



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 23 March 2026 at 20:00

Held online via Zoom

Present: 7 members were present and were able to vote.

Apologies had been received from: Constantin Thieffry

The secretary confirmed that there were currently 29 people on the electoral roll. She noted that for the Solidarité AGM, the previous electoral roll was still in force; the renewed electoral roll for 2026 only comes into force at the end of March.

1 Welcome by the President

The President, F Coester, welcomed those present.

2 Minutes of the AGM 25 March 2025

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

2a Matters arising

The committee noted with regret that Tom Boon had moved to Paris and was therefore unable to continue on the committee.

3 Committee

The committee is currently as follows.

President	Frances Coester
Secretary	Rosemary Ulyett
Treasurer	Constantin Thieffry
	Suzanne Bray
	David Bolton
	Maggie Devos
Ex-officio CCL	Tony Banton
Treasurer	

Elections

There were no candidates to serve on the committee.

4 Report on the previous year

The President reported on activities in 2025

The aim is always to donate **10 % of the income** of Christ Church (which means the joint income of Christ Church Lille and of the Solidarité) and to share this money between **local, national and international causes**.

Every year, the grants committee meets to decide on which causes will receive grants. The committee bases its decisions on the total income for the previous year.

It is clear that the loss of income from previously possible fund-raising events (Braderie, Christmas market) has meant that available funds are limited.

However, the financial report will show some hopeful signs for future giving.

Last year, we were able to give to the ICS, Beth Abi, Abej and the Diocesan Fund for Refugees. The work of these organisations will be shared with the congregation.

It was noted that in the absence of a chaplain, no discretionary fund was allocated last year.

5 Financial report

Christ Church Lille (a 1905 religious organisation) and La Solidarité Anglicane de Lille (a 1901 association) are part of the same church; however, French law requires us to present separate accounts.

A 1901 association is able to give donations, and many if not most chaplaincies in France separate their accounts in this way.

The CCL Treasurer reported on the accounts, a copy of which is available on the website.

Income	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Braderie	3 741,40 €	- €	- €	1 615,63 €	2 096,72 €	496,03 €	476,46 €
Christmas market	1 154,00 €	746,00 €	1 011,00 €	1 159,83 €	1 348,06 €	- €	- €
Virtual Tea Room	- €	121,81 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Pentecostal Church	2 476,87 €	1 428,13 €	2 550,00 €	2 337,50 €	2 137,50 €	2 550,00 €	2 550,00 €
Other fund-raising	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Other donations received	164,00 €	163,44 €	166,85 €	- €	1 203,51 €	250,00 €	106,00 €
Total Income	7 536,27 €	2 459,38 €	3 727,85 €	5 112,96 €	6 785,79 €	3 296,03 €	3 132,46 €
Expenditure	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Donations	6 900,00 €	6 650,00 €	3 000,00 €	3 000,53 €	4 009,01 €	4 550,00 €	2 499,71 €
Other Donations Granted	- €	- €	144,65 €	- €	692,34 €	130,00 €	200,00 €
ChristChurch	- €	2 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Insurance	96,75 €	215,87 €	223,53 €	231,51 €	243,94 €	258,23 €	270,40 €
Costs linked to events	- €	63,09 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Bank charges	66,03 €	79,08 €	84,05 €	95,74 €	109,12 €	93,60 €	107,76 €
Total Expenditure	7 062,78 €	9 008,04 €	3 452,23 €	3 327,78 €	5 054,41 €	5 031,83 €	3 077,87 €
Result	473,49 €	- 6 548,66 €	275,62 €	1 785,18 €	1 731,38 €	- 1 735,80 €	54,59 €

Pentecostal Church *overdue/overpaid* (at the end of 2025, Pentecostal Church owes LSA **842,50€**)

212,50 €

630,00 €

In the absence of C Thieffry, T Banton presented the accounts.

Remarks:

- accounting is done on a cash basis, ie income and expenditure are only registered when they hit the bank account; there are no accruals
- the Pentecostal church have confirmed some monies owing, both from additional use and from the increased fee per use
- the Old Catholics now pay their fee to the Solidarité, not to CCL; we invoice them at the end of the year; as the payment for 2025 used was only received in January 2026, that income of €440 will be recorded in 2026's accounts
- This means that an additional €1,100 will be recorded in income in 2026 compared to 2025 - €440 for Old Catholic's 2025 church usage and €630 for the increase in charge rate and additional usage of the Pentecostals.
- In addition, 2026 income should show a further increase of €820 (€140 for the OCs and €680 for the Pentecostals) as the charge per use has increased to €70 from 1 January 2026. In addition, the Pentecostals continue to request additional dates which will further increase income in 2026.

Following the increased rate for use of the church, and the change in payments for the Old Catholics, we should have enough income at the end of 2026 to contemplate arriving at the aim of 10% of total income being available for outreach.

The accounts were approved unanimously, with thanks to the Treasurer for his work and to the CCL Treasurer for his participation and input.

6 Outreach is more than financial support

M Devos explained that we reach out in human terms in addition to offering financial support:

- we actively practise ecumenism by offering support and use of the building to other churches: the Pentecostal church and the Old Catholics
- we offer the use of our hall and storage for the Ligue Humanitaire, through links with Tom Boone; this group helps the homeless and destitute in Lille
- we offer time, money, volunteers and kindness as much as we can.

7 Closing remarks

The President F Coester said that this organisation was set up in 2008 and until recently, has been able to meet its target of 10% giving. The previous fund-raising activities might no longer be possible, but every year, we do what we can.

We need to be more active in promoting this activity in the congregation and maybe recruiting more volunteers. We look forward to doing more in the future.

There being no other business, the meeting closed in prayer.

R Ulyett, Secretary, 24 March 2026