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CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTEL AND DAN - AND WELCOME TO ELODIE AMELIA CHARIS LANGDON-GRIFFITHS

We are delighted to report the birth of a new daughter on February 20th to the former Chaplain of the Anglican Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrenees and Aude, Rev Dan Langdon-Griffiths and his wife Christel.

Elodie Amelia Charis weighed in at 7lb 11oz and is now safely home with Christel and Dan.

We offer our warmest congratulations to the Langdon-Griffiths on the newest addition to their family.

The ECO Team are arranging to send a congratulations card at the beginning of next week. If you would like to include a greeting in the card, would you please send it to

contact@ourchurch.fr

by Sunday evening.



POPE FRANCIS DEVOLVES POWERS TO THE BISHOPS OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS

In two recent Apostolic letters, Pope Francis has announced the decentralisation of certain powers from the Vatican to the Conferences of Bishops of each country. The purpose of the reforms are to "Do good for the faithful, do it well and do it immediately".

In a second letter, the Pope has announced the establishment of a new Disciplinary Office to deal with allegations of offences committed by clergy and "the correct administration of justice".





BIRTHDAYS, BIRTHS AND BUSINESS

The ECO Team do like to combine business with celebration, and this week was no exception, when they met to celebrate Ralph Worswick's birthday and to toast Elodie Langdon-Griffiths (see front page) and also to hold one of their regular planning meetings.

Topics discussed included planning for a series of Online Lent Reflections as well as Lent Group meetings. We are adding further Worship Liturgies, we will be organising Services during Holy Week, and there will soon be changes to the ECO website. We are also expanding arrangements for preparing and broadcasting services. We also began to make plans for next physical gathering to share worship during Lent.

We will make announcements about these new developments as more details become available.

ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Next week's Evening Prayer service will be a special service for Ash Wednesday and will be broadcast on **Wednesday 2 March** and **not** on Tuesday



FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

OUR 2022 ONLINE LENT GROUP

Beginning on **Wednesday 9 March**, ECO will be holding a weekly Online Lent Discussion Group.

Lasting about an hour each week, we will meet on Zoom at 15h00 to reflect on the Lent materials provided by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, about the Welsh Saint Winefride, a 7th Century Christian.

On a dedicated page on our website, we will put material for each week's session which you will be able to download free of charge.

Each session is self-contained and you are welcome to attend as many or as few as you wish.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

