



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter – JUNE 2024

Blessings to all our readers

Our June Services

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

2nd June - 10.30 – Eucharist Service - Led by Fr. Simon Walker

16th June - 10.30 – Songs of Praise Service – Lay led by Daphne Power

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

2nd June – Join with Boulogne service

16th June - 11.00 – Lay led Service – Pat Page

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

2nd June - 10.30 Eucharist Joint Service, led by visiting priest Sarah

Burrows at Boulogne with Calais

16th June - 10.30 – Lay led Service

30th June - a joint Service – Check details with Wardens



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=U1FNVURPb2NWL2UxUXpkc09ZR2wydz0>

Please check with the church warden and the chaplaincy website for amendments to services

<https://anglicanspdc.org>

Safeguarding update: Domestic Abuse among the expat community.

I received an article issued by the British Embassy in Paris, with regard to Domestic Abuse among the expat community.

I am at present communicating with the Safeguarding Team in London and I will formulate a report to be sent to all members of the Chaplaincy in the near future. Domestic Abuse training is available to everyone on-line in the Diocese in Europe website:

Daphne Power (Safeguarding Officer)

<https://www.europe.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding-policy-guidance>

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**

Click on the link below to can access the safeguarding policy

<https://www.europe.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding-policy-guidance>

Chaplaincy News:



The Chaplaincy AGM, held on 26th May, was quite an emotional one, as Linda Pillière stepped down from her role as 'President of the Religious Association of the Anglican Church of Pas-de-Calais'. She and husband Jean-Marc will be moving to Provence.

Our Chaplaincy treasurer, Tanya Collins, presented Linda with a bouquet of flowers as part of her leaving gift to say 'Thank You' on behalf of the Chaplaincy, for her 38 years of holding several offices and leading lay worship in Boulogne, and on Zoom.

Linda will be presented with the other half of her leaving gift at a Chaplaincy joint service on the 30th June.

David Sergent

(See letter to Chaplaincy from Linda on page 3)

Results of Chaplaincy AGM Elections.

David Sergent was elected as President.

Tanya Collins remains as Treasurer

Daphne Power remains as Safeguarding Officer

Clare Page remains as Secretary.

Results of Calais Congregation Elections

The congregation elected Pat Page to remain as Churchwarden

Clare Page remains as Secretary,

Tanya Collins remains as Treasurer.

Pat Page, Tanya Collins and Clare Page remain Calais's Chaplaincy representatives.

Results of Boulogne Congregation Elections

Linda Pillière will stay on as Boulogne's Churchwarden with Pauline Cecchin taking on the role after Linda's departure.

Pauline Cecchin remains Treasurer

Gillian Lewis remains Secretary

Vaughan Johnson. Gillian Lewis, Linda Pillière, as Boulogne's Chaplaincy representatives.

Results of Hesdin Congregation Elections

Marilyn Catchpole-Dossat elected as Churchwarden

John Bosworth remains Treasurer

Daphne Power remains Secretary

Marilyn Catchpole-Dossat, Barry Hampson, and David Sergent as Hesdin's Chaplaincy representatives.

All the Chaplaincy elections were unanimously approved; proposed by Pauline Cecchin, seconded by Jean Karssen.

David Sergent, Chaplaincy President

A letter from Linda...

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for the bouquet of flowers and cards that you gave me on Sunday. As I mentioned in my report at the AGM, after some 40 years in the Chaplaincy, Jean Marc and I have decided it is time to move and take up a new challenge. It is rather strange to be stepping down after so many years of involvement first with Boulogne as secretary and magazine editor, then as treasurer and then Churchwarden and later as Chaplaincy secretary, treasurer and recently lay-vice chairman.

2024 has so far been a bit of a rollercoaster for both of us. When we first found the house in Aix-en-Provence, it seemed that everything was fitting into place. The house is near the Catholic Church that we usually worship at in Aix, the Anglican Church in Aix is beginning to grow and there is enough greenery around the house to make it not feel like it is in the town and yet it is only 15 minutes on the bus.

But from January 2024 onwards things began to go wrong - I've lost count of the number of times we were on the point of getting our two bridging loans only to discover that finally they were refused and it proved more difficult than we had imagined to sell our house. Then in March a student sit-in at the University where I work led to the faculty dean resigning, which meant all the vice-deans (of which I was one) had to resign and I lost the administrative job that I loved and had intended to do for the next 18 months - the plans that I had for international relations all disappeared overnight. And then on Good Friday, Jean-Marc had a biopsy that revealed he had breast cancer.

It was a whirlwind of fears and emotions and the route God seemed to have planned for us had suddenly become uncertain. God's peace seemed a long way off, but we had the good fortune to have the Archdeacon with us over Easter and so I asked him over for a chat. I felt I no longer knew what God wanted - I didn't know if the doors that seemed to be closing were a sign that we shouldn't move.

That same morning I looked at the Lectio 365 app. I had stopped following it in the morning but on Easter Saturday its opening prayer just spoke to me "Jesus as I wait today in this dark and desperate world where many dreams have died, teach me to trust even when I can't understand, and help me Lord, not to hide from life's shadows and pain" and there followed the words from a Jesuit priest "Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete". So, when the Archdeacon arrived, I had already received some answers to my questions. I knew I had to let go, to accept that I wasn't in control and trust. But the advice he gave has been really helpful and I want to share it, even though I suspect many of you already know and/or practise what I am about to say.

The first point was in order to hear God's voice we have to keep the channels of communication open – it's no good saying someone hasn't rung us if we leave the phone off the hook. We need to spend time with God in order to hear him. Secondly God can talk to us in many different ways - I am still amazed that a Jesuit priest wrote those words all those years ago with never a thought they would speak to me in the 21st century. It may be someone who isn't a Christian will say something - but the thing to do is to take a notebook and write these things down so that when we have doubts and fears we can reread the words. In the days that followed the app seemed continually to give words of comfort (my notebook began to fill up pretty quickly!) Things have continued to be bumpy from time to time but I am trying to hold onto the verse from **Isaiah 41:13 "For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'"**. I like the mental image of God holding my right hand.

As I said in my AGM report, I am deeply grateful to you all for the support, love, and trust you have shown me throughout my various positions of churchwarden, treasurer, secretary and now lay vice president. Please pray for us both in the months ahead as we will both pray for the future of the Chaplaincy. **Linda Pillière**

Chaplaincy News:

A May Wedding for Sonia & David - 18/05/2024



What a wonderful afternoon we had at the Mairie's, Salle de fete in David and Sonia's home-town, where the happy couple held their reception. It was such a joyful time, meeting their families and friends and enjoying copious amounts of delicious delicacies and drinks offered to us by the smiling waitresses.

A big thank you to David and Sonia for inviting Hesdin congregation to share in their special day. And on behalf of all the Chaplaincy we wish them a long and happy marriage and Gods blessings in abundance...

We would also like to say a big thank you to David for his three years of service as Hesdin's churchwarden, and congratulations on being elected Chaplaincy President. ed

Hopping Across the Water - By Daphne Power

We recently decided to spend a few days in Kent, and rather than just passing through on our way to visit family and friends, we took a drive out of Dover, saw the sign to Deal and headed that way. We had never been there before. What a lovely town!

We walked along the high street which had a selection of independent shops - a rare find nowadays - then treated ourselves to a coffee.

Afterwards an enjoyable, fresh and bracing promenade along the sea front; which led us to the lovely **'Sea View Restaurant'** serving yummy, freshly fried, fish and chips.

The service was excellent; and while we sat there enjoying an enormous piece of fish and proper thick chips, washed down with a big mug of tea, and as the name depicts, we admired the sea view...The following day we planned to visit the **Maidstone Museum**, as we had seen advertised on TV, that they are showing a Japanese exhibition. The museum was easy to find, and parking was just next to it in the large shopping centre car park. It was a beautiful exhibition and the museum is small and easy enough to get about without feeling exhausted. Maidstone Museum is free to enter, and encourages everyone to come and see for themselves the amazing artefacts and displays on show. There is so much to entertain people of all ages throughout the year, including two new temporary exhibitions which we were lucky enough to experience.

The first was by Graham Clarke: 'A Retrospective - 65 years as a printmaker' in one gallery, whilst the other showcases **Maidstone's Young Artist Award - 2024** finalists' artwork; on display until 1 June.

There were permanent exhibits of local people who have made it in the fashion and music industry: a fashion exhibition, which brought back a lot of memories of the 60's and 70's; and a military room with exhibits of medals awarded to local people. This plaque which was hanging on the entrance door to the Military exhibition is a prayer. O GOD KEEP ALL DWELLING, IN THIS PLACE IN HEALTH, AND WEALTH, WITH TRUTH AND GRACE. AMEN.



There is a small exhibit on **Lady Brabourne 1886 – 1979** and for those of you who may not have heard of her before, she died in the assassination of Lord Mountbatten in Mullaghmore Peninsula in Sligo Ireland on 27th August 1979. In 1980 her son Lord Brabourne donated 2000 items of her clothes to Maidstone Museum.

Karen Millen, international fashion designer, had her head office in Maidstone.

In 1981 the business began with £100 spent on 100 metres of white cotton to make shirts.



Her first store was opened in Maidstone in 1983.

The most poignant sign here was that of **The Mairmeadow Martyrs.**

Two men and five women, including Blind Bess, were burned at the stake in June 1557 for their religious beliefs.

A plaque on Drakes old coaching Inn commemorates them there.

Tom had researched a Nepalese restaurant in advance, as we are both lovers of their cuisine.

Again "what a find!" Just a short stroll along Week Street we found the '**Namaste Nepalese Cuisine**' at 112 -114, Week St, Maidstone.

I can honestly say this is best restaurant we have visited in years; they also cater for vegetarians and vegans. We both said we would drive from Folkestone or Dover anytime to have such a welcoming and delicious experience. I would encourage everyone one to stop the car sometimes and discover and enjoy the hidden treasures of Kent. *Daphne Power*

And for the history lovers - Sourced by Daphne

Chillington Manor in medieval times was annexed to the College of All Saints, but the core of the present house is a typical example of Elizabethan domestic architecture built by the Maidstone MP and lawyer Nicholas Barham between 1561 and 1577.

After a succession of later owners, the house was split into two properties. The major part was then bought by William Charles, a physician who also ran a felting and blanket-cleaning business in the hall and galleries of the house. His son Thomas continued a medical consultancy but in middle age retired and gathered a collection of antiquarian objects. Dying a bachelor in 1855 he bequeathed his collection to the town, which then purchased his house and opened a museum to the public in January 1858. Further contributions to the collection were made by local gentlemen. – notably Julius Brenchley, an archetypal Victorian explorer of the Americas, Australia and the Far East, who give his ethnological collection.

The east wing, which had been in use as a coal and straw store, was purchased in 1868 and rebuilt in matching style to house the expanding collection, and the west wing was purchased in 1870 with the help of £400 donated by Brenchley. In 1874 a wing of Court Lodge, East Farleigh, then being demolished, was dismantled and re-erected as an extension to the museum. Samuel Bentliff, a local leather merchant, gave money for the Bentliff Gallery extensions to the east in 1889-90 and further additions were made in 1897/9 and 1924.

Today the museum and art gallery, houses a high quality and wide-ranging collection which is well worth a visit.

A poignant Story of Heroism and Chivalry



Household cavalry trumpeters at the Zandvoorde Memorial, Belgium

This year, 2024, sees a number of major anniversaries in France and in Britain. On 6th June it will be 80 years since the D-Day landings; probably the last time that surviving veterans will be able to attend the Normandy commemorations. This year also marks the 80th anniversary of the WWII liberation by allied forces in September 1944 of our local towns, Hesdin and Montreuil, from German occupation.

And, during the weekend of 4th-5th May in Ypres, I was invited to ceremonies to mark the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Royal Household Cavalry Memorial Column at Zandvoorde in Belgium.

The background to this story involves Lord Worsley, a young lieutenant in the elite Royal Horse Guards, who was killed in October 1914 just weeks after arriving with his squadron in Belgium.

In the battle for Zandvoorde Ridge, the British fought valiantly but were hopelessly outnumbered. However, Lord Worsley continued firing the only remaining machine gun till the bitter end. With fighting all around, the British and German dead were hastily buried in mass graves. But one soldier Lord Worsley, was given a special burial.

On the German side of the battle, a machine gun section of a Bavarian Regiment had been led by Oberleutnant Freiherr Sigmund von Prankh. On reaching the captured British trenches he made for the place where Lord Worsley had been killed. So impressed was he by Lord Worsley's bravery he wanted to find out more about him. On examining his papers, he was astonished to find how much they had in common: both were 27; both were noblemen (von Prankh was a Freiherr, or Baron); both were machine gun officers of the same rank, in elite regiments. And, crucially, both were married. Von Prankh arranged for a detailed drawing showing the precise location, with instructions that it be passed via diplomatic channels to the Worsley family.



Charles Pelham, Lord Worsley
1913

He also collected all his personal effects, including letters, diaries, a gold wedding ring, his watch; with instructions that they too were to be returned to his family. His gesture was an extraordinary act of humanity. But tragically it was his last significant one, as he was killed the next day, and is buried at Zandvoorde.

After the war, Lord Worsley's widow bought the land with her husband's grave. This site subsequently became the location chosen by the Household Cavalry for their Memorial, unveiled by Lord Haig in 1924. The energetic initiative for the Household Cavalry's visit in May to Zandvoorde and Ypres lay with Lord Astor of Hever, grandson of Field Marshal Haig, who in 2022 presided over the restoration of the Haig statue in Montreuil.

At the Zandvoorde ceremony on 4th May this year, wreaths were laid by the current Lord Worsley and, movingly, also by the great-nephew of von Prankh – remembering a poignant story of heroism and a rare example of chivalry in modern warfare. *Michael Spriggs*

Dates for your Diary:

EXPOSITION

28 MAI - 9 JUIN

10h30-12h30 et 14h-19h

HOYNG PRÉSENTE EN 2^{ME} ÉDITION



Anne Cotrel
Mixed
Media

Pascal Butstraen
Installation

Peter Wyart
Artiste
peintre

Femke Hoyng
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ART & FAITH



BACO (British Association of the Côte d'Opale)

DID YOU KNOW that there is a thriving local Anglo-French Association which through the year runs various enjoyable social and cultural events in our area.
Why not find out more*?

The next key BACO event is a tutored **wine tasting in Hesdin:**

Venue: La Cave de Lilie
14 Place d'Armes
62140 Hesdin

Date: Friday 21st June

Time: 18h

It will be an opportunity to taste and learn about a variety of superb wines under the guidance of an expert *sommelier*, and to have a wonderful social evening with friends.

"Pay only 10€ at the door for entrance to this very convivial event to include a subscription to BACO with no further charge until August 2025".

*For more details, contact...

BACO Secretary Yvonne Guareschi (yvonneguareschi@yahoo.fr)

or the President George Murray (assobaco@gmail.com)

Note from the editor

Dear Readers and Contributors

Please note: The newsletter will be taking a summer break in August.

Please send your contributions for July and August before the **28th June**.

We will return with a September issue.

Please send your contributions for **September by the 28th August**.

We are always interested in 'What's Going On' in your village/town - please help us to keep you informed. [Marilyn mcatchdossat@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.mcatchdossat@gmail.com)

Merci beaucoup

The Big Church Read



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Click on the link to book your place or find out more about it...

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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*

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