

NEWS FROM BOTH OF OUR THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

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We at All Saints have two sponsored theological students studying towards ordained ministry – Mrs Roxana Tenea Teleman and Mr Stéphane Javelle – here is their recent news.

Mrs Roxana Tenea Teleman is starting her studies this autumn with the Eastern Region Ministry Course ERMC distanced education program. Roxana will complete a full theology degree with all the requirements for ordination, here in Marseille, while still working fulltime and still supporting (and being supported by) her husband and children in their home pursuits. Roxana is trying to do it all... She is attempting a four year balancing act... while also being our Secretary of Parochial Committee, chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer, and while playing the keyboard for most of our worship services.



Roxana started her concentrated studies during her holidays in Switzerland this past August. She left her family for one week for a residential summer course. Now, as the ERMC term program has recommenced, she is hitting the books again and completing course projects, submitting them by email, joining in Skype call discussion groups, and occasionally heading off to England for intensive weekend seminars. As much as she has been at her studies for several months now, Roxana is still very much at the beginning.

Stéphane Javelle is nearing the end of his studies, though it probably does not feel so. Stéphane is in the final year of his three year fulltime residence program at Cuddesdon at Oxford. He was granted one full year exemption due to previous university studies and completed his second academic year this Spring. During the summer he had a fulltime placement as summer student minister at the Church of England's Salisbury Plain Benefice – a group of five churches in team ministry in southern England.

Stéphane has come from us and has been discerning his vocational calling via the Diocese in Europe, but his plans involve moving to Britain to be received by an English diocese and to be ordained and placed into ministry there. Our diocese's Director of Ordinands, Canon William Gulliford has been helping him in the transfer and in identifying a new diocese homeland. This week, Stéphane writes,



I am now very happy to announce you that I was offered the position of assistant-curate in Salisbury Plain Benefice, made of four villages: Shrewton, Tilshead, Orcheston and Chitterne. Please, pray for the community there; the rector, the Reverend Eleanor Rance and her assistant-priest, the Reverend David Walters.

Je suis très heureux de vous annoncer qu'il m'a été proposé de servir comme vicaire dans le Bénéfice de la Plaine de Salisbury, composé de quatre villages: Shrewton, Tilshead, Orcheston et Chitterne. Merci de porter dans vos prières cette communauté ainsi que son recteur, mère Eleanor Rance et son vicaire, David Walters.

This is good news for us, but also bittersweet news for us. We lose our friend and Lay Pastor into a new ordained reality and we lose him to the wider ministry of the wider church – all for the service of Christ Jesus.

Both Roxana and Stéphane are children of our chaplaincy and will always be members in the history and hearts of All Saints', Marseille.