

TWO NEW ANGLICANS

18 September 2016

On Sunday morning, 18 September 2017, Mr Jules Romuald Ngangue and Mr Chris Lomon were received into the Church of England and became members of the global Anglican Communion. Jules, from Camaroon has been studying Anglicanism with Father David since last January. Chris, from France, has done a more intensive course over the past three months. Both have been very interested in the focus on justice, the spirituality of Anglicanism, the historic and yet contemporary focus of the church, the global leadership of our episcopacy, and the local synodical leadership of all Anglicans (both laity and ordained) in their archdeaconries and dioceses.



Jules and Chris stand with Father David Greenwood before our Archdeacon, the Venerable Ian Naylor to make their reception vows. Pastor Riitta Granroth, Honorary Assistant clergy is pictured in the background.

Chris and Jules both made vows before our Archdeacon, the Venerable Ian Naylor. They acknowledged they were already baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and they wanted to affirm their faith as Christians. They formally announced before him they were here to be received into the Anglican Communion. They acknowledged the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church and that they would accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England.



Following our congregational renewal of baptism covenant, the Venerable Ian Naylor processed around the all gathered and sprinkled them with blessed holy water.

The Archdeacon in France then asked the congregation to reaffirm all of our baptismal covenants. One at a time he took Jules and then Chris by the hand and on behalf of the whole church, stated "I recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; and we receive you into the communion of the Church of England in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The congregation then spontaneously broke into applause.

Of course the congregation was made of all their friends and new

congregational All Saints' family. It was holy and life milestone event. Welcome Jules. Welcome Chris. In God's name.



Christophe Lomon (left) and Jules Ngangue (right) pose after the service with Archdeacon Naylor.