



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter NOVEMBER 2024

Blessings to all our readers



Our November Services

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

Sunday 3rd Nov 10.30 – 'All Saints' service led by Marilyn Dossat

Sunday 17th Nov 10.30 Eucharist Service led by Fr. Simon Walker

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

Sunday 10th Oct 11.00 - joining with Boulogne

Sunday 24th Nov 11.00 – led service by Pat Page

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

Sunday 10th Nov 11.00 – A Remembrance Day Service, all are welcome!

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

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO ZOOM SERVICES PLANNED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

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

A Message from Linda Pillière

Dear Friends,

Jean-Marc and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our generous leaving gift. Those of you who follow Jean-Marc on Facebook will know that he is often taking photos of the wildlife in the garden, and we have decided to use the money to buy a fountain, both for the birds but also for the dragonflies. We have a perfect spot at the top of some steps and as soon as we have found one, we will update you with a photo. Jean-Marc is still having treatment and further surgery is planned for December, so please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Wishing you every blessing, **Linda**

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>



"They shall grow not old.."

Lest We Forget

We are approaching Remembrance Day, 11th November, the day when in 1918 hostilities ceased in the First World War.

This Memorial Day is observed throughout the UK and Commonwealth, as well as in France (as a public holiday) and other wartime allied nations to honour armed forces who died serving their countries.

It is a telling reminder of the enormous sacrifice made by so many in that catastrophic war. But at the same time perhaps it is pertinent to ask why we continue to mark this date in this way over a century later. Why not the Battles of Waterloo, the Crimea, etc? The answer is that WWI represented something unprecedented.

The scale of the losses was cataclysmic, with nearly 20 million killed and over 20 million wounded. It was the first truly world war, involving over 30 countries from five continents. And it was a war that transformed the political, economic and social map of Europe in ways whose repercussions are apparent today. Thus, the poignancy of Remembrance Day is that it is an opportunity to not just to remember the sacrifices made; but also, to reflect on the hope that mankind will one day recognise the futility of war.



Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in London

Then the Sunday closest to Poppy Day, which this year falls on 10th November, is commemorated as Remembrance Sunday. In towns and villages throughout the UK and other wartime allied nations, ceremonies will be held in churches and at war memorials to honour the servicemen and women and civilians who fell in two world wars and subsequent conflicts; and on that day this month, just such a ceremony will take place in our part of France.

For a number of years now, a group of English and French has assembled in the main square in Montreuil by the statue of Sir Douglas Haig to pay tribute to the fallen; and also, to remember the key importance of Montreuil in WWI. What was the significance of Montreuil in WWI?



It had a vitally important function, chosen as the location of Allied GHQ (General Head Quarters) for the entire planning of operations of all allied forces. Why? Because of its key strategic position close to the Channel ports and with good rail links to Arras, the focus of operations in northern France. Here, some 5,000 military personnel were responsible for the supply of equipment and munitions, the transport, feeding, clothing and training of millions of allied troops: an incredible logistical operation. In attendance at the ceremony on 10th November will be representatives from the Mairie and other local

dignitaries; trumpeters and drummers of the Montreuil Harmonie, the local town band; plus, short addresses in English and French.



All are welcome to attend this ceremony, which will take place at 5:30 pm on Sunday, 10th November 2024, Place du Général de Gaulle, Montreuil-sur-Mer. Assemble at the statue of Sir Douglas Haig. *Michael Spriggs*

La Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais

The 'Solidarité Anglicane du Pas de Calais' is a charitable (1901 association) which administers and carries out the charitable work of the Pas de Calais chaplaincy. Our Chaplaincy is a religious association (1905 *association cultuelle*), so it cannot give charitable donations but can receive them, therefore the work of the *Solidarité Anglicane* is vital to ensure that the chaplaincy is supporting the local community and meeting its charitable aims.



Each year, the Chaplaincy choose three charities proposed by the three congregations to support, with the aim of raising an amount equivalent to 10% of the chaplaincy's annual income. There are also other appeals such as the Bishop's Appeal for which the association contributes to by fundraising efforts. The Committee

comprises members of all three congregations. Funds raised can also benefit the chaplaincy to support the ongoing pastoral work. Past fundraising events have included coffee mornings, a sponsored walk, quizzes and barbeques. **Photo:** A summer BBQ held by the Hesdin Congregation.

The Committee is actively seeking a new Treasurer who would be co-opted on to the committee. The workload is not onerous, and any applicants will be fully supported in the role by the President and committee members. If you would like to find out more about this role please contact **Tanya Collins Committee President**

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The British Embassy writes: Information on the new digital Entry/Exit System (EES)

We have updated our Living in France - [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) document with information on the new digital Entry/Exit System (EES) that the EU will introduce in Autumn 2024. Non-EU nationals, including UK nationals, visiting the EU will need to create a digital record when entering the EU's Schengen Zone. This includes providing biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) at the border. UK nationals with rights under the Withdrawal Agreement will be exempt from EES registration if they have the correct documentation.

Our Living in France guide gives important information and outlines what people need to know and what documents are accepted. In particular, those resident in France with children under 18 years old will need to apply for a DCEM card for the children to be exempt from EES registration. There is already a link to how to apply for this in the living in guide Passport and Travel section, just above the EES section.

We will be keeping our France travel advice - [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) updated and sending information on our social medial channel on X (@UKinFrance) and Facebook (British Embassy Paris). The British Community Committee of France (britishinfrance.com) have also added our EES information on their website.

FAITH IN ACTION



Joseph Givens, who regularly attends Anglican services in Calais, works at Maria Skobtsova House in Calais with his wife Rachel and a number of volunteers.

During the Calais congregation's Sunday morning service on 6th October, he talked about his work.

Two Bible passages have inspired his work with refugees over the years:

Leviticus 19:33-34: "When a stranger sojourns with you in your Land, you shall do him no wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you,

and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God." **Matthew 22:37-40:** "And he said to him: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

These commandments, and the reading of Christian books, inspired Joseph to leave the fundamentalist Baptist church he had attended as a child, and to join the Mennonite church, where Christians are encouraged to set a good example in the world. After working with refugees in the USA, God called him to work with refugees in Europe: this led him to start working at Maria Skobtsova House in 2022.

The house takes in vulnerable refugee women and families, who are safer there than on the streets of Calais: everyone in the house lives in a community, eating together, letting children play together, and bringing some normality to their lives till they are ready to move on. The women and children do not all cross the Channel to settle in England: some stay in France, while others move elsewhere in Europe.

Even though Mari Skobtsova House is run by Christians, and the routine there includes Christian worship, no evangelizing is done: all religions are respected, and any conversions to Christianity are a personal choice.

One way Pas-de-Calais Chaplaincy members can help with the work at the house is to contribute items for Christmas parcels for the refugees, and Joseph asked for the following:

- Old mobile phones, chargers, and power banks.
- Baby formula.
- Women's underwear.
- Makeup, nail polish and other beauty products.
- Sweets and snacks.
- Clothes for 4 -10 yr old children

Thanks in advance for any contributions, and for your prayers for the refugees and all those who work with them to relieve their suffering. *Pat Page* Churchwarden Calais



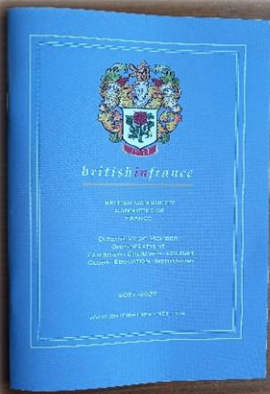
Harvest thanksgiving Service

Led by Daphne Power, on Sunday 20th October 2024.

Generous amounts of long-life food were given by the congregation in Hesdin for the local 'Resto du Coeur' who will distribute it to the needy.



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A new BCC Directory has just been published, a little later than usual. It has a forward by Dame Menna Rawlings the British ambassador, and a complete list of all member organisations. This gives an excellent idea of the scope of the member organisations. The Anglican Church and BACO are both members of the BCC, which means that all members of both our local associations are free to contact other members organisations which may be of interest to them. The Directory is available on-line by entering www.britishineurope.com then hitting on Directory". *George Murray*

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QUIZ NIGHT



At a Quiz evening held at Peter Wyart's home on the 19th October; loud groans could be heard as Graham Hughes, the 'quiz master' read out the answers to some of the questions. A mixed group of eighteen people, both French and English, met up to join in on a fun evening. Part of the fun was, when the answers were given, and you then realised that 'yes' you did know the answer but just hadn't worked it out - hence the groans. A convivial meal was shared and a chance to re-new friendships and make new ones, a good time was had by everyone. The evening also raised 110 euros for local charities. *Lalage Glaister*



Quiz Master



Diocese in Europe

Bishop's Advent Appeal



Ras Morbat Eye Clinic, Yemen

I wonder how many people you know that wear glasses or contact lenses. Perhaps, like me, you need them yourself. Eye care – from the basics of having our sight tested to increasingly complex surgeries – is something we are fortunate to be able to take for granted in Europe.

We have also been able to enjoy decades of the absence of war. My 2024 Advent Appeal is to raise funds for the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in Yemen, a country experiencing, in the words of UNICEF, 'one of the world's largest humanitarian crises that is robbing children of their future'. The war in Ukraine and the escalating conflict in the Middle East dominate the news



and we continue to pray for peace in both regions. Meanwhile, the crisis in Yemen is overlooked although its effects are no less pernicious on those caught up in it. While active conflict has decreased somewhat since April 2022, the situation remains fragile, with food shortages and malnutrition being significant issues.

Yemen is one of the poorest countries in the world. The public health sector is

stretched beyond capacity and in most places has to focus on urgent survival needs, which means general eye care is marginalised. Yet eye care is much needed: Yemen's harsh sunlight contributes to vision problems in children and especially older people, with the onset of glaucoma and cataract often happening at younger ages than in Europe. For many years the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic has been welcoming and offering heavily subsidised eye care to the poor, refugees, and displaced people. Because the clinic serves all, it has been a good example of compassion and care for people in need regardless of religious or tribal identities. This matters in a country where tribal identity has been a major source of conflict.



The work of the clinic is supported and enabled by our neighbour, the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Aden. I recently participated in the consecration of their new bishop, +Sean Semple, and while I was there my attention was drawn to the work of the clinic. Supporting Ras Morbat not only helps many marginalised people in Yemen, it also strengthens the ties between our dioceses.

My hope and prayer is that we can raise enough money to support all the running costs of the clinic for a three month period. This requires about 15.000€.
To donate to the Advent Appeal please see the notes below.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Robert Gibraltar in Europe

How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Advent Appeal 2024:

Via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office

By cheque:

"Advent Appeal 2024"
Diocese in Europe Board of Finance
14, Tufton St
London SW1P 3QZ

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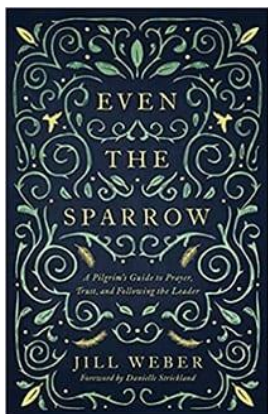
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Diocese in Europe

Even the Sparrow By Jill Weber



What might happen if we live out of loving encounter with God and build in response to what he reveals? What if being a leader is all about being a follower? Is it really that simple? These are the questions that have led Jill Weber on the adventure of saying 'yes' to more of God – yes to the invitation to really live. With wisdom and wit, Jill explores prayer, discernment, vocation and leadership through her story of building and becoming a House of Prayer amongst the urban poor, offering encouragement that gives readers the confidence to say 'yes' to what God is already doing.

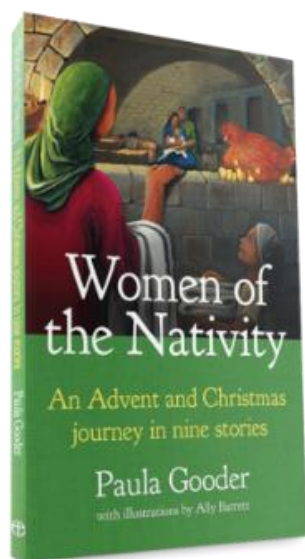
Jill Weber is a pilgrim, spiritual director, writer, musician, wife and mother, who has brought leadership to communities of prayer, mission and justice for the last eighteen years. She serves on the international leadership team of 24-7 Prayer UK as Director of Houses of Prayer and is Director of Spiritual Formation at Emmaus Road Church in Guildford, UK. She is also the Global Convenor of the Order of the Mustard Seed, an international lay, ecumenical religious order. In 2001, alongside her husband Kirk, she co-founded the Greater Ontario House of Prayer in Canada, and served as it's Abbess for 17 years. She and her team of urban missionaries explored the ancient monastic practices through the cultivation of ecumenical prayer spaces, intentional communities, leadership development and missional partnerships. Paperback or kindle editions...Great Read mcd/ed

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Eglise Catholique Notre-Dame d'Hesdin

Dimanche 15 décembre 2024 @15.00h

"Avec la chorale La Coecilla"



*Suivi de vin chaud et de Mince Pies à la salle
paroissiale, Rue de Arsenal, Hesdin*

Followed by mulled wine and Mince Pies, hosted by Hesdin Anglican church



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<https://benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good/>

<https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>

Helping charities boost their nominations

People are more likely to support your campaign if it's only a click away.

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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