



The Chaplaincy Newsletter – October 2022

Autumn Blessings to all our readers!



Nature's Bounty



We have all noticed that wasps were particular nuisance this summer. And the reason, the locals tell me, is because we have had an extraordinary glut of apples this year.

Every autumn I am visited by Rafael, our local cider maker, who harvests several hundredweight of apples from my garden. He tells me that in earlier times the Pas-de-Calais was a cider centre that ranked with the famous Normandy orchards.

Laden with Red Delicious

The reasons its popularity as a drink in northern parts of France were several. Wine was traditionally produced much further south; cider was cheap; and for many centuries it was far safer to drink than the water supply!

Now apparently that local tradition has all but disappeared; and Rafael collects whatever apples he can find – mainly the eating variety; whereas the traditional English cider maker uses only special bitter-sweet varieties – with such wonderfully evocative names as Foxwhelp, Somerset Redstreak, Yarlinton Mill ...

The local product is typically a semi-sweet, sparkling 3.5% cider – very different from the rough, dry stuff produced where I grew up, which was up to 9% in strength, while home-brewed varieties could be as high as 15%.

It struck me also that the local preference for a rather sweeter product extends also to another famous item of French cuisine: the *tarte aux pommes*, with its delicious topping of layered caramelised sweet apple segments. Whereas, I have to confess, my favourite pudding is English blackberry and apple tart.



Tarte aux Pommes

And the key difference is that the apples have to be Bramley cooking apples. For some reason, they are impossible to find locally. But, happily, my generous Hesdin Congregation friend Daphne has a prolific Bramley tree in her garden....



Blackberry and Apple Pie

I'd be very happy to share my recipes for these divine desserts! **Michael Spriggs**

Chaplaincy Services

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

1st Sunday – Oct 2nd 10.30am Harvest Festival, Lay led. Non-perishable goods only please

3rd Sunday – Oct 16th Venue TBA

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

1st Sunday – Oct 2nd – 11.00 am Harvest Service, Lay led. Non-perishable goods only please

3rd Sunday – Oct 16th venue TBA

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

1st Sunday – Oct 2nd – 10.30 am Harvest Service - Lay led by Daphne. Non-perishable goods only please

3rd Sunday – Oct 16th – 10.30 am - Lay led by Marilyn

All three Churches

4th Sunday – 23rd Oct - A Eucharist service led by Teena Twelves to be confirmed

5th Sunday – 30th Oct - A Eucharist service led by the area Dean in Condette.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxjdjB5MWE5K3V0QT09>

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>

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 mcatchdossat@gmail.com

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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Chaplaincy news

The Chaplaincy Council met again with the Archdeacon on zoom and clarified future worship patterns for January onwards. The Archdeacon hoped to be with the congregations for the first weekend in November to lead a day retreat and service and also to be with the congregations when Bishop Robert visits the area in November.

Linda making the presentation



At the joint Holy Communion service led by Sara MacVane on Sunday September 18th, Pat Page, who stepped down as Chaplaincy Council president, was presented with gifts from the three congregations as a "thank you" for all her hard work. Pat has been our longest serving president and has guided the Council through several interregnums. *Linda Pilliere*



Pat page

After, Sara was invited to join us for lunch.



Save the date - November 5th-6th!

Archdeacon Peter Hooper will be leading the Chaplaincy in a day retreat and worship over the weekend of November 5th-6th, so please keep those dates free. He will also be helping us to focus on our future and the job profile for a house-for-duty Chaplain. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend. *LP*

“Thank You” From Pat Page - Church Warden, Calais. “I would like to thank everyone for the gift of



new jigsaws and a portable puzzle board which I received at Boulogne on Sunday 18th Sept. I have passed the chairmanship of the chaplaincy committee to Linda Pillière after many years, and I am sure she will lead us in the right direction.”

Hesdin’s Service of Prayer and Reflection

Hesdin held a service of prayer and reflection for those who wished to pay their respect to Queen Elizabeth II. The service was led by David Sergent; and Michael Spriggs did a resume of the Queens life and service to her country. The attendance was much greater than expected, with one person coming all the way from Arras to attend. We were also able to reach out to local residents; who were unaware that an English-speaking Anglican Worship Centre existed in Hesdin, and are very keen to join us in the future. *Daphne Power*



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*

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>

Past Event – Picnic Time at the Château de Cercamp



Château de Cercamp© Jim Rowe

The Walking group and the church have always had a close relationship. This year, walkers Jim Rowe and Doreen Cavallier, brought both together for a summer picnic at the Château de Cercamp.

Many thanks to you both for a wonderful day out and thanks to the owner the Château, who doesn't usually open on a Tuesday, but was very welcoming to us and allowed us to view the restoration work being undertaken.

I had visited the chateau some years ago when it was in its infancy in the restoration work, so it was a great joy to see the work already done to restore this great building to its former glory. I was particularly moved to see the restoration work in the small chapel on the upper floor, which was just a room of wooden floors on my previous visit. The chapel had been tastefully decorated with ecclesiastical furniture and some ancient robes.



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The day began with a walk through the grounds and woodlands of the Château. It was a hot day and some people forego the walk to rest under the trees. When the walkers returned, copious amounts of food were laid out and enjoyed under an enormous tree that gave us much needed shade.



After lunch the owner, Serge Dufour, led us on an historical tour of the Château,

“What an amazing place.” A former Cistercian

abbey, wool weaving factory, residence of the Barons of Fourment, General

Headquarters of Marshal Foch and a children's home. Now Serge Dufour is committed to writing a new story for the Château de Cercamp!

Located in Frévent, in Ternois, and nestled in the heart of a 33-hectare park, the entire castle, its outbuildings, as well as the park, are classified as Historic Monuments. Lounges, woodwork, fireplaces, galleries, staircases, we discovered more than twenty rooms during the visit. The imposing Château was originally the foreigners' quarter of a Cistercian abbey founded in 1137 by Hughes de Candavène, Count of Saint Pol. Destroyed and looted several times, it was not until the reign of Louis XV that the restored peace allowed a complete reconstruction on the plans of Raoul Coignart, who also worked at the abbey of Valloires.

The French Revolution saw a large part of the buildings disappear, including the magnificent abbey church which housed the tombs of the Counts of Saint Pol.

In 1823 the Baron de Fourment acquired the remains of the abbey. He had the ruins of the church and the dilapidated buildings demolished, leaving only the foreigners' quarter and the gatehouse framed by its two horseshoe wings. He restored the main building for his personal use and transformed the other buildings into a woollen mill employing more than 800 workers. This spinning mill moved in 1871 after a fire. During the summer of 1915 the castle housed General Foch's staff. Bequeathed to the Assistance Publique, the estate had several uses; holiday camps, homemaking school, children's home, etc. before being sold in 2012 to the current owner, who has since undertaken its restoration. If you wish to join the adventure of its restoration you can do this by becoming a friend of the Château by visiting the website www.cercamp.fr **Daphne Power**



Harvest Service



**Hesdin Church are holding their Harvest Service
on Sunday 02nd October 2022 at 10.30.
*Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, 62140 Hesdin.***

Join us in Thanksgiving

**A lay led service to reflect and thank God for our wonderful harvest
You are invited to bring along food contributions, so we can donate these to a
local project who support those in need.**

**Please bring packets or tins of food, rather than fresh food, as they are ideal for
storage and packing up to distribute to those who require this support.**



We look forward to you joining us.

Coffee and Biscuits served afterwards