

The Chaplaincy Newsletter - April 2023

Passiontide Blessings to all our readers

Our Forthcoming Services



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

1st Sunday – 2nd April – 10.30 Palm Sunday service lay led by Marilyn

9th April – 12.00 Easter Sunday lay led by Daphne

All are welcome to come at 11.30 for refreshments

3rd Sunday – 16th April – 10.30am lay led By Barry

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

1st Sunday – 2nd April – 10.30 lay led Palm Sunday service

6th April-7pm 'Chez Pilières' - Maundy Thursday Service followed by supper. Please contact Linda & Jean-Marc if you wish to attend.

9th April – Easter Sunday 10.30 joint Boulogne/Calais, lay led service ...followed by easter egg hunt and hot cross buns.

3rd Sunday – 16th April – 10.30 Lay led service

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

1st Sunday – 2nd April – 11.00 lay led Palm Sunday service

3rd Sunday – 16th April – 11.00 Lay led service

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=U1FNVURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz09>

A guide to the Church of England (Anglican) religious festivals in the UK in 2023

Day	Date	Festival
Thursday	6 April	Maundy (Holy) Thursday
Friday	7 April	Good Friday
Sunday	9 April	Easter
Thursday	18 May	Ascension Day
Sunday	28 May	Pentecost
Sunday	4 June	Trinity Sunday
Wednesday	1 Nov	All Saints' Day
Monday	25 Dec	Christmas Day

Give us this day our daily bread

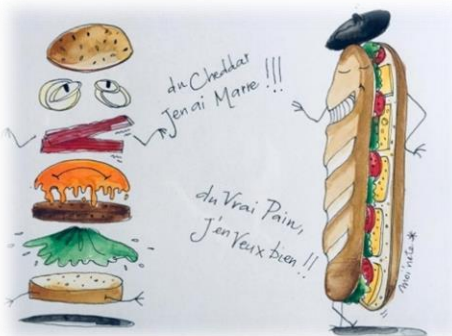


Every Saturday, I used to cycle, *OK nowadays I drive*, to the next village to pick up a couple of *baguettes*. What could be more appealing than that delicious, warm aroma coming from that *boulangerie*?

It set me wondering. But when I looked into the history of the baguette, I found it mired in uncertainties, with no single definitive origin. One theory even attributes the baguette's invention to Napoleon Bonaparte who, according to legend, ordered that bread be made extraordinarily thin and long to fit better into a special pocket in soldier's uniforms.

Another explanation is that, unlike prior breads reserved for the elite, the baguette symbolised equality. Before 1800, the poor had survived on coarse loaves of what were considered inferior grains such as barley and millet, with all sorts of materials added to make the flour go further: bran, sawdust, hay - and even dung!

The storming of the Bastille in 1789 began as a search not just for arms, but also for grain; which the Parisians rightly suspected was being hoarded. After the revolution, the newly formed government introduced the *Bread of Equality Law* to avoid the divisiveness of 'a bread of wheat for the rich and a bread of bran for the poor.'



As baguettes are made from a fairly lean dough and can be made in large quantities, they were thus affordable by everyone, in response to the government's demand for this 'bread of equality'. By law, the traditional baguette must be made just from wheat flour, water, yeast and salt: there can be no preservatives so it does not last for days like processed bread. The most plausible story is more prosaic: that the baguette was developed in the 19th century as flour became cheaper and more finely milled; and with steam ovens it became possible to bake loaves with a crisp crust and light, airy centre.

"No to yours with Cheddar – a well-filled baguette is better!"
© Virginie Coquet

Whatever the reality, these stories all underline the importance of bread as an essential symbol of French culture. Every town has a *boulangerie*, and there is a vital tradition of artisan bakers. Becoming a professional master baker is a highly respected vocation in France.

Bread is the subject of many French superstitions. One is that the baguette should never be placed flat-side up. You will never see that in bakeries or restaurants. It seems that in the Middle Ages, loaves destined for those feared people charged with carrying out executions were placed upside down by the bakers so that others would know they were associated with hostility.

Today, if you accidentally place your baguette the wrong way up, you should draw a cross with your knife on the flat side to erase the 'hunger curse.'



Bread of course has enormous symbolism within the Church – from our 'daily bread' in the Lord's Prayer, to the breaking of bread in the Eucharist. And we shall be enjoying Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday

All of which goes to emphasise the enormous material and spiritual importance of *bread*. *Michael Spriggs*

'One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns'



Chaplaincy News

UPDATE - Earthquake Crises Relief Coffee Morning – 25th February 2023

In last month's Newsletter we told you about a coffee morning organised by the Pas de Calais Chaplaincy, to raise funds to help support the rescue efforts in Turkey and Northern Syria.

It was held at the home of Tom and Daphne Power and was a huge success.

All proceeds go to Médecins Sans Frontières, who provide medical humanitarian assistance to save lives and ease the suffering of people in crisis situations in more than 70 countries. The Chaplaincy wish to say “**a big thank you**” once again, to everyone who helped on the day and for the generous donations gratefully received.

The final amount raised is 646 euros.

Coming up in May - The Coronation of King Charles III

All resources and details you need to know about the Coronation can be found at this link below. Please contact your warden with ideas of how you would wish to celebrate this historical occasion with your church.

[The Coronation - Diocese in Europe \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/)

Vacancy for Hesdin's Secretarial Role

As you may know, our former secretary Joyce Bosworth, can no longer continue in this role due to ill health and Daphne Power has kindly stepped up to support the church temporarily.

If you are interested in taking on this important post, and would like to know more about the duties of the church secretary, please contact Daphne who has had a lot of experience in this role.

We continue to pray for Joyce and John as she continues her recuperation.

Special Recruitment - Deputy Safeguarding Officer

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*

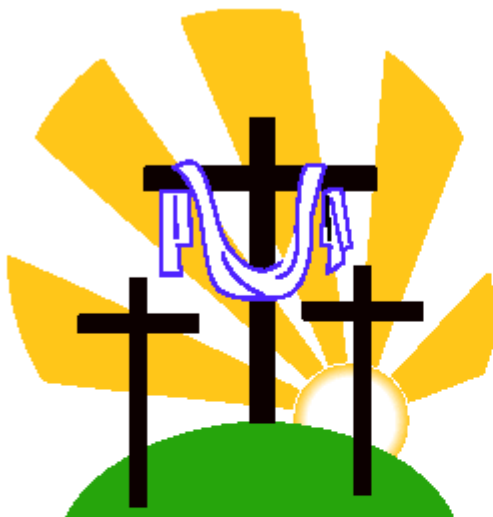
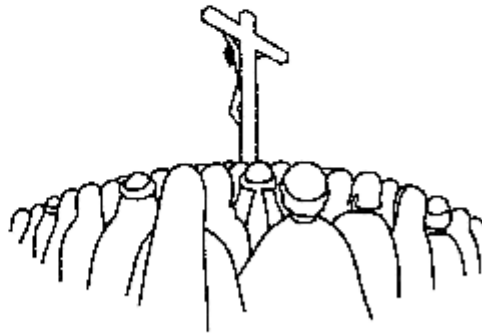
French ecumenical services over the Easter weekend; namely a lunchtime service on Good Friday at the temple; and an early morning Easter Sunday service on the beach



Association Œcuménique du Littoral
Retrouvons-nous
au cours de la Semaine Sainte

Méditation de la Passion,
Vendredi Saint 7 avril 2023,
de 12h15 à 13h00, au Temple,
rue du Temple à Calais

(suivie d'un bol de soupe offert, repas tiré du sac)



Fête de la Résurrection
Dimanche de Pâques
9 avril 2023 à 7h00, sur
la plage de Wissant,
côté Blanc-Nez

(pas de feu, une grosse lanterne sera apportée ; livrets de chants fournis ; boissons chaudes et petits pains offerts)

Wishing all our Readers a Very Happy
and Peaceful Easter
From the Pas-de-Calais Chaplaincy



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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