



The Chaplaincy Newsletter – September 2022

September Blessings to all our readers!

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



A prayer for the children

September Already! Summer Holidays and school holidays are over and for many it's a time for change. It can be an anxious time for children and parents. Many children will be changing classes and teachers, going to college or university. In France, going back to school is called 'La Rentrée Scolaire'. This year there are not enough teachers and almost 20.000 Ukrainian children have already or will enter into the French education system. With climate change, wars and natural disasters causing fuel prices and the cost of living to rise, many people are already living on the bread line. It's very hard, but I know that Christian people and those more fortunate, will help where they can and continue to hope and trust in Gods promises. [mcd/editor](#)

Psalm 111:5 He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

Matthew 6:25

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?



Stained Glass Window St. Aubin.

Chaplaincy Services

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

1st Sunday – Sept 4th – joining with Calais

3rd Sunday – Sept 18th – 10.30 am Lay led

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

1st Sunday – Sept 4th – 11.00 am Lay led

3rd Sunday – Sept 18th – 11.00 am Lay led

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

1st Sunday – Sept 4th – 17.00 hrs (note later time) Lay led

3rd Sunday – Sept 18th – 10.30 am Lay led

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxjB5MWE5K3V0QT09>

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>

Safeguarding - Special Recruitment

The Chaplaincy requires a Deputy Safeguarding Officer to support the Safeguarding Officer (*Daphne Power*) in her role.

Deputy Safeguarding Officer is an important role in working to ensure that the chaplaincy is a safer place in which to worship and to socialise.

This post is open to applicants from all three churches.

If you are interested in this important and worthy role, with an awareness of the safety of those attending our churches, and a wish to support the Chaplaincy in this work, further information, in the form of a Job Description, Personal Specification and Code of Conduct, can be obtained from Daphne by email at safeguardingPDC@hotmail.com

All applicants should hold, or be willing to undertake an enhanced DBS (*Disclosure and Barring Service*) and complete safeguarding training to the highest level required for the post.

Most of the training can be done virtually online, with a specific 'Leaders Course' spread over two half-days.

The applicant is required to provide two, character references, (*not by a relative or friend*).

In the absence of a Chaplain: appointments will be made by the Safeguarding Officer and the Chaplaincy President; once they have received the references. *Daphne Power*

Chaplaincy news

The Chaplaincy Council has met twice via zoom this month. One of these meetings was with the Archdeacon to discuss ways forward and details of this meeting will be sent out shortly in a letter to all church members. We will be meeting with him again at the beginning of September. A service rota has been drawn up for the coming months. We are grateful to Sara MacVane who has offered to continue coming until the end of December on the third Sunday. We also have the area dean coming to take a Communion service on **October 30th** (followed by lunch) and Revd Teena Twelves (some of you may remember that she came to work with Kirrilee as part of her ordinand training) has applied for PTO (permission to officiate) and hopes to offer Holy Communion on **October 23rd** (venue to be confirmed). Father Simon Walker is also in the process of applying for PTO. We are also keen to set up three working groups that will involve members from all three congregations and chaplaincy council members on the following themes: worship; communication; social events and catering. If you are interested in joining any of these, or of being informed further, please let either your churchwarden know or contact Linda directly. More details will follow in the next newsletter. If you do have any matters that you would like to be discussed at Chaplaincy level, please contact the secretary, Clare Page. *Linda Pilliere*

Walking Together in Faith - Registration opens soon for diocese's lay training course

Potential applicants are being urged to consider signing up for the diocese's lay training course, 'Walking Together in Faith', which will be launched in late September. The course is open to all lay members of the Church – from people simply looking to learn more about the Christian faith to individuals exploring the possibility of formal lay ministry.

The multi-media course has been designed to be very flexible and will be accessed via the online platform Moodle. Participants are encouraged to join a local group, but for those for whom that is not possible there will be online options. They can also choose their level of engagement – applicants can opt to use the course as a free study guide but, for a small fee, can also register, submit work for assessment and be awarded a Bishop's Certificate in recognition of their achievements.

More details on the Diocesan website <https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1835-registration-opens-soon-for-dioceseas-lay-training-course>

Catheter Bags for Great Ormand Street Hospital:



Four friends here in the Pas de Calais; Annette, Trish, Marilyn and Lalage, got together to make these little bags after being told by Annettes daughter, a paediatric nurse in another UK hospital, of an appeal on Facebook. Ellie my granddaughter will deliver them personally when she starts her training as a paediatric nurse on the oncology ward this month.

The FB message from Abbie Rowland who is a nurse on Panther Urology, GOSH, says that when children come in for surgery, they are left with catheters that need to stay in place for up to months after. This can be an embarrassing visual for children and teenagers, so having these homemade bags really brightens their recovery. **Lalage Glaister**

Past Event: Free Art Exhibition in Ten Catholic Churches – 6th and 7th August

A cutting from the Voix de Nord Journal Around Montreuil, from the coast to Beaumerie-Saint-Martin, there are around fifty churches. Due to the decline in religious practice, most are closed. Yet they constitute a remarkable heritage. Father Bruno Dubreucq, head of the parish of Saint-Josse en Montreuillois, suggested the diocese organize a cultural event this summer to open churches to visitors. The idea is to highlight them by inviting craftsmen or artists. But it is also, for the pastoral side, a way to bring people back to these places of worship.

What a wonderful 'three in one' idea! - I went along on Saturday afternoon, with my husband Yves. We thought it was a lot of churches to visit in one afternoon so decided to do the four churches on the **blue circuit** and then, visit one or two on Sunday afternoon. (see plan in the August issue of the newsletter)

1. Campigneulles les Petites The church was completed in 1705 and is dedicated to Saints Crépin and Crépinien.



As we arrived at the church people were gathered around outside while the local dignitaries spoke about the village. After quite a while we were ushered into the church and asked to sit while an historian from the tourist office told us about the history of the church - *all in French of course – difficult for most English visitors.*



Although very interesting, it took up a lot of time, and as the churches closed at five pm, we decided that if this was going to be repeated in each church, we had better get a move on...so *thanking people as we left, we made our way to church number two; but not before I took a few pics of some very interesting sculptures by Jean-Marie Vienne; and one of the vintage découpes by Isabelle Lefever.*

2. Sorrus, The 16th century Church of Saint-Riquier

We were warmly greeted by Peter Wyart, one of the exhibiting artists; and also, some other friends from the Hesdin congregation. Peter's bright and colourful paintings were very successful: he sold two and another was commissioned. I took some pics and we left just as the dignitaries were arriving...



Peter Wyart with abbé Bruno Dubreucq



3. Airon Notre-Dame - Notre Dame de la Nativité Church. In ancient times it stood by the sea on the northern part of an estuary; the chapel was enlarged at the beginning of the 17th century.

We were very surprised to find that the theme of Thibaut Lucas' art work is volcanoes. Many black and white pictures of them covered the walls of the church. He created a volcano from local earth and stones taken from behind the church and placed it in the middle of the floor in front of the altar. This was of great interest to my husband who comes from the volcanic area of the Auvergne region, where many buildings, and the cathedral in Clermont -Ferrand, are built from the black volcanic rock.



4. St. Auban 17th century Saint Auban church

Quite an uphill walk, with granite stairs leading up to the entrance, but well worth it. A small church which is no longer used for services, but I thought very beautiful and atmospheric with its flaking and cracked walls. The bright stained-glass windows let through so much light and the artwork was very interesting. Some of it made from things dug up locally. I was struck by the sculpture of 'Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus' made from three rusty spanners in the first pic. The



artist, Jean-Michel Delambre, is also a journalist and author of children's cartoon books.

On Sunday afternoon we visited the two churches on the **yellow circuit**.

5. Nempont St Firmin - Church of Saint Firmin constructed in 1861.

An abundance of beautiful paintings by a Korean artist, Suyean Lee, covered the walls of the church. Her work is often displayed in Paris.



6. Colline Beaumont - Saint Martin Church was constructed in the 15th and 19th centuries. As we arrived a brocante *Flea Market* which was just about closing. We took a quick look around that and then went into the church where there were a lot of people inside, making it difficult to see the art work by *coloriste* Dominique Toursel, who is explaining her work in pic two (see below)



At the end of the day, we did get to see six out of the ten churches, and really enjoyed such an unusual exhibition. Everyone I asked said that it was a huge success with many visitors, and something I hope it will be repeated in the future. **Marilyn Dossat**

Future event: 39th European Heritage Days



Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September 2022 - 155 events in the Pas-de-Calais department alone. More in all other departments of France.

Click on the link to find out details, times of visits, concerts etc.

<https://www.journees-du-patrimoine.com/THEME/62-concert.htm>

<https://www.journees-du-patrimoine.com/DEPARTEMENT/journees-patrimoine-62-pas-de-calais.htm>

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 27th August (for the September 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*.

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