



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter May 2025

Jesus Revealed Himself to His Disciples at the sea of Tiberia.



him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, '**Follow me.**' **John 21:15-19**

Our May Services

Eglise 'St Omer' Estréelles

Sunday 4th - 11am – Joint Chaplaincy Eucharist Service

Led by Fr. Simon Walker – Followed by Chaplaincy AGM in the Salle Communautaire

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

Sunday 18th 10.30am – Lay led - Marilyn Dossat

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

Sunday 18th 11.00 Lay led – Pat Page

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

Sunday 18th 10:30 Lay led – either Boulogne or joining with Calais

Please note:*

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

***June 1st 11am - Eucharist Service led by Fr. Simon Walker**

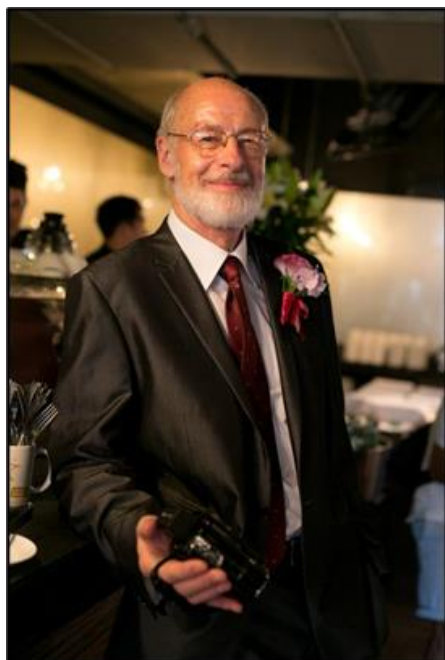
Please check with the church wardens and the chaplaincy website for amendments to services <httpsth://anglicanspdc.org>

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 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

Important notice: - **The Advertisement for a 'House for Duty Priest' for the Pas de Calais Chaplaincy can be seen at the link below - Closing date for applications: 23rd May 2025**
<https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/House-for-Duty-Priest--in-Europe-jn13623>

Calais Congregation Pay Tribute to David Page



David was a well-known and long-standing member of the Calais congregation who rarely missed a service with his wife Pat and daughter Clare. He fulfilled the role of treasurer for a number of years.

David was born in February 1942, the eldest of three children, and was raised in Essex. He went to St Edmund's public school in Canterbury before starting his first job as a buyer for Butlins holiday camps, purchasing stuffed animal heads for the bars in the Minehead camp !

David's career then took quite an international turn when he and the family moved to Egypt for a position working for the tunnel under the Suez Canal, before moving to Saudia Arabia.

He was also a purchaser on projects in Poland, Peru, Nigeria and the UK, before moving to France to work for a Lebanese company. David's last position bought him to the Nord-Pas-de-Calais where he worked for TML and latterly Eurotunnel.

When David retired, he volunteered at the Seamans Club in Calais, offering companionship to those at sea temporarily docked in Calais port. He also enjoyed singing bass in the Calais choir "Arpege" for several years.

During the 70s, David designed and built two semi-detached houses, using very modern products.

He and Pat were married for 60 years and raised four children together. He was also a keen dog-walker.

David was well-known in the family for his puns and was particularly proud of his bilingual ones. I am sure many of us have witnessed this talent over the years !

One chaplaincy member reflected,

"David was always the first to jump in and help (less jumping in later years!), he always had a smile and said some of the nicest and kindest things to me."

The Reverend Sara MacVane, very kindly, came to Calais to lead a touching 'Service of Celebration' of David's life, which was attended by many family members who'd travelled from the UK and Australia; the service was also attended by his friends and members of the Anglican community in the Pas de Calais Chaplaincy.

David will be greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him !

May he rest in peace and rise in Glory! **Tanya Collins**

The photo above, shows David as we remember him with that "cheeky" smile; and as he often was, with a camera in his hand at his son Anthony's wedding in Taiwan.

A Joyful Easter Weekend for the Pas de Calais Chaplaincy with Archdeacon Peter Hooper.



One moment we were without support of clergy for the Easter weekend, and then, God blessed us with Archdeacon Peter Hooper! Which was over and above what we could have hoped for. In just two days Peter led communion on Holy Saturday Eve at Pauline



Cecchin's home. Pauline who's Boulogne's churchwarden, said "We started with just six but then had the joy of sharing our meal with twenty-two adults and six children; friends from the Marie Skobtsova House in Calais." *Not quite like feeding the 5000, but it must have felt a bit like that for Pauline (she's the one in pink standing next to Pat Page, churchwarden for Calais).* Pauline said they sang "Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord" and then tried to learn how to sing it in the language of one of their guests. Lol



The following morning at Dawn, Archdeacon Peter attended a service at Wissant beach, organised by the Calais Ecumenical Association; along with some of the Calais congregation.

Then at 10.30am on Easter Day



Archdeacon Peter led a Beautiful and joyful, Chaplaincy Eucharist Service in the ancient 'Eglise St. Omer' situated in the village of Estréelles. This was followed by a convivial moment sharing coffee and cake/ homemade biscuits/ chocolates and mini easter eggs; graciously hosted by Lalage Glaister.

An enormous 'Thank You' Archdeacon Peter, on behalf of all the Chaplaincy ed/mcd



BRITISH ASSOCIATION COTE D'OPALE

in association with
Café Polyglotte of Calais

GRAND VICTORY FETE

On the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe

*"There'll be Blue Birds Over the White Cliffs of Dover,
tomorrow, just you wait and see.
Tomorrow, when the world is free.*

at

"L'Andrésienne, 1, rue des Ecoles, 62340 ANDRES (2 km from Guines)
Thursday May 8th, 11h30 - 17h00

Ambiance 1940s - 'forties hits* - live songs too - barbecue - tombola
*jiving or jitterbugging permitted

Welcome 'punch' - wine, soft drinks, water: no charge
(other drinks and supplies at bar prices)

Bring your own food, meat for BBQ if you wish (tables and chairs available,
indoors or outdoors)

Entry 5 € per person (at the door) to cover room hire

Book your places with:

Muriel Bercez (murielbercez@gmail.com, 06 84 04 79 21)

George Murray (assobaco@gmail.com, 06 08 04 31 34)

Yvonne Guareschi (yvonneguareschi@yahoo.fr, 06 52 94 36 72)

Numbers limited, please reserve as soon as possible or latest by April 30th

Full information and directions will be sent after we receive your reservation.

This is an event for families and friends. Come and have fun - it's a public holiday
- and do your patriotic duty !!

British Association Côte d'Opale, Association loi 1901, SIRET 839 125 077 00025

79, rue des Quatre-Coins, 62100 Calais

As part of the Chaplaincy Charity Fundraising, Hesdin Church has nominated FIAC as their chosen charity.



Based in Berck-sur-Mer it is a non-profit association to help people in social difficulty.

As part of this work, they have a mobile kitchen which goes into various venues to help provide ideas and recipes to encourage more adventurous and nutritious menus

Recently the Mobile Cuisine 'Toque et Cocotte' visited M.A.S. (Maison Accueil Solidarite) de Marconne, to suggest new breakfast ideas, which include the use of oats.

The menu

Red fruit smoothie with oat flakes

Bread with oat flakes and assorted grains

Chocolate and banana cookies - with oat flakes

Association FIAC Facebook - l'association FIAC For more information on their work - fiac-berck.fr

Date for your Diary - Advance notice - Save the date!! - Barbecue 13th July 2025
Charity event to raise funds for local charities - Limited numbers so book your place now!!
Full details in the June issue of the newsletter – **Doreen Cavallier**

An Update on the Virtual Lent Walk

Over the period of Lent several members of the Pas de Calais chaplaincy and their friends and family set themselves a challenge to walk from the Porte de Calais, the gateway leading to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at Boulogne-Sur-Mer to the Christchurch gate leading to Canterbury Cathedral. The group found that walking was good for their wellbeing but were also fundraising to support the Maria Skobtsova (MS) House in Calais which offers sanctuary and hospitality to vulnerable refugees and in particular women and children. To find out more about the work of the MS House please visit this link: <https://www.refugeehousecalais.org/home>
After the first week it became clear that the group would surpass the initial challenge of 108 kms. They did! The final remarkable distance walked was 904kms. Virtual visits to our three congregations and group members were added, including a visit to Linda in the South of France.

Sponsored by one of the group's son's butchers BOS family butchers which is described by Le Petit Futé 2025 as "without doubt one of the best butchers of Montmartre"

With their help, and donations from others, 330 euros have been raised in aid of the MS House so far...



If you would like to contribute to the fundraising efforts to celebrate the dedication of the walking group, please email martinecollins@yahoo.com or speak to Pauline for more details.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement. Photos of some of the walks which the group enjoyed have been shared on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/421262648983664

Martine Collins

A beautiful photo from one of Linda's walks in the Camargue

Press Release: **A World Première for Saint Pol!**



Salle des Fêtes, Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise
Samedi 10 mai à 18h30



**Concert des œuvres de Haydn, Boyce, Händel et la
Première Mondiale du concerto pour violoncelle et orchestre
composé par JEFF WARD**

**Orchestre symphonique de 50 musiciens
avec la célèbre violoncelliste
Maitane Sebastián**

**Billets 10€
Gratuit pour les
moins de 16 ans**

**Office de tourisme
de St Pol
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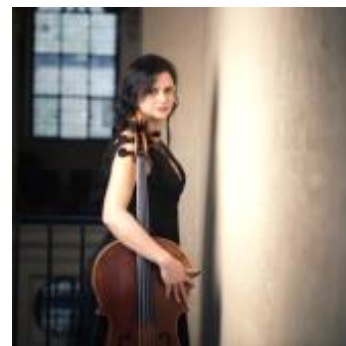
VILLE DE SAINT-POL-SUR-TERNOISE

Conception – Service communication – Ville de Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise

performs regularly as soloist, in chamber music or as concerto soloist with orchestras from the UK, Holland, Spain, Germany, Portugal amongst others. She is a member of “L’ensemble Sésame”, “Duo Parhélie” and “Duo Anhele”. She is currently professor of cello and chamber music at Cergy Pontoise Conservatoire and is musical director of then Amiens Conservatoire Symphony Orchestra. Her recent chamber music of Ravel has been lauded by the musical press in France and beyond. She has just returned from Scotland where Ensemble Sésame performed at the French Institute of Edinburgh. This will be her fifth collaboration with Ian Ward, having already performed Elgar’s cello concerto in Shrewsbury Abbey with the Midlands FesQval Orchestra, and performances of Haydn’s concerto in Northern France with the Vignolle Ensemble of Amsterdam and Concertante 62.

A 60-piece European symphony orchestra, an international soloist, an English composer... On Saturday 10th May the symphony orchestra “Concertante 62”, conducted by Ian Ward, and international cellist Maitane Sebastián will give an exceptional concert in the Salle des fêtes at 6.30pm. The “Ward Brothers”, Ian (conductor and well-known in St Pol) and his brother Jeff (English composer) have teamed up with acclaimed cellist Maitane Sebastián to present a unique concert for St Pol. Maitane and Ian are old friends and have given many concerts together. Jeff composed his cello concerto for Maitane in 2024 and, with the wonderful help of the Mairie de St Pol, we will perform it together with a large and talented orchestra.

Maitane Sebastián





Ian Ward graduated from Birmingham Conservatoire, then taught in the national education system as head of music department in various high schools in the Midlands. He has also been conductor of the Devon Symphony Orchestra, Oswestry Sinfonia, Midlands Festival Orchestra, Shrewsbury Choral Society and founder of the Shrewsbury Cantata Choir. He presented a weekly programme on BBC Radio Shropshire "The Classical Hour" for 4 years.

Living in France for the past 20 years he is currently conductor of the choir "Albert Laurent" of Abbeville, his professional chamber choir "Ensemble H.3" which has performed four times in Saint Pol and his orchestra "Concertante 62".



Jeff Ward lives in Hampshire, England, and began his musical journey as a teenager playing oboe and piano, then keyboards in progressive rock bands. In the 1980s he became a sound engineer and producer, running his own recording studio in London. A career change to insurance technology lasted 30 years until the Covid19 pandemic when the call of creativity and music during the long lockdowns became too strong to resist, and he tried composing and discovered he loved it. Since then, it has become something of an obsession, and he has written several works for choir, chamber and symphony orchestras. His Cello Concerto Op. 17, written at the age of 63, is his largest and most complex work to date and the first to be

performed in public. But don't worry, music lovers!

"Modern" music that breaks your ears? No! This concerto is in the great tradition of romantic works!

"A great cachet for our town which has a long tradition of classical concerts.

We are very proud to have this event in our cultural agenda for 2025 and to support it financially."

Martine Dusart, cultural a Waché for the town.



So, to your diaries! To buy or book tickets at €10, or free for children under 16, just go to the St Pol Tourist Information Centre or telephone on 03 21 47 08 08 or 03 21 41 79 43. Concertante 62 avec Maitane Sebastián à l'Église Notre-Dame d'Hesdin

Robert on Thursday April 24th at 6pm CET.

More than 180 people joined the zoom service and were invited to send messages of condolences and prayers...[ed/mcd](#)

A large photograph of Pope Francis in white papal attire, waving his right hand to a large crowd of people in St. Peter's Square. The background shows the grand architecture of the square under a clear sky. A small caption at the bottom left reads: "Pope Francis waves to a crowd on his way to Mass in St. Peter's Square."

A service of Thanks in Hesdin – 6th April - 10.30am



Some useful links:

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*

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

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