



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter – SEPTEMBER 2024

Autumn Blessings to all our readers

We hope you have had a good summer break, recharged your batteries and are ready to get back to church, work, school, university, or wherever life is leading you...
And wherever that happens to be, we wish you all the very best and may God go with you!

Our September Services

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

Sunday 1st Sept – 10.30 – Eucharist service led by Fr. Simon Walker

Sunday 15th Sept – 10.30 - Lay led service by Marilyn Dossat

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

Sunday 1st Sept – 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

Sunday 15th Sept – 11.00 – Lay led service by Pat Page

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

Second Sunday 8th Sept – 10.30 - Lay led service by TBA

Sunday 15th Sept – joining with Calais

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

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308857876?pwd=ektZUy9RcGZ6dTdxjdjB5MWE5K3V0QT09>

A Church Near You Website - A very useful website for finding us and other church services either locally, if you are away from home, or even on holiday. www.achurchnearyou.com

British in France Directory – you can also find us in the British in France official directory of member organisations. www.britishinfrance.com

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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Another Olympic-Sized Challenge

In August this year, the sporting world's attention has been focused on Paris and on the triumph of the 2024 Olympics, the success of which has been a source of genuine pride for France. Then, to complete the cycle, its parallel spectacle, the remarkable Paralympics began on 28th August.



But that date also marked a rather lesser known – but equally keenly contested – international event, even closer to home:

The World Chip Frying Competition!

This festival takes place each year in the Grand'Place in Arras. It is truly an international event, with teams from France, Belgium, Germany, Thailand, Japan, England and Canada. And, make no mistake, it is taken extremely seriously. The rewards and accolades for the eventual winner are enormous: last year it was Aurèle Mestré from Arras; sales from his local chip shop have soared and he is now to open a chain of similar *friteries*.

World Chip Frying Championships: Arras

This venue in northern France was chosen because most historians credit the creation of the humble chip to France or Belgium. Of course, there is a vigorous continuing dispute over which of the two actually invented them - the Belgians objecting strongly to the term “French fries”.

Many believe that the first chips were prepared in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, in what is now Belgium. Legend has it that the poor villagers of the Meuse area lived on a diet of tiny local river fish, which they fried. When the rivers froze, ruling out fishing, fried slivers of potato became a substitute. Other historians dispute this, arguing that the potato did not arrive in this region until the mid-18th century. One argued that, given economic conditions at the time, “it is unthinkable that a peasant could have dedicated large quantities of fat for cooking potatoes”.



Other theories abound. According to the curator of the Belgian Chip Museum (yes, there actually is one, in Bruges!) they may have originated in Spain, which introduced the potato to Europe from the New World. Saint Teresa of Avila, a 17th century Carmelite nun in Seville, cultivated the newly-discovered potato in the cloister garden. She cut small figures of Christ from potatoes and fried them in oil. Sometimes these figures fell apart into small chip shaped strips of an arm or leg! *Hmm ...*

Arras - For the Perfect Chip?

As early as 1802, US President Thomas Jefferson requested for a White House dinner “potatoes prepared in the French manner”; and by the mid-1800s, the term “French fried potatoes” was appearing in print. In terms of sheer consumption, of course, the US dominates. It is the world's largest consumer of chips/French fries, with McDonald's serving a staggering 4,000 tonnes per day!

So today this unpretentious side-dish has risen from that humble early serving suggestion to international culinary icon. And no matter whether invented in Belgian, France, Spain, or the US – what could be better than sitting in a beachside café on the Côte d'Opale at this time of year with a cool beer and a generous serving of *moules frites*! **Michael Spriggs, Hesdin**

The Lighthouse - by Katherine Currie

I woke up in the night. I live about a mile from the sea in a second -floor apartment. When I open my window, I can see out over the rooftops and trees.

In the distance the lighthouse turns and spreads beams of light into the night sky. I can't see the lighthouse itself. I just know that the light is there guiding sailors and keeping them safe.

Many of the boats passing are ferries, full of bustling tourists and tired lorry drivers, who rest as they cross. The passengers aren't aware of the light that is guiding them. But the lighthouse is indifferent to their indifference. It doesn't care if they ignore its message. It simply continues protecting and guiding the vessels and the sailors following its light who are working to keep everyone onboard safe, especially those they are responsible to care for out at sea, who may not be mindful of its light.

"Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,
Guard us, guide us, consume all the darkness,
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the fathers 'glory
Blaze spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, fill the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light"

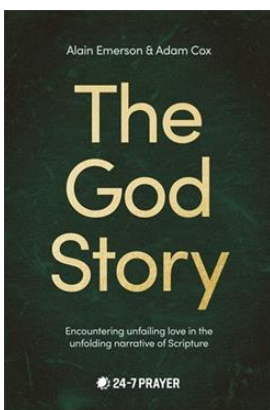
The morning has broken. The seagulls are squawking. The traffic is moving. I can no longer see the rays from the lighthouse but I know it's still there to help those in danger. Constantly. Quietly. Unconditionally.



shine Jesus shine Katherine.mp3

(Click the link to hear the song sung at the open window with seagulls squawking overhead) Katherine Currie

"**Shine, Jesus, Shine**" (also known by its first line, "**Lord, the Light of Your Love**") is a Christian praise song written in 1987 by Graham Kendrick /ed



The God Story

Encountering Unfailing Love in the Unfolding Narrative of Scripture

By Alain Emerson, Adam Cox

The God Story is a compelling and creative retelling of the Biblical story from 24-7 Prayer, which will help you find personal meaning and purpose in light of God's overarching and awe-inspiring plans for humanity.

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/the-god-story>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk>



Footprints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:

"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied:

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Mary Stevenson

*Many thanks to Paul Lomatschinsky for sending this in and reminding us that
The Lord is always with us*

QUIZ NIGHT

19 OCTOBER

6.30 for 7pm

Quiz Master Graham Hughes

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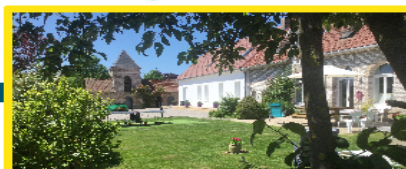
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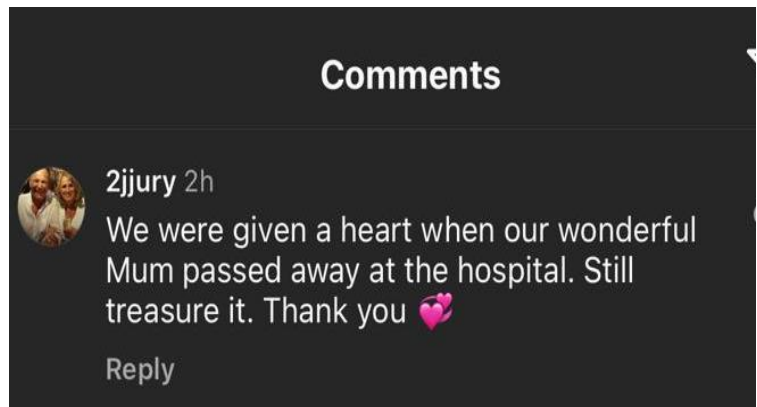
(Including Cheese & Wine with Tart)

Profits after costs to Local Charities

138 Rue Jean Ducrocq Sorrus



A huge 'thank you' from Darent Valley Hospital for everyone who made these little Bereavement Hearts.



If you wish to have a go at making some.... there are lots of free easy patterns on YouTube They can be knitted crocheted or sewn, in any colour you like but they need to be in twos. One for the loved one and one for the bereaved. They also have to be small enough to fit into the palm of the hand of an adult or a child.

I will definitely make some more... ed

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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Sign up for Diocese in Europe eNews

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/monthposts>

*Info: Amiens, Somme, France: CEST autumn begins on Sunday, 22 September 2024, 14:43
This corresponds to Sunday, 22 September 2024, 12:43 UTC*