



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter – JULY 2024

Summertime blessings to all our readers



Our July & August Services

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

Sunday 7th July – 10.30 – Lay led service by David Sergent

Sunday 21st July – 10.30- Lay led service by Marilyn Dossat

Sunday 4th Aug – 10.30 – Lay led service by TBA

Sunday 18th Aug– 10.30 – Lay led service by Barry Hampson

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

Sunday 7th July – Joining with Boulogne

Sunday 21st July– 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

Sunday 4th Aug – 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

Sunday 18th Aug– 11.00 – Eucharist led by Rev. Mark Bryant

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

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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>

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

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Chaplaincy News:

Paul and Penny Re-affirm their Baptism Vows - 2nd June 2024



A wonderful Eucharist service; plus a Joyful and uplifting, re-affirming of Paul and Penny's baptism vows took place in Hesdin church, led by Fr Simon Walker.



And then we all got sprinkled with Holy Water Thank you Fr Simon.

June 30th - Joint Eucharist Service at Estreélles Led by Fr. Simon Walker



A big thank you to Fr. Simon for a beautiful service held in the ancient catholic church, situated close to Lalage's house. And a big thank you to Lalage for welcoming everyone back to her lovely house and garden, for a lunch, hosted by Hesdin Congregation. Twenty one

people enjoyed a delicious summer lunch of various salads, cold meats, and quiches, cheeses, baguettes and butter, followed by strawberries, topped off with cream and Lalages home made meringues. Oh, and a glass or two of rosé... 😊

Thank you to Fr.Simon, guests and hosts, for a really blessed Sunday. mcd/ed



ART & FAITH EXHIBITION



I'm unaccustomed to producing art on a theme: But I was asked by Anne and Pascal Cotrel; both established artists from Montreuil-sur-Mer, to join them in a group exhibition with a Dutch artist named Femke Hoye.

I spent some considerable time thinking about what to do; it was quite a challenge! My first thought was to have a central image of the 'The Tree of Life' (*see pic*) using a mixture of painting and collage. The idea was to show how all faiths are in some way interconnected, and how art reflects our past from the early icons to contemporary art today. The connection between Art and Faith is the 'Passion' that they both create in people's lives. Happily, for me, I have been given the gift of both faith and art.

God blessed me by His grace with the gift of faith when I was eighteen years old, as a student at Art College in the early 60's. I don't believe we can manufacture faith. God requires a personal enquiry from us in which we might change into the person that He wants us to become. Like painting it's not so much about the end product but more about the process; the searching and enquiring, which creates a shift in our understanding about life and the world around us.

Peter Wyart

Note: The painting will be donated either to a hospital in France, or to The Kings Fund in the UK.

REFLECTIONS OF D-DAY - 80 YEARS ON – by Roderick Hutchison

June 6th 2024 brought, not an excuse, but a sense of duty, to remember on both the beaches of Normandy as well as what followed; those of so many countries who sacrificed their lives so that we today can have freedom of choice.



Returning to Normandy, both Gillian and I had the honour of remembering those at both Gold and Sword Beaches as well as the British Memorial at Ver Sur Mer. Here over 22,000 who lost their lives in the initial landings are remembered. Along with all the men, are memorials to two nurses killed during the assault. To the west of the British memorial stands a separate memorial dedicated to honour those French civilians who died during the initial invasion. The beaches are lying quiet now, but one can imagine the horror of the day and days, eighty years ago, when the sea was taken over by pools of blood; men lying face down in the water as the waves

washed over them; wounded men on the beaches as they lay with medics desperately trying to get to them but prevented by intense machine gun fire from the German battery positions. The noise – yells of advancement,

cries from the injured and the consistent whine of bullets. One stands in awe and honour.



At Colville Montgomery – Sword Beach – I had the privilege of meeting both son and grandson of Bill Millin, who was the personal piper of Lord Lovat, and who was ordered to pipe the men ashore. This was contrary

to British Expeditionary Forces orders, but Lovat told Bill that the orders came from the ‘English’ and both he and Bill, were Scots!

Lovat also led the Kieffer Commandos ashore – commanded by Col. Phillipe Kieffer - the first Free French Unit to land on German occupied land.

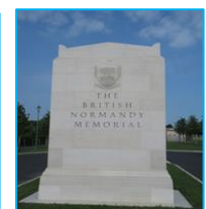
The Normandy Tourist Association must have been overwhelmed at the numbers of those that came. Some will never return but I hope that the memory will never be allowed to die. And was the sacrifice worth the loss of lives? I look at today and sometimes wonder about the values of respect and care. History may not be valued by many, but it is a source from which we can learn.



180 Pipers led a tribute to honour the event.

In politics where is the “coming-together for the common good of mankind?” Disagreement has been with us since the beginning of time, but in this day of nuclear uncertainty, we have more than ever to do our best to find an accord. But that is for the future: ***For today we must remember, honour and respect.***

Roderick Hutchison



Think before you print

What's On: The Olympic flame - Boulogne 3rd July

The Olympic flame will pass through Boulogne on the 3rd July.
The Flame arrives in Bd Sainte-Beuve at 10h10, goes round the town and leaves from Stade de la Libération at 12h04.
Jimmy Gressier, member of Boulogne Athletic Club has qualified for the 5000 mètres.
Maxime Beaumont member of Boulogne Canoe Kayak has qualified for the K1 1000 mètres.
He won the silver at the Rio Olympics. **Pauline Cecchin**

Note from the editor

Dear Readers and Contributors

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

We will return with a September issue.

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

We are always interested in 'What's On' in your village/town - please help us to keep you informed.

Merci beaucoup

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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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