



Religious Association of the Anglican Church of Pas-de-Calais

The Chaplaincy Newsletter - Nov 2023

November Blessings to all our readers

Our November Services:



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

Please note there will be no 1st Sunday service in Hesdin

12th Nov 10.30 – A remembrance Service led by Barry Hampson

See flyer page 3. (Red Cross Poppies, crosses etc. will be on sale)

19th Nov 10.30 – Eucharist service led by Father Simon Walker

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

5th Nov 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

19th Nov 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

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

5th Nov 10.30 – Lay led Remembrance service

19th Nov 10.30 – Lay led morning prayer service

Please check with chaplaincy website for amendments to services <https://anglicanspd.org>

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

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87872685714?pwd=U1FNVURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz09>

Thanks to Jenny Hampson for sharing this poem with us...

In 2019 Joshua Dyer (aged 14) was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day.

An hour later (without any help) he produced this poem.



ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING



One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide

They walk toward the light milord,
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun.

These men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace, they paved

They march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps

the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave.

They dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men.

Chaplaincy News

Update on the House for Duty Post.

An advertisement has been placed in the Church Times for the post of a House for Duty Chaplain. There are currently three other Chaplaincies in France with a similar vacancy, so the Archdeacon suggested that the four Chaplaincies should work together. This will result in a pool of candidates. The other three Chaplaincies are Pau, Poitou Charentes and Herault, Vernet, Le Gard (three areas joining together).

An advertisement has gone into the Church Times, and is also on the Diocesan website,

see here <https://www.europe.anglican.org/house-duty-posts-france>

Two webinars are being organised when people who are interested in the post can come and chat informally with representatives from the congregations.

The first webinar will be held on Monday October 30th at 10 am, UK time, and Barry Hampson (Hesdin rep) will be attending.

The second webinar will be on Tuesday October 31st at 7 pm, with Tanya Collins and Linda Pillière representing the Chaplaincy.

November 15th-16th- applications will be examined by the Archdeacon and the representatives from the Chaplaincies (our representatives are Barry Hampson, Hesdin, Tanya Collins, Calais and Linda Pillière Boulogne).

It is possible that a longlist will be drawn up and a zoom organised, or just a short list. In all events, once there is a short list, the congregations will be involved and will have an opportunity to meet the candidates.

Please do contact your Chaplaincy representatives if you have any questions.

Linda Pillière, Chaplaincy President

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At a Harvest Festival Eucharist service led by Father Simon Walker in Hesdin Church, a very



generous amount of non-perishable goods was collected for one of our chaplaincy charities 'Resto du Coeur' *the pic shown here is much prettier, but less practical than the many bags of long-life tinned and packet food donated.*

Thanks to Doreen & Jake Cavalier who kindly took them all to the local branch in Hesdin and were thanked many times over for the donations.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



10.30am SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

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.

Friday 10th November -5.30 pm in Montreuil -Sur-Mer



There will be a short 'Ceremony of Remembrance' at General Haig's Statue, in tribute to the British soldiers who were stationed in Montreuil-Sur-Mer during WW1.

*All are welcome to come and support this event. **Lalage Glaister***



*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses,
row on row
That mark our place..."*



Margaret and I visited Wimereux War grave cemetery to pay tribute to the Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, author of 'Flanders Fields' the worldwide famous poem. The tomb is indeed located within our chaplaincy area!

John McCrae died in a Cote d'Opale war hospital in 1918 from pneumonia and meningitis. As in Etaples, Wimereux held military hospitals during the Great War.

In a field uncultivated, Poppy seeds develop and grow by the billions. This is what happened in the battlefields of WW1. An Impressive landscape!

McCrae wrote his poem after the death of his friend at the battle of Ypres.

The tomb is accessible through the town cemetery within the town of Wimereux.

Jean Marc Sergent

World War II Memories & the Mill

Pierre Cecchin 1936 – 2023



On the night of March 28, 1942, the British Navy drove an obsolete destroyer HMS Campbeltown filled with delayed action explosives into the gates of the dry dock at St Nazaire. The ship sank to the bottom of the gates and later that day the explosives detonated at the base of the lock gates, successfully putting the dry dock out of service for the rest of the war. Therefore, the Germans couldn't use the dock to repair warships, such as Tirpitz or Bismarck. Following this attack, the angry Commandant of St Nazaire retaliated by ordering all women and children to leave St Nazaire, whilst the men had to stay and

work for the Germans. Consequently Pierre, his sister Monique and his mother, were forced to leave their father and travel from St Nazaire to Blois on the German controlled north side of the river Loire, and stayed on a small farm with their uncle. Pierre went to the local school. One day whilst in class he happened to look out of the window and saw some men with berets sauntering down the road to the school, with cigarettes in their mouths followed by the Maire. They forced open the door of the classroom and walked up to Pierre and one other boy. Pierre said that he could remember it as if it were yesterday.

The lead- man pointed his finger at Pierre's head as if it was an imaginary gun and pulled the trigger. He told Pierre and the other boy to go with him. The headmaster stood in between the men and the children and looked at the Maire, who had entered the room. He asked why the children were being taken away. Pierre said the Maire just shrugged his shoulders. Fortunately, the locals had heard the commotion and whilst the headmaster was challenging the Maire, they managed to sneak the two boys out of a back door.

Pierre and the other boy were then taken across the Loire to the Vichy government-controlled side of the river. The other side of the river from Blois was all market gardens where the boys were hidden by a farmer on his farm close to a mill some fourteen miles away. Pierre's mother was distraught when she learnt what had happened and didn't know where he was. Three weeks later she was told by the Marie that there had been a mistake and Pierre and the other boy could return in safety.

Pierre stayed helping on the farm and recalls playing in the nearby Mill. He returned to Blois and his mother and sister after the grape harvest and went back to school and his music lessons in Blois. Pierre was just as keen to talk about his father who, in May 1944, was taken to Germany as slave labour and was liberated by the Russians in January 1945 but was too weak to be moved. He was looked after by the Red Cross and was only strong enough to undertake the train journey to Blois in mid July 1945. The train guard helped his father down onto the platform at Blois and that's where Pierre and his uncle found him, and the family were reunited.

After the war, the windmill, where Pierre had played as a boy, was taken down by the locals who used the stone to rebuild their properties and the ruined windmill lay derelict for many years. *See pic*

In 1962 Pierre was offered the opportunity to buy the derelict mill for one thousand old Francs.

Pauline continues the story:



“Pierre did some drawings for a builder whom he paid to rebuild the main walls and found another workman to put on a flat roof on the peak to make the place safe and watertight for holidays. Pierre’s parents spent six months every year there, once his father had retired. It cost us a small fortune to rebuild. The cost of the roof alone would have bought us a studio flat in Le Vesinet, where we rented for many years. The mill was a holiday home for over fifty years. We sold in 2016 because it was getting too far to go to each year. Also, there was the upkeep of the garden and the worry of the climate. The farmers over the years had removed the hedges round the vines, used heavy machinery and crop sprays. We no longer had the insects or birds. A badger took up residence in the wood nearby, caused havoc in our field and the high winds with hail stones damaged the roof. It all became a worry for Pierre”.

Pierre and Pauline moved to Boulogne. But unfortunately, the events of that one day in Blois impacted on Pierre for the rest of his life. He said that he was never able to get the memory out of his mind, of the man with the fag in his mouth, walking up to him and pulling the trigger at the side of his head. Quite regularly he would wake up in the night sweating and shaking as he recalled the event for the rest of their married life.

On the night of the British attack, one of the four alabaster statues of ‘Our Lady of Boulogne’ - which started out to cover the four quarters of France in World War II - was residing overnight in the Cathedral in St Nazaire. The Commandant, out of spite, refused to let the statue carry on it’s religious ‘journey of hope’ around France; and it languished for many months in the Cathedral. So, when Pierre and Pauline came to live in front of the Boulogne Basilique, he took pleasure in saying that he, like the statue, had returned home to Boulogne, and that he could feel her presence.

Pauline Cecchin & David Furber

1st October 2023



A picnic lunch enjoyed at Estreélles, after a joint Eucharist service led by Rev. Teena Twelves.

Photo by J&B Knowles

The Solidarité Association is organising

‘A Christmas Market’

Pernes-lès Boulogne, Saturday, December 2nd from 10am - 5pm.

Mulled wine, Christmas cakes, jams and marmalades, crafts, books, Christmas cards and crackers will be on sale. If you can help run a stall for an hour or two, or contribute in any way, please contact Linda (linda.pilliere@free.fr). See Flyer page 7.

All proceeds will go to the three charities that we are supporting this year.



Christmas Market

Pernes-lès-Boulogne

Crafts, cakes, jams, marmalade
Christmas cards, crackers, English books, mulled wine
and Father Christmas himself!

**Saturday December 2nd at the salle communale
10 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

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For further information, contact 06 51 73 06 07 IPNS

Christian Books for Advent Reading

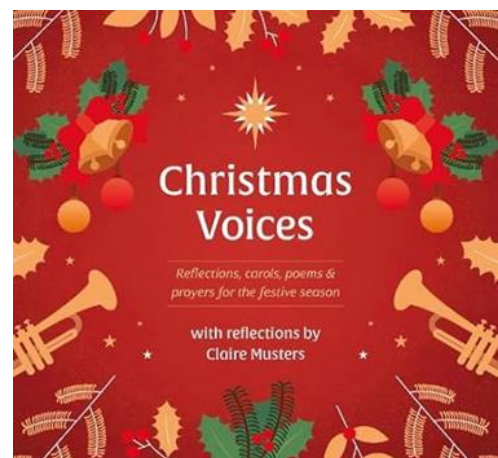
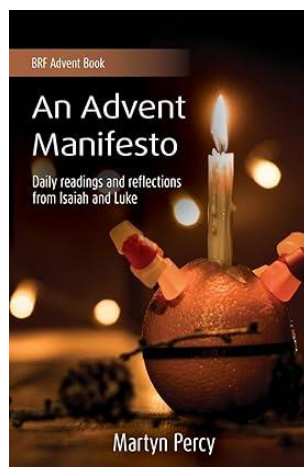
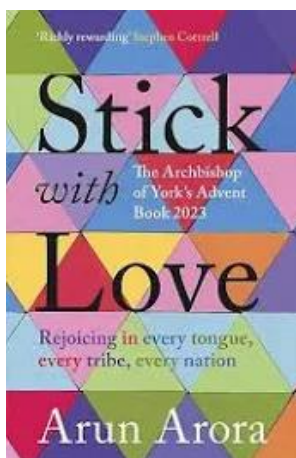
Quench Bookshop (based in Wokingham in Berkshire) recommends the following books for Advent:

Stick With Love (the Archbishop of York's Advent Book, published by SPCK) - *Themes of racial justice, hospitality and welcome, with reflections from Isaiah and Revelation, and stories of missionaries, martyrs and mystics who help to guide us through advent* £10.99 (special Quench price of £8.99)

An Advent Manifesto (BRF Advent Book) - *This book engages with two great Christmas hymns: the Magnificat and Benedictus. It is also rooted in poets, prophets and the theology and devotional writing of the black theologian and mentor to Martin Luther King Jr., Howard Thurman. Using the lectio divina approach to passages drawn from Isaiah and Luke, An Advent Manifesto is an invitation to pray and practise that most ancient Advent prayer, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come.' A book full of HOPE...* £9.99 (special Quench price £8.99)

Christmas Voices (for something a bit lighter, published by BRF) *25 short reflective pieces for the Christmas season written by Claire Musters, travelling through promise and preparation to joy, peace and finally love. Along the way we encounter a choir of diverse voices sharing their favourite carols, poems and prayers, illustrated throughout with original colour artwork.* £9.99 (Special Quench price £8.99)

Orders can be placed by emailing Ali on admin@quenchshops.com.



David and Meg's Wedding



30th September 2023



On a bright sunny afternoon, at Sprowston Parish Church, Norwich, my wife and I, arrived to celebrate the marriage of David Furber and Meg Turpin. As a portent of things to come, we passed by a large group of ladies singing acapella in the Churchyard. The church was packed, and David with his son as 'Best Man' along with the vicar, who was led by his guide dog, were there welcoming the guests. The choir of about sixty ladies entered in procession up the aisle, whilst singing a joyful antiphonal kyrie. When they reached the choir stalls, Meg appeared, alongside her son, both looking rather nervous. Meg was wearing a beautiful lacy bridal gown complete with long train, held by the chief bridesmaid, her sister, who came over especially from New Zealand. The service itself was quite conventional with the choir singing the first verse of each hymn, followed by the congregation and the choir added a stirring descant to the final verse.

Then the bride and groom stood before the vicar and the solemn vows were exchanged, followed by rapturous applause. The service then proceeded as normal, the register was signed and a blessing was given by the Vicar.



It was outside for the photos and then back inside the Church for the 'Bring and Share' wedding breakfast, *actually, afternoon tea*, set out on trestle tables, which were heavy laden with food.

How our nuns in Boulogne would have enjoyed all the leftovers! Thereafter, we had a celebration of the wedding with the cutting of the cake and David's witty speech.

Then, Ida Mae (<https://idamaemusic.com/>) a modern pop duo formed by Meg's son and his wife, entertained us with songs, duets and sextets from members of the choir and a satirical account of an alternative wedding in the form of e-mails.

Finally, the whole choir, *including tenors and basses*, conducted by Meg, sang joyous songs of love and devotion appropriate to this beautiful and unique wedding! **Graham Hughes**

♥ Congratulations to the Happy Couple - from the chaplaincy newsletter ♥



Channel 2H



Hôtel de Ville
62140 Hesdin

Soirée Beaujolais Nouveau

Le vendredi 17 Novembre 2023

à partir de 19 heures

animée par le groupe « cordes vocales »

Salle des fêtes de Bouin Plumoison
(Salle chauffée et parking assuré)

- apéritif et ses amuse-bouches
- cassoulet ou couscous (au choix et servi à l'assiette)
- Le prix inclut le vin (une bouteille pour 4 personnes, bouteille supplémentaire à **10 Euros**).
- nombreux desserts faits maison

Si vous voulez apporter un dessert réalisé par vos soins, il sera accueilli avec joie. Prévenez nous (06 58 46 29 65). Les frais occasionnés seront remboursés sur présentation de justificatifs.

Membres : **23 euros**

Non –membres : **28 euros**

Merci de renvoyer ou de déposer le bulletin ci-dessous à l'adresse suivante, accompagné de votre règlement, chèque à l'ordre de :

CHANNEL 2H avant le **vendredi 3 novembre**.

Please return the slip below to the following address
with your payment, cheque payable to **CHANNEL 2H**
before **Friday 3 November. 03rd.**



Andrée MORONVAL CHANNEL 2H Hôtel de ville 62140 Hesdin

	Nom et choix du plat	23 euros	28 euros
M, Mr / Mme, Mrs			
M, Mr / Mme, Mrs			
Montant total Total amount			

Here are a few dates to look out for in November.

https://www.eparenting.co.uk/celebrations/celebrations_and_events_in_november.php

Guy Fawkes Night

5th Nov 2023 When the British celebrate the Gunpowder Plot conspirator's failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Also known as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is celebrated with fireworks and the burning of an effigy on a bonfire, known as a Guy.



Number Confidence Week

6th Nov to 10th Nov 2023

Improving number confidence improves opportunities and life chances for all. The week includes a series of livestreams and online activities to make the UK to feel more confident in understanding and working with numbers.

Odd Socks Day

13th Nov 2023 Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. All you have to do is wear odd socks to school or work.

Anti Bullying Week

13th Nov to 17th Nov 2023 A week for learning about the causes of bullying, identifying bullying and encouraging people to speak up against bullying, both children and adults.

World Kindness Day

13th Nov 2023 A Day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms, and to appreciate the positive benefits of kindness to health, overall wellbeing, community, nature and the environment.

Children In Need

17th Nov 2023 The BBC's annual fundraising day which raises money for children's charities across the UK, fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.

World Hello Day

21st Nov 2023

Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving peace.

Some useful links:

The Prayer Circle prays for you 'in confidence' please email to: ourprayersr4u@mail.com and write 'Prayer Request' in the Subject line.

Please note: The prayer circle is always here to pray for you, your family or friends, but please remember to ask their permission before sending in a prayer request. *mcd/ed*

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 people's permission first; and be aware that pictures or images may be copyright. *Thanks, mcd/ed*

This newsletter, together with contact details for our Church Wardens, is also on our website <https://anglicanspdc.org>

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