



The Chaplaincy Newsletter - November 2022



November Blessings to all our readers!



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them. Robert Laurence Binyon*



Chaplaincy Services

All 3 Churches Condette

1st Sunday 6th Nov - 11am— Eucharist Service led by Archdeacon Peter Hooper.
followed by a shared lunch and talks regarding a house for duty priest.

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

2nd Sunday - 13th Nov - 10.30am Remembrance Service Lay led by Barry (*see flyer Page 5*)

3rd Sunday – 20th Nov – 10.30am Service Lay led by David

Weds 23rd Nov - 17.30 meeting with Roman Catholic Bishop of Arras – *more details to follow.*

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

2nd Sunday - 13th Nov - Lay led Remembrance Service, for Boulogne and Calais

3rd Sunday - 20th Nov – Lay led Service (*please check service times with your warden*)

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

3rd Sunday – 20th Nov – 11.00 am Lay led Service

NO ZOOM service on the 13th - but will resume on 27th November.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxjdjBSMWE5K3V0QT09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87872685714?pwd=UjFNVURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz09>

Chaplaincy news

Thank you to Rev. Teena Twelves who led a beautiful Eucharist service in Hesdin Church on the 23rd October.

Bishop's Visit in November

The Bishop's itinerary for his tour of north-eastern France from **17 - 20 November** is not yet known, but we know that it will include Confirmations and visits to Chaplaincies.

Safeguarding Sunday on 22 November - *more Safeguarding details on page 3 and 7*

“Trick or Treat” Oct 31st – or “Remember, Remember, the 5th November”?

Hallowe'en - or Guy Fawkes' Night? Two big celebrations in rapid succession!



According to a recent *YouGov* survey of French in the age range of 18-44, fully one-third, will have celebrated Hallowe'en this year with family and friends. But that same survey revealed that over three-quarters of all French polled, felt that modern Hallowe'en celebrations had no place in the French calendar, dismissing it as just a cheap commercial import. In fact, Hallowe'en as a day of celebration arrived in France only very recently, in the 1990s. But with the extension of holidays at *Toussaint*, (*All Saints' Day* - 1st November), it appears to be taking off

again: Auchan has reported a doubling of annual sales of Hallowe'en items in recent years.

Hallowe'en, 'All Hallows' Evening' *the night before Toussaint*, in fact was originally a Celtic festival, heralding the start of their new year. As so often with major ancient traditional celebrations, this date was later conveniently adopted as a Christian feast, as an occasion to remember the souls of the departed. Today in France, *Toussaint* is an important public holiday when families gather to remember their departed loved ones.

I have to say that, growing up in England in the 1950s, I had no idea of the significance of Hallowe'en as anything special. It was too close to that much more important British event: Guy Fawkes' night on the 5th November.

I have wonderful memories of those magical Guy Fawkes' evenings as a boy in rural Lincolnshire. As a backdrop to all the fireworks, there was always a huge bonfire in the field behind our house: then



mugs of hot soup; baked potatoes in the bonfire embers; toffee apples ... And I can still recall that delicious mingling of the aroma of wood smoke and the sulphurous smell of the fireworks; the fun of Roman Candle fights; crackerjacks and bangers lobbed like grenades; risking life and limb to relight those that had appeared to have failed to go off ...

[Here I am obliged to insert a Health and Safety warning!]



And of course, a Guy: an effigy of the hapless Guy Fawkes who was foiled trying to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. I remember one year making a guy as instructed in my copy of that year's *'Boys' Own Annual'*. Thus: "Ask your dad for an old cast-off suit; stuff it with straw; paint a face mask, etc." I found an old suit he was about to throw away and set to work. The result was widely admired; it seemed almost a shame to have to sacrifice it.

Then, on his return from a business trip that week, my father asked my mother at breakfast: "Did you remember to take that suit to the cleaners, the one I need for that dinner on Saturday? I left it in a bag on the floor."

I remained silent and got on with my cornflakes... *Michael Spriggs*

The Safeguarding Office - Some Big Changes

Lisa Welsh who was assistant head of Safeguarding has left and is now replaced **Andy Munro**. Andy spent 30 years with the metropolitan police as a detective sergeant and gained considerable experience with safeguarding and family support. He retired from the police three and half years ago and has since been one of the safeguarding advisors within the Borough of London. Andy will work Tuesday to Friday and welcomes meeting people with enquiries when he is at work. Email Andrew.munroe@churchofengland.org

Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator (Training)

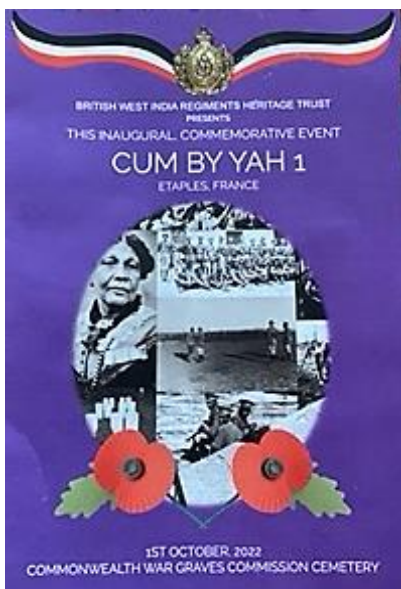
We also welcome **Craig Norman**, new in the post of administration. Craig is responsible for the administration of the Leadership training courses for the diocese. He also provides general administrative support to the Safeguarding Team and is our technical 'go-to'. Craig works 5 days per week. Email: craig.norman@churchofengland.org

Safeguarding Sunday on 22 November 2022

Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message of justice and hope. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for our worship centres to show your community that you take this responsibility seriously. It is a chance, to use the regular Sunday service to explore together what safer worship places are, and to think of all those who work to make these places safer and cared for.

Whether you can give a few minutes or can dedicate your whole service is a great way forward. If you wish to know more Daphne our Safeguarding Officer has registered for further information and guidelines for worship on this day, which on receipt she will send to Church Wardens. *Daphne Power*

Past Event – A Remembrance Ceremony for Twenty-Nine WW1 West Indian Soldiers



"We will remember them. Words that always bring a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye."

Those words were spoken on the 1st October, by a WW2 Veteran from the West Indies to remember twenty-nine of his countrymen who had died fighting in France in WW1 and were buried in the far-right hand corner of Etaples Cemetery. A friend had heard that the Ceremony was going to take place and we were very happy that we went along to join it. One of the speakers at the Ceremony was Miss Sue Liburd, the National Windrush Museum Director. We found the whole Ceremony very moving; from the opening of the unaccompanied singing voices of Cum By Yah, to the closing anthem of God Save the King. The prayers were led by a wonderfully charismatic preacher the Rev Michael King; whose resounding voice could have echoed all the way to Le Touquet. We tried to convince him that he should come to be our 'house for

duty priest' but he told us he is very happy in Brixton! Sound effects were provided by the hunters in the nearby woodland; you could imagine that the shots came from a battlefield.

If you plan to visit the Cemetery; search out the graves of these twenty-nine brave young men who died far away from their families - *and the warmth of their homeland.* *Lalage Glaister*

Bringing in the Sheaves, in Ireland.



Following my lay led, Harvest Festival Service, and my reflections based on the words of the Hymn 'Bringing in the Sheaves' It reminded me of my own childhood memories of a what it was like to be a child, brought up on a farm in Ireland and of the hard labour on a day of bringing in the sheaves. The thrashing day on an Irish farm was a big event, the children were allowed to stay off school as it was a celebration of a good harvest and very much a family event. It also brought together the whole community to help each other, and the men would travel from one farm to another during this period. The preparations for this day started a week before the event. Water had to be brought from the spring, bread was baked, large hams were soaked and then baked, potatoes were dug up ready for cooking on the day, cabbages washed and ready to boil, butter was churned and buttermilk available for the men to put on their potatoes. But the most important task for my father was to buy the big keg of beer and to have it tapped. This was put in an outside barn with soft drinks, called 'red lemonade' for those men who had taken the pledge. The day began at dawn with a large wooden thrashing machine arriving, towed by a big Lang Bulldog tractor. Everything was set up in the paddock, with the tractor throwing up great clouds of smoke into the air as it drove the thrashing machine by large belts attached between the tractor and the machine. The sound and smell of this remains vividly in my memory. The neighbours arrived on large high push bikes, with an enamel mug attached to the handlebars. Most mugs were dented or chipped, after many years of travel and use. Some of the men wore clips on the bottom of their trousers, or tied them with twine to prevent mice, which lived in the sheaves, from running up the leg of their trousers after being disturbed. The neighbouring women would arrive to help mum with the catering, often bringing a baby in a large body pram, which was left in the yard and only attended to if the baby cried. Often it was the children's task to watch and amuse the baby while the women worked. The sheaves were brought in from the fields on a flat board horse cart, drawn by a dray horse; this was the job of my elder brothers. They pitched the sheaves onto the cart, where they were arranged so that none would be lost on the journey to the paddock. The sheaves would then be pitched up to the two men on the thresher; one would cut the twine and the other would untangle the sheaf, before it was fed into the thresher. At the other end, there were men holding bags to be filled with the grain; while at another station men were pitching the straw onto a stack as it came off the oscillating boxes of the thrashing machine. This was no job for the weak or weary, it was continuous work for hours; it lasted all day, with small breaks to partake of the beer or lemonade or to indulge in a door-stop sandwich of ham and Colemans mustard - *a very popular condiment*. Lunch was served when the huge wooden kitchen table was brought out into the yard, and long bench stools placed around it to accommodate all the men. Dinner was baked ham, boiled cabbage and boiled new potatoes, served with salted butter and buttermilk, followed by apple tart, and all washed down with a mug of strong tea. On one occasion my little sister thought she would help herself to a drop of what the men were having. She got a cup from her doll's tea-set and filled it up with beer from the keg, visiting it many times, until my mum noticed her missing. She went looking, always fearful of the machines. Mum found her in the barn asleep, with a cut on the forehead where she had fallen over drunk! The day came to an end when all the men went down to a large river on the farm, and washed themselves with a big bar of sunlight soap. This was to prevent taking home the chaff, as it would make you very itchy, especially the barley beards. I have to say what a wonderful childhood I had - and so lucky to be part of this celebratory, annual experience. The following day it was off to another farm, to repeat the same ritual again of...

.... 'Bringing in the Sheaves'. *Daphne Powers*

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



10.30am SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

Including observance of the 2 minutes silence

VENUE: THE PARISH HALL, RUE DE L'ARSENAL, HESDIN 62140

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE SERVICE.
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS.***

DIRECTIONS: From Rue Charles Quint, there's BNP Paribas on the corner of Rue de l'Arsenal. In Rue de l'Arsenal look for the large metal gates on the left. There will be a sign on the gate. If the gate is closed, ring the bell attached to the gate and someone will come to open it.

HESDIN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING 19 November 2022 10.00 a.m.

Mug of soup (please bring your own Mug)

Mince pies

Bottle Stall

Bric-a-brac

Cristmas gifts

Cards

Raffle

Prize competitions



In support of:-

Foyer International
d'Accueil et de Culture

Calais Lifeboat

L'Arche

Entrance 5€ - includes coffee/tea and a mince pie.

Hesdin Church Hall, Salle de L'Arsenal,
Rue de L'Arsenal, Hesdin

DONATIONS WELCOME



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>

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>

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