



The Chaplaincy Newsletter – April 2024

Easter Blessings to all our readers



He is risen indeed!

Our April Services

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

7th April - 10.30 - Lay led Service - Led by David Sergent

21st April - 10.30 – Lay led Service – Led by Barry Hampson (followed by AGM)

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

7th April - 11.00 - Lay led Service – Pat Page

21st April - 11.00 – Lay led Service – Pat Page

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

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21st April - 10.30 – Lay led Service

Please check with the church wardens and the chaplaincy website for amendments to services
<https://anglicanspdc.org>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxdjBSMWE5K3V0QT09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87872685714?pwd=U1FNVURpb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz0>

Safeguarding: We all owe a 'Duty of Care' to those in our communities

Therefore, any Safeguarding concerns should be reported directly to the safeguarding Officer and any report will be acted on and advice sought, in the interest of the vulnerable in our community. Please be assured that all reporting is kept confidential. **Daphne Power, Safeguarding Officer**

Chaplaincy News: Pas de Calais Chaplaincy Easter Services



This year we were very fortunate to have the Venerable Canon Dr. Peter Hooper, Archdeacon for France, Monaco and Switzerland, to lead us in the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Eucharist services.

Maundy Thursday

Archdeacon Peter started his visit to the Chaplaincy with a house service at the home of Linda and Jean-Paul Pillière. Ten people were seated around the table, just as the twelve disciples were at the last supper. The first part of the traditional and moving service included the washing of hands. The service sheets were removed and Supper was then served at the table. When the supper had been cleared, the table was prepared for the Eucharist; and Communion was taken. Each person offering the bread and wine to the person seated next to them. The table was then stripped and the three readings of the watch followed, with a silence between each one for personal reflection.

Many thanks to Linda and Jean-Paul for hosting the occasion. *Lalage Glaister*

Good Friday



The Good Friday Service was held in this little village church at Estréelles. (No photos were taken during the service).

We went silently into the church and Archdeacon Peter led us in a very beautiful and moving Service with many readings leading up to the cross. Vaughan accompanied the traditional hymns on the church organ and after receiving Holy Communion and the blessing, we left as silently as we came. Lalage, who lives almost next door to the church, generously invited everyone to her home and served us with hot cross buns with butter and jam and copious cups of tea and coffee. Thank you so much Lalage, as it gave us all the chance to spend some relaxed time together and with Archdeacon Peter; and we say thanks to him for coming all this way to serve us. *Marilyn Dossat*

Holy Saturday

Archdeacon Peter led an Easter Eucharist evening service in Calais. Because Calais and Boulogne would be worshipping together, with other friends invited, we borrowed the French Protestant Church building in Calais for this occasion; the church is big enough for a larger congregation than usual and there is room where refreshments can be served, plus there is a courtyard where a fire can be lit to light the Easter candle. The first part of the service included the lighting of the fire and the Easter candle, and this was followed by an Easter Eucharist, with appropriate hymns, readings and prayers. After the service the congregation enjoyed soup with bread and cheese before heading home. I would like to thank the Archdeacon for leading Calais's Holy Saturday service, along with all the other services in the Chaplaincy over the Easter weekend, and thanks also to everyone who attended all the services in the Chaplaincy. A Very Happy Easter to you all! *Clare Page*

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Easter Sunday



A Very Big Thank You! To Archdeacon Peter, for giving our chaplaincy four days of beautiful Eucharist services. With all his travelling to France, Monaco and Switzerland and more than a hundred churches to look after we are truly honoured and blessed that he chose us...*Marilyn*

Daphne wrote:

What a wonderful reflective and joyful service we experienced with the Archdeacon this Easter morning. It was a great pleasure to see so many people attending and to be able to welcome new visitors, one from as far away as

Washington. Great to welcome second home owners again, who visit when they are in France. Thanks to everyone who arrived early to prepare the hall for the service, provided flowers for the altar, made cakes, brought chocolate bunny rabbits and eggs to share. To the readers; to those who prepared the service booklets and provided the music. To those who prepared and served the coffee and those who tidied up afterwards. It felt like a very welcoming community with everyone's generous contribution and participation. A Big Thank You.

Some photos courtesy of Roderick



A Memorial Parade in Honour of Four WW1 Pipers

Roclincourt
9th April at 10:30am

The ministry of Defence, through the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre, is responsible for the research, identification and burial of all British casualties worldwide.

On 19 March at CWGC Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, at Fleurbaix, a service was conducted by the Reverend Tom Sander CF, Chaplain to the Household Cavalry, to rededicate the life of Captain Cedric Hutton Daggett MC of the 23rd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

Captain Daggett was born in Jesmond, Northumberland in 1890. In 1914 he enlisted into the Army and joined the 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. After training he was posted to the 23rd Battalion in 1915.

On 1st July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the 23rd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers attacked near La Boisselle. The battalion war diaries record that Lt. Daggett was one of only two Officers to return for roll call on 2nd July 1916. On 1st September 1916 he was promoted to captain. He was awarded the Military Cross in the New Year Honours List of 1917.

On the night of 11th/12th February 1917, the Battalion carried out a raid against enemy trenches in the Bois-Grenier area, south east of Armentieres. The party consisted of twelve officers and two hundred and fifty men; split into four groups. Sadly, information given that the "wire" had been cut for their advance, was untrue. They met strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties. It was reported that Captain Draggett was seen standing on the parapet of an enemy trench, and that he said he was remaining to assist his men, who had come under heavy machine gun fire. Under heavy enemy fire the men started to retire, but on reaching their own lines, Captain Draggett was not among them. A search party was sent out, and recovered several men - but not the captain. Captain Draggett's body was later recovered and buried by the Germans in Lambersart Communal Cemetery German Extension along with eleven of his men who were killed during the raid.



After the war his remains were moved to Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery. He was buried as an unknown British Officer who had been killed on 11th February 1917. As he was reported missing, he was commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial. But over time; and research, the body of Captain Draggett has been identified; and the Dedication Service to this Officer can now be held.



Flairbaix's Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, is the final resting place of more than fifteen thousand Commonwealth service personnel. We are deeply indebted to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who care for the graves, memorials, records and memory of the 1.7 million

Commonwealth servicemen and women who died during the two world wars. *Roderick Hutchison*

Roclincourt is a village a little to the east of the road from Arras to Lens. Take the N17 from Arras until the junction of this road and the D60 (first CWGC sign here). Travel along the D60 into Roclincourt village, for approximately one kilometre, to a right turn (direction St Nicholas).

John Knight wrote...

We are having a ceremony to lay up our existing Standard and dedicate a new one in the chapel at **Notre Dame de Lorette, Ablain St Nazaire on the 13th April**. The ceremony will be at the centre of a mass in honour of St George. I have attached an invitation and a press release. We would like to extend the invitation to the members of the Anglican Church of Pas-de-Calais and newsletter readers. We hope that some of you will be able to come.

Kind Regards
John



La Branche Nord / Pas-de-Calais de la Royal British Legion vous invite cordialement à la cérémonie de bénédiction de son nouveau drapeau et au dépôt de l'ancien au sein de la chapelle de la Basilique Notre-Dame de Lorette (Ablain-Saint-Nazaire)

**Basilique Notre-Dame de Lorette
Ablain-Saint-Nazaire**

Le samedi 13 avril 2024

à 11 h

Tenue
Militaires, uniforme avec médailles (T21)
Civils, tenue de ville

RSVP au plus tard le 1er avril 2024
Veuillez confirmer votre présence par courriel:
frajohn@mac.com

The Nord / Pas-de-Calais Branch of the Royal British Legion cordially invites you to a ceremony to Dedicate their New Branch Standard and the Laying Up of their old Standard in the Chapel of the Basilique Notre-Dame de Lorette (Ablain-Saint-Nazaire)

**Basilique Notre-Dame de Lorette
Ablain-Saint-Nazaire**

Saturday. 13th April 2024

11.00 a.m.

Dress
Military - Uniform with medals (1A)
Civilian - Business attire

RSVP by April 1st 2024
Confirm your presence by email:
frajohn@mac.com



John has kindly extended the RSVP to the 7th April

John KNIGHT
Chairman

Nord/Pas-de-Calais Branch 3415
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Think before you print



PRESS RELEASE



The Dedication of the new Standard of the Nord/Pas-de-Calais Branch of the Royal British Legion

On Saturday 13th April 2024 at 11 a.m. a religious ceremony will take place in the chapel of the Notre-Dame de Lorette national necropolis. During the celebration, a new Standard will be presented to the Nord/Pas-de-Calais Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL). At the same time, honours will be paid to the old branch Standard before it is withdrawn from service and entrusted to the chapel.

The symbolic location of this ceremony has been chosen to mark the importance of the event and as a tribute to the historical link between the British people and the chapel.

The Royal British Legion

Nord/Pas-de-Calais has witnessed some of the worst conflicts of the 20th century. Today we live in peace, but are surrounded by "Silent Cities": military cemeteries which are constant reminders of this past.

Founded in 1921, the Royal British Legion not only serves those who fought in the two world wars, but also those who took part in all other conflicts and those who continue to fight for freedom today. The RBL attends commemorations and reburials and supports families throughout the year in remembering those who never returned home. Ceremonies come in all shapes and sizes, from largest to the humblest memorial services. The main thing is that their sacrifice is never forgotten.

The RBL provides financial, social or psychological assistance to all members of the British armed forces (whether still serving or veterans) and their families. Each year, these missions are financed by the "Poppy Appeal", recognised by the wearing of its famous emblem: "The Poppy"

Loreto Hill

The hill was a place of pilgrimage to Notre-Dame well before the First World War. The scene of bitter fighting, the bloody hill was, chosen immediately after the war to accommodate a necropolis containing the remains of French soldiers from the military cemeteries of Artois and Flanders, sites of some of the deadliest battles on the Western Front. More than 40,000 men are laid to rest there, on a site covering almost 13 hectares.

In 1925, Painlevé, President of the Council, inaugurated the Notre-Dame de Lorette chapel within the necropolis. Six stained glass windows in the transept were designed and made by the English artist Henry Payne and donated by the British Empire. The original grave marker of Louise de Bettignies is preserved and displayed there. This Franco-British heroine rendered eminent services during the First World War, providing the allies with vital information. Louise de Bettignies was awarded "Knight of the Legion of Honor". She was also awarded "Officer of the British Empire" and decorated with the Military Medal. It is next to this cross and under the stained glass windows that the old Standard of the Nord/Pas-de-Calais Branch of the Royal British Legion will be laid up for posterity.

On 11th November 2014, the Ring of Remembrance was inaugurated by the President of the Republic, François Hollande. On this 325m long perimeter ring are engraved the names of almost 600,000 soldiers who died in Flanders and the Artois between 1914 and 1918, listed in alphabetical order, without distinction of nationality, rank or religion.



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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 peoples 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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