



The Chaplaincy Newsletter – July 2022

THE OLD CHURCH BELLS

By Sidney Conrad

*The old church bells are ringing
Can you hear their joyful sound
They ring out a message of love
And where peace can be found
The old church bells are ringing
They are calling out to everyone
And if we would all just respond
So many lessons we may learn
The old church bells are ringing
With a loving medley so sweet
And if we would only just listen
They can make our lives
complete. Sent in by Martine*

July Blessings to all our readers!

Chaplaincy Services

Monastere du Carmel, Rue du Denacre, Saint Martin Boulogne.

1st Sunday – July 3rd -10.30 am Lay led

3rd Sunday – July 17th –10.30 am Lay led

5th Sunday - July 31st - 12.00 Joint Eucharist with lunch - venue TBA

Oratory of Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais.

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Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin.

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Zoom services every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10.30am- link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTxjdjB5MWE5K3V0QT09>

Wednesday Compline at 9 pm (Linda says, come along earlier if you wish to chat) link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87872685714?pwd=U1FNVURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz09>

The Legend of Christchurch Priory Church – by Martine Walters



My husband Rob and I enjoyed an early summer break in Christchurch, Dorset.

A highlight was to visit, three times, the beautiful Christchurch Priory Church. We were also very lucky to see a nesting pair of Peregrine Falcons sitting on a gargoyle and also in flight.

The history of the church is very interesting. It is built on the site of a 7th century Saxon

Priory. Work began on the present church in 1094 when Ranulf Flambard (Rufus), Chief Minister to William II and Dean of Twynham, began building on nearby St Catherine's Hill. Legend has it that all the building materials were mysteriously transported to the present location in the middle of the night.

Another legend explains how Twynham came to be named Christchurch. Apparently, a crucial beam was found to have been cut too short. All the carpenters went home that night despondent and embarrassed; apart from one mysterious man, who worked and ate alone. Their mistake was a costly one. The wood they had used for the beam was expensive and hard to source. When they returned in the morning, however, they found the beam in place and fitting snugly. The mysterious carpenter, meanwhile, vanished, never to be seen again. At a loss for an explanation the men decided that the mysterious carpenter must have been Jesus Christ and Twynham became Christchurch.

Measuring three hundred and eleven feet, and four inches long, Christchurch Priory is officially the longest parish church in England. It truly is a very special place to visit and we were blessed that Monday night was 'bell practice'. What a joy to hear! *Martine Walters*

Chaplaincy News:

« Association Solidarité Anglicane de Pas-de-Calais »

Quiz Night - Friday 24th June

Our charitable association, organised an online quiz to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent and Easter Appeal, 'Aid to Ukraine'.



The link below will take you to the full appeal

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1785-lent-and-easter-appeal-2022-aid-to-ukraine>

17 people signed up to participate in the quiz which was split into 5 teams.

The quiz was chaired by Martine Walters who lives in the UK but regularly participates in our zoom services since her own church in Ferring, West Sussex, stopped having services during the lockdown.

Martine welcomed all participants followed by an introduction on the symbolism of the sunflower for the Ukrainian people and a poem entitled "The Sunflower – Mirrors of Glory" read by Tanya Collins. Then the serious business started with three rounds of questions: 'Guess the year'- 'How many'? and 'Pointless' - Did you know that there are 465 baked beans in a standard tin?

A well-earned break then followed whilst participants shared cheese and wine with some social chat and appropriately themed anagrams for fun.

After a picture round entitled 'Who am I' - 'Where in the world'- and a - 'General Knowledge' round; with all the questions having a 'French Connection.'

Scores were totalled up. Graham Hughes' team 'The Munificent 7' were in the lead, until Martine judged the best 'team name' and five bonus points were awarded to David, Pat and Clare Page who called themselves 'The Tiny Booklet.' The 'Tiny Booklet team' was declared the overall winner by just one point, 'congratulations to the Pages' (*I have your prize*).

Several people who were unable to join us kindly donated to our fundraising event which raised 255 euros to support Ukrainians in desperate need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way and let's hope we can repeat this event or organise a similar one in the near future. *Tanya Collins*

Chaplaincy Council meeting on Monday 17th June.

Linda Pillière was elected president and Tanya Collins treasurer.

Clare Page agreed to continue as secretary. The Council is extremely grateful to Pat Page for all her hard work in leading the council over several interregnums. *Linda Pillière*

A Message from Pat Page



"I have been 'President' of the 'Association of the Anglican Church of Pas-de-Calais' for many years; and now by a democratic decision of the committee, I pass the baton to Linda Pillière. I wish her success in all that she and the committee do in the future. As 'Calais Church Warden' I am still on the chaplaincy committee but will be taking a backseat position. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, and there are too many to mention by name, who have been on the committee during this period and have helped me in many ways. Thanks also goes to those non-committee

members, who have given their time to make a service or an event successful.

I wish the Chaplaincy all the best for the future and God be with us." *Pat*

Safeguarding:

Response to AGM (29/5) Report.

I was unable to attend the AGM but sent a written annual report, which was read by Deputy Safeguarding Officer, Pauline Cecchin.

Some questions were asked which I respond to below.

1. With the introduction of the new online course 'Awareness of Domestic Abuse'

Question - If I knew a neighbour was experiencing domestic abuse, what should I do?

Answer - If anyone is aware that a neighbour is experiencing domestic abuse and is worried, they should contact the local Gendarme.

If you are aware of someone in the church or indeed the chaplaincy who is experiencing domestic abuse, you should be report it immediately to the Safeguarding Officer, or Deputy, who will follow the procedure and report to the Safeguarding Team in London.

Chaplaincy Safeguarding contact details: safeguardingpdc@hotmail.com

2. How to make a referral about abuse or a safeguarding concern:

If you believe that you have information or knowledge in your Chaplaincy, which suggests that someone poses a risk of serious harm to others, or that an individual may be at risk of serious harm from others, it must be reported immediately to the Safeguarding Officer or Deputy. In their absence it should be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. To report a concern please complete the referral form which you can download from the Diocese in Europe website and email it to europe.safeguarding@churchofengland.org

The Safeguarding team will respond to your concern within 48 hours. Please do let the team know if you require assistance in completing the form, or to access it in a language alternative to English. If you believe your concern relates to an immediate risk of harm you should contact your local emergency services.

Vacancy:

Pauline Cecchin the Deputy Safeguarding Officer is resigning from this position. We wish to thank Pauline for her long term interest in safeguarding and for being there when the Safeguarding Officer was unavailable.

The Chaplaincy will be seeking to appoint a deputy safeguarding officer.

The person concerned will have to hold an enhanced DBS. Plus undertake the training specified for this position.

If you wish to know more regarding this position, please email Daphne at safeguardingpdc@hotmail.com

Some useful links:

Prayer Requests 'in confidence' email: ourprayers4u@mail.com

Newsletter contributions: *Please send any items of chaplaincy news, services, meetings, what's on in your area; and forthcoming events to Marilyn at mcatchdossat@gmail.com - by 27th June (for the July issue)*

Note: *Please remember that if you plan on sending photographs, do ask peoples permission first; and be aware that pictures or images may be copyright. Thanks, mcd.*

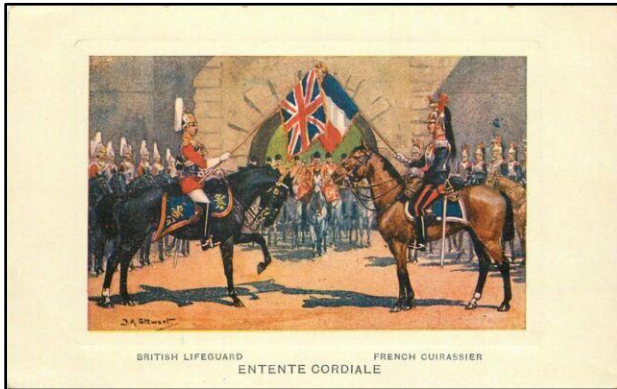
This newsletter, together with contact details for our Church Wardens, is also on our website <https://anglicanspdc.org>

Safeguarding Policy <https://europe.anglican.org/safeguarding/policy-and-guidance>

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<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/monthposts>

Past Event: Celebrating the Entente Cordiale: Montreuil-sur-Mer, June 2022



Solemnising the Anglo-French Entente Cordiale in 1904

In 1904, after centuries of turbulent relations and conflict between France and England, a series of historic agreements was reached which created an enduring alliance between our two countries: the *Entente Cordiale*. Thus, when World War One erupted in 1914, Britain and its allies could then stand shoulder to shoulder with the French - for the first time in a thousand years.

In the Great War, Britain and its then Empire provided nearly two million troops in an unprecedented military effort that finally brought victory in 1918. The nerve centre for the

planning, logistics and administration for this gargantuan initiative was Montreuil-sur-Mer. This location was chosen because of its accessibility, with ideal rail connections with the Channel Ports and the railhead at Arras. In charge of GHQ (General Head Quarters) was Sir Douglas Haig. At its height, GHQ employed nearly 5,000 people in Montreuil.

The lasting impact of this remarkable achievement and the success of the Allied armies in finally defeating a formidable enemy was commemorated by the erection of a statue to Haig, in



Montreuil-sur-Mer in 1931, which was funded entirely by a grateful French public.

Seventy years on, the statue, heavily corroded and partly vandalised, was in such a poor condition that Haig's grandson, Lord Astor, decided to launch a campaign to fund its restoration. After more than two years of campaigning, this successful project reached its culmination over the weekend of 18th-19th June with a ceremony in the main square in Montreuil to mark the inauguration of the splendidly restored statue. Each of

the regiments with which Field Marshal Haig was associated was represented, with full military pomp and accompanied by regimental pipes, drums and trumpeters.

On Saturday 18th June, the hottest day of the year, and under a blazing sun, three hundred, invited guests were addressed by the Sous-Prefet of Montreuil, the local Deputé, the Mayor of Montreuil and Lord Astor. Bottles of water were distributed liberally among the perspiring audience! But the high point of the unveiling ceremony was a re-enactment in front of the statue of the iconic scene of 1904 in which a mounted British Life Guard and his counterpart from the French Republican Guard saluted each other with their respective national flags. For those who attended; from the UK, France, and Belgium, the



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abiding impression retained from this unforgettable occasion was the celebration of the continuing strength of relations between France and the UK; and the pivotal role played by Montreuil in the Allied victory in WWI.



Upcoming Event: Sunday 3rd July 2022



L'Ensemble Vocal de la Hem
accompagné d'un ensemble
instrumental baroque
fête ses

20 ANS !

Florilège :

Bach, Buxtehude, Rameau...

Direction, Anne Poelen

Tarif : **12 €** - Gratuit pour les - 18 ans

Dimanche 3 juillet - 16h
Tournehem-sur-la-Hem - Eglise St Médard