



The Chaplaincy Newsletter - MAY 2022

May Blessings Everyone



May (blackthorn) blossom in a hedgerow in Conte

The Merry Month of May

May, the month we associate with bursting new life in the countryside. The signs of renewal and growth are all around us.

Not surprisingly, there are several days in this revitalising month marking important public holidays and celebrations, some with greater spiritual significance than others.

Following the ancient festival of May Day, we have in France on 8th May '*la fête de la victoire*' commemorating the end of World War II in Europe. In France, unlike the UK, it is a major public holiday. The third public holiday in May, and one of the most important dates in the French Christian calendar, is of course Ascension Day. This is forty days after Easter, commemorating the day on which Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven after his resurrection. Thus, like Easter, it is a "movable feast" even though it always falls on a Thursday. This year it falls on 26th May. While a normal working day in the UK, as is VE Day, in France Ascension Day is marked by church services in most towns and cities. It is commemorated everywhere as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, or simply to enjoy the spring weather after the rigours of winter. Because it falls on a Thursday, many French people choose to '*faire le pont*', make a long weekend of it.

Finally, on 29th May, France celebrates '*la fête des mères*', Mother's Day. Apparently, the last Sunday in May, was decreed as a day of celebration by Napoleon to encourage the French to have more children! It corresponds of course to the UK Mothering Sunday, which was commemorated in Lent, this year on 27th March.

So many blessings and fine events to celebrate in "*the merry month of May*". *Michael Spriggs*

Our Chaplaincy Services



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

1st Sunday – May 1st - 10.30 am Lay led

3rd Sunday – May 15th – 10.30am Lay led

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

1st Sunday – May 1st - 10 .30am Lay led by Daphne

3rd Sunday – May 15th – 12-15 Joint Eucharist Service, with Lunch.

Led by Rev.Sara MacVane,.

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

1st Sunday – May 1st - joining with Calais

3rd Sunday – May 15th - TBA

Chaplaincy AGM on 29 May: Venue and times TBA

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxdjBSMWE5K3V0QT09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87872685714?pwd=UIFNURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz09>

Ashfields Care Home Joins Chaplaincy Zoom Service

Although our churches are now meeting again on a regular basis, we continue to maintain our twice-monthly zoom services and a weekly Compline service. Last Sunday, we had the immense privilege of being joined by Ashfields care home which David Furbur visits with his 'Pets as Therapy dog', Amy. It was lovely to meet Hayley and some of the residents and to know that our zoom services are reaching the wider community. We now have a stock of downloaded hymns and slides - so if anyone would like to learn how to use powerpoint on zoom, please contact Linda. You definitely do not have to be "techy" to do it - just patient and persevering! And if you haven't yet used zoom, and would like to join us, please let us know. We can talk you through the steps. As long as you have a relatively good internet connection it is soon learnt - last Sunday the connection was from the snowy Ardèche and Compline was led from the Loire valley. With God, all things are possible! *Linda*

More info and a pic of Hayley, the care home 'activities coordinator' click on the link <https://www.barchester.com/home/ashfields-care-home/life-at-our-home>

Some useful links:

Prayer Requests 'in confidence' email: ourprayersr4u@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 28th May (for the June 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>

Safeguarding:

We continue to urge people to do the basic safeguarding level, understanding the purpose of safeguarding and how it can benefit everyone.

Note: To everyone who has completed a course, either virtually or on-line, I require a copy of all certificates; and in the case of the C2 virtual leadership course, the date of both training sessions.

Daphne Power – Safeguarding Officer



Katherine & Remy with Rev. Sara

Boulogne 's Easter Blessings...

This year's Easter Sunday celebration was a very joyous one. It was lovely to see Katherine and Remy and to be present when their marriage was blessed by Sara. Peter Smith was on fine form on the organ and we all enjoyed singing the alleluias! Our four-year-old granddaughter is still singing the first line of 'Thine Be the Glory' although the words do get changed from time to time! Many thanks to all those who took part - and especially to Sara

fortravelling up from Paris and enabling us to have communion on a very special day. *Linda*

A message from the Archdeacon about Ukraine

I am sure your chaplaincy is already responding to the crisis in Ukraine: thank you for your local initiatives. Alongside your prayers for Ukraine and your generosity to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, please do what you can to support the refugee crisis here in France.

Your local Mairie will have ideas for making practical donations in kind, and more importantly it will be coordinating offers of hospitality for refugees coming to your area.

We advise offering hospitality through your Mairie, as they will be able to arrange administrative matters such as emergency social and health provision and all the necessary paperwork. It will also be a good opportunity to strengthen links with our local authorities.

God bless you in this act of Christian witness

Peter Hooper

'Bishops Lenten appeal' – Raising funds for Ukrainian Refugees.

A Coffee Morning - Saturday 9th April - in Hesdin's Parish rooms.



The *'Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais'* meeting, held on 12th March 2022, agreed that each church in the Chaplaincy would raise funds for the 'Bishops Lenten appeal' raising funds for Ukraine. Hesdin Church decided on a coffee morning, combined with a broccante/craft fair. They served coffee and copious amounts of homemade cakes, all in with the price of a five-euro entry.

Such a worthwhile cause touched the hearts of many people. Everyone wanted to be involved in helping, and it was a great success. Stalls were stocked with homemade marmalade and cakes to buy; crafts items, books, puzzles and a treasure trove of jewellery! The raffle items, (*see last pic*) also proved popular. It was a very good turnout and a real community event, with friends and neighbours that we haven't seen since 2019, due to the Covid restrictions. Some people who were unable to attend, donated money while others came to support us, and at the same time helped with raising funds for the Ukrainian war-torn refugees. Hesdin raised a total of 610 Euros.

Many thanks and well done, to everyone who planned, prepared and attended the coffee morning. **Daphne and Doreen**

Coming Up:

Concert on Pentecost Sunday - 5 June 2022 - at 5pm-6pm
Village Church, Quesnoy en Artois, which is about 4km from Hesdin, on the Abbeville Road.

Free entry – with a voluntary collection at the exit.



vignolle//ensemble
alors, on
joue
dimanche 5 juin 17h
le-quesnoy-en-artois
église saint-vaast

Peter Smith writes;
“I have organised a concert with a Dutch string orchestra, in my village church. The ensemble comprises of twenty-two to twenty-eight very talented amateur musicians, aged between twenty-five to thirty-five. This year's programme, will be their second performance in the church.”

A Brief History of the Orchestra.

The members of ‘Vignolle Ensemble’ come from various Dutch student orchestras. They have no professional experience in music, but play in the orchestra alongside their studies or work. Over the past ten years, the ‘Vignolle Ensemble’ has given numerous concerts, including twenty-seven in the North of France (including the Abbey of Valloires, Boulogne-sur-Mer,

Abbeville and Hesdin), twenty-five in the Netherlands and three in England.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, Vignolle's last visit to France was in September 2019.

*The ‘Vignolle Ensemble’ wishes to inspire and connect people through music.

The orchestra is conducted by conductor Eduardus Lee (1987).

Programme:

Johannes van Bree (1801-1857) - Quatuor pour cordes
Georges Bizet (1838-1875) - L'Arlésienne suite n°. 1, Adagietto
Anton Arenski (1861-1906)- Symphonie de chambre, op. 35a
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) - Cantique de Jean Racine

***Please note: Vignolle will also be in concert on Saturday, June 4th at 18h00 in Hesdin's ‘Festival d'Arts’ at the ‘Salle de Manège’**

COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOUR THE 3 SERVICEMEN OF 6th & 8th BATTERY
OF THE 2nd SEARCHLIGHT REGIMENT, ROYAL ARTILLERY AT THE VIEIL HESDIN COMMUNAL
CEMETERY - SATURDAY 21st MAY



As part of the commemoration of the end of the Second World War, we are organizing a ceremony, in honour of the British soldiers who died on the territory of the commune on the night of May 20 -21, 1940.

On this occasion, an exhibition will be produced by the association of Friends of the Vieil Hesdin Historic Site on the history of these young British people who gave their lives to save our country.

The gathering will take place at the Maison des Associations at 11:00 a.m.

Yves Holbec – Pipe Major of the Somme Battlefield Pipe Band, will lead us to the cemetery for the laying of the wreath and the glass of friendship will be served at the end of the ceremony. Please come to honour this patriotic gathering.

LEST WE FORGET

GUNNER
EDWARD WILLIAM BARLOW
1508661

LANCE BOMBARDIER
REGINALD LLOYD GEORGE HATCH
1509044

GUNNER
JOHN THOMAS TIMMS
1509561

The course of the ceremony on May 21st will be as follows:

Gathering at the Association Hall for 11 a.m.

Departure in procession from the association hall, in '*rue du stage*' to the municipal cemetery to the sound of bagpipes...

Wreath laying and "ringing speech to the dead"

Return by procession to the Association Hall

'*Vin d'honneur*' and exhibits about British soldiers

To reach Association Hall from Hesdin;

Enter Vieil Hesdin on D340

Turn left for Le Parc on D123. Pass church and swing left on D123.

Take 1st right – rue du Marais. Association Hall on right at end;

From Le Parc: Follow sign for Vieil Hesdin on rue Blanche.

Pass cemetery on left and take 1st left – rue du Marais; Association Hall on right at end.

The Heart of Worship - 21st May, 8pm, Entry Free

An evening of worship groups organized by three Evangelical Churches from the Cote d'Opale.

CŒUR D'ADORATEUR
UN COLLECTIF DE GROUPES DE LOUANGE
DE LA CÔTE D'OPALE

PRÉSENTE

**SOIRÉE
LOUANGE**

LA FAÏENCERIE
AVENUE KENNEDY, BOULOGNE S/MER

ENTRÉE GRATUITE
LIBRE PARTICIPATION AUX FRAIS

**21
MAI
2022**

"L'HEURE VIENT, ET ELLE
EST DÉJÀ LÀ. OÙ LES VRAIS
ADORATEURS ADORERONT
LE PÈRE EN ESPRIT ET EN
VÉRITÉ. EN EFFET, CE SONT
LÀ LES ADORATEURS QUE
RECHERCHE LE PÈRE"
JEAN 4:23

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