

*Ascension 2022*



## **Help us secure a unique Christian voice in the heart of our city**

May I talk to you about Christ Church Lille?

Since 1870, the church has been at the heart of an international congregation, currently made up of worshippers from more than 20 different countries. Originally built to serve English-speaking Christians from the UK, our reach is now truly global with representatives from as far apart as North America and Asia.

Our congregation has always been at the heart of our worship, our outreach, and the management of our resources. We receive no outside subsidies, relying instead on a host of supporters from within the congregation and without.

### **Current blessings, future ambitions**

The life of this church is vibrant, with in-person and online worship; women's Bible study; a lively Sunday Club; and a dedicated team to make sure we lift our voices in song.

But we see this as simply the start of our 21<sup>st</sup> Century project!

We have a new monthly prayer group to serve the professional people of Lille, linking the words of Christ to an ever-growing business community. We are expanding our cheerful welcome with a view to re-opening our weekly café, and looking to the Green priorities of modern times with a new garden venture and an Urban Market Stall.

To ensure that our 19<sup>th</sup> Century church building also moves with the times we have plans, and part-funding, for a new and inviting internal glazed entrance to our church to open the church to passers-by while keeping the heat in!

### **Faith in the future, faith in you.**

Planning for the future in difficult times has always been part of Christ Church Lille's message and practice. In common with many churches, large and small, Covid-19 has hit hard at our fund-raising efforts over the past two years. Events such as the Braderie de Lille – and many others – have been simply impossible.

As a result, the Church is currently running a deficit of €1000 a month, which is using up our small reserves and this will ultimately limit our activities and reduce our impact across the city.

If we are to achieve all that we firmly believe CAN be done, we need to widen our circle of worshippers and supporters even further.

Will you be part of that circle?

Any donation will be seen as a blessing, but regular giving allows stable planning for our work in Lille, so a commitment to monthly giving would ensure that we move forward with Christ.

**Thank you.**  
Yours in Christ,

Debbie  
Canon Debbie Flach, Chaplain of Christ Church Lille.

**I want to make a gift so that Christ Church Lille can continue to move forward with Christ:**

- **By regular giving:** please contact [treasurer@christchurchlille.fr](mailto:treasurer@christchurchlille.fr)
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