food and drink, and join in as we sing our favorite Christmas carols.**



A sign-up sheet is available in the church cafe, or sign-up by contacting the church office.

*While most events at All Saints' are designed to be for all ages, this will be an adults evening out, so we are giving enough advance notice for those who may need to plan for child-care.*

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Belgium Beyond All Saints' (our refugee ministry) is now officially partnered with a new ASBL, which is named 'Unless'. The name of 'Unless' comes from the Dr Seuss story, *The Lorax*, whose message is:



“**Unless** someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.” Unless is a non-political, non-religious and non-profit organization dedicated to providing the poor and homeless in Brussels with food, clothing and other basic necessities. [www.unls.be](http://www.unls.be) Unless has bought a building close to Gare du Nord which now is almost renovated, so that there will be a user-friendly kitchen for preparing the meals for the ongoing Food 4 Friends program that All Saints' has been working with for over a year. With the new location and equipment, Food 4 Friends will now ensure that there is a meal provided at the train station five days a week instead of three.

The Unless building will also have laundry and shower facilities. Thanks to our **Episcopal Relief & Development** grant, All Saints' is a major sponsor of Unless and will be providing the washer and dryer, among other things.

Of course, we'll still continue to contribute fresh fruit, eggs, beverages and cookies for the meals.

And we'll still bring in our donations of toiletries, mens clothing, backpacks and sleeping bags. But now it will be with this new, exciting organization, Unless!

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## Abridged minutes of the Vestry meeting held on 21 September 2016 at 19.30 at All Saints' Church, Waterloo

1. Rev. Sunny Hallanan opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Dominique-Hélène Lemaire  
Gemma Pullinger's offer of resignation was formally accepted with regret by the Vestry. This means four Vestry members need to be elected at the next AGM.
3. **Approval of minutes from the last meeting:** The minutes of the August Vestry meeting were approved.
4. **Vestry check-in** was a discussion about the three questions that will be discussed at Convention next month (October). The Bishop will retire in 2019 and the election of a new Bishop will take place in 2018. We need to help prepare a new vision for the convocation between now and then.
  - 4.1. What are your hopes for your congregation and the church in Europe in the next decade?  
Vestry felt that our church should stay the same size or grow; should be very ecumenical; think 'out of the box'; go back to basic religious education and explain the symbolism; balance the old and new (it was felt other faiths have the same concern).
  - 4.2. How can the convocation respond better to the needs of your congregation?  
The Council of Advice covers missions, vocation, education and spirituality. Could we have guest speakers? Can the structure be more responsive to the churches' needs?
  - 4.3. How can the convocation help you spread the word, build disciples and respond to the current challenges of the world?  
The Episcopal church is proud of its traditions. There is a need to explain what the symbols are about to encourage more to join us. The world is all about fear. Fear feeds the press, blowing things out of proportion; there is a need to focus on the mundane. Sunny was asked how the refugees regard the support we give; she said they are thankful but ashamed of their situation.

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## 5. Ministry and committee reports:

### 5.1. Fellowship:

- a. Nadia Molenstra reported that there had been two successful events: the return of Sunday School (with ice cream) and the barbecue on Mission Sunday. Hannah Pandian and Nadia were thanked for all their hard work. The Movie Night also worked well and everyone enjoyed the film (*The Wizard of Oz*). Sunny reported that we had more on no-drive Sunday than expected.
- b. Upcoming Fellowship events include the Thanksgiving Feast: planning needs to start, including sending out invitations (Fiona White will prepare these if required); and the Carol Supper which will take place on 10 December. Laura Atlee generously offered to host it at her home in Brussels.

### 5.2. Outreach/Mission:

- a. Vestry offered support for the upcoming curry evening to raise funds for training nurses in the country of Malawi.
- b. A new member of the parish has been regularly helping Sunny with the refugees on a Monday evening. Sunny reported that the building has been bought and is being renovated. Money from Episcopal Relief & Development will purchase a washing machine and pay some of Nino Ostojic's living expenses. At North Station, the food goes within ten minutes – bear in mind these people might not have been fed for four days. Most want to go on to the UK or to go home; some want to learn French. The women and children have places to go; men over 18 have nowhere to go (this group often includes boys aged 14-17).

### 5.3. Visibility:

- a. Fiona reported that the second quote from Creagency for the signs was much lower than the first so the meeting decided to accept their quote and to go ahead and put up new signs with them.
- b. Fiona reported that she has had very little feedback since the return of *Saints Alive!* in May. Most of those present said that they didn't read it entirely. Fiona said she would produce the magazine until Christmas but in the meantime would put something in the October edition asking for feedback.

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## 5.4. Finance and property:

- a. Mike Breton reported that figures will be prepared for the next meeting. He said that we're up to date financially and we've also paid more to our principal lender.
- b. Nadia has arranged for an engineer to look at the damp wall to see what has to be done. Following the investigation, a specification will be prepared which will then go out to tender so that we can get the best quote.

## 5.5. Formation:

- a. Jennifer Blanco-Marvik reported that Sunday School is going well. They have started rehearsals for the play and making props. The play takes place on 16 October.
- b. We are still looking for someone to run the nursery. Sunny will look for an online course.
- c. Safe-guarding training must be taken online. After several parishioners have taken it they will meet to answer questions about what they learned.
- d. Fiona said that the Scouts are running first-aid courses and that we are welcome to join them.

## 6. Associate's report

Mark Barwick said that he had nothing additional to report.

## 7. Rector's report

Sunny reported that she had a full calendar.

She put out options for a Bible Study group, in the Bulletin and at the Mission Fair, but no-one has signed up yet.

She is attending a conference on refugee ministry in Cologne next month and will then attend the Church of England Synod and Anglican Council of Belgium AGM. Convention takes place 20-23 October in Munich.

8. Mark gave the **closing prayer**. The meeting finished at 21.30.

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