



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter June 2025



¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:10-11 New International Version

Our June Services

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

Sunday 1st - 10.30am – Lay led – David Sergent

Sunday 15th – 10.30 – lay led - Marilyn Dossat

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

Sunday 1st - Joining the service with Boulogne

Sunday 15th – 11.00 – lay led - Pat Page

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

Sunday 1st - 11am - Eucharist Service led by Fr. Simon Walker (all are welcome)

Sunday 15th - joining with Calais

Sunday – 29th - Lay led, hopefully at Boulogne, but possibly Calais, please check before you come.

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

Breaking News:

It is with great sadness to tell you that Mary Wood, a longtime member of the Calais Anglican Church, passed away early in the morning on 29 May, 2025. Her funeral will take place at the Temple, the French Protestant church, in Calais, at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 4 June, 2025.

A tribute to Mary will appear in the July issue of this newsletter. *Pat & Clare Page*

Update on the House for Duty Chaplain:

After receiving some candidates, we are now at the shortlisting stage. Let us pray for direction.

David Sergent – Chaplaincy President

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 July issue of the newsletter – *Doreen:* doreen.cavallier@orange.fr

Hidden Charms – Along the Canche



The River Canche in Spring ©Jenny Talkington

Some English friends who recently stopped by on their French holiday said to me “We’re heading for the South. There’s not much to see or do round here”.

Well, boo to them! As we all know, the Pas-de-Calais is enormously rich in history, culture, scenery. It has wonderful ancient villages and towns, terrific beaches, fine cuisine, music of all kinds, all sorts of festivals and craft displays, etc, etc. Above all, I find the true charm of the Pas-de-Calais is that its beauty and wonders are so much more subtle, to be discovered by degrees.

I pondered on this recently as I walked along our local waterway, the beautiful River Canche. It is the largest of the seven constituent rivers which make up the 7 Vallées region. The Canche rises as a spring in a field in the village of Gouy-en-Ternois, just south of St Pol-sur-Ternois and, along its meandering 60km length, it passes through Frévent, Hesdin and Montreuil before reaching the coast in its mighty estuary between Etaples and Le Touquet.

With its rich alluvial soil, the valley of the Canche has been cultivated since prehistoric times. Originally much wider, the lower river has been subject to repeated initiatives to drain the marshland in places up to 2km wide. Once drained, this stretch between Hesdin and Montreuil, lent itself to extensive peat cutting which began in the 16th century and continued until the early years of the last century. Traces of this activity can be seen today: the valley is dotted with a chain of lakes created by the flooding of the old peat diggings. Many of these are now well stocked with a variety of freshwater fish – trout, perch, carp and pike - and therefore are popular locations for the local fishing community.



River Canche: lakeside at Contes at sunset ©Jenny Talkington

Montreuil-sur-Mer was indeed a seaside town until the river gradually receded in the Middle Ages. And, a little further downstream, at modern day La Calotterie, lay the Frankish-Viking city of Quentovic (*Quento- the ancient name of the Canche*). At its height, Quentovic with a population of over 10,000 was a trading centre rivalling in importance the great Mediaeval British ports of London, York, Southampton and Ipswich, and their Dutch counterpart

The sudden disappearance of Quentovic in the 10th century remains a mystery. Theories range from the gradual silting up of the Canche; to its sacking by Viking marauders; to disease; or to a loss of trading importance to British and Dutch ports. There is no surface trace of it today, though extensive archaeological work has revealed a wealth of material confirming the existence of a complex and vibrant trading city. It is fascinating to speculate on its true fate; as I frequently do, sitting with a *bière ambrée* in the splendid Quentovic Brasserie in Beaurainville, whose logo is their distinctive Viking cross symbol.

Cheers!

Michael Spriggs

A Heart-Warming Update from Linda & Jean-Marc Pillière



Jane, Linda & Jean-Marc



Dear Friends,

This is just a quick update from the south. We were delighted to have our first visit from the Chaplaincy in May; Jane and Thierry Langlet came to stay and we were able to take a photo with the rose that was a gift from the Chaplaincy. Some of you will probably recognise it as Gertrude Jekyll. It has a lovely scent and is now planted in front of one of the hedges where we hope it will flourish. Jean Marc's last PET scan was clear and he has started his five-year hormonotherapy (3 different lots of treatments). An enormous thank you to you all for your prayers and support. There are lots of side effects with the treatment so your prayers are still needed!

We continue to be very much involved in our local Catholic church, although I have taken on the role of secretary for the Anglican Church.

Wishing you all every blessing this Whitsuntide

Love from us both, *Linda*.

PS - We are now taking bookings for the summer and autumn!

'The Tuesday Walking Group' take it in turns to lead a walk every Tuesday morning.



It's a great way to visit the villages and country walks in the local area, meet friends, keep fit and just enjoy getting out into nature...if you'd like to join them/us - all are welcome - please get in touch with

doreen.cavallier@orange.fr

who will be able to give you more information. *mcd/ed*

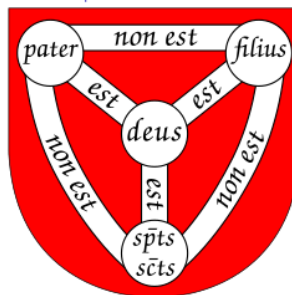
Holy Trinity Sunday 15th June 2025

Various Shields Explaining the Holy Trinity

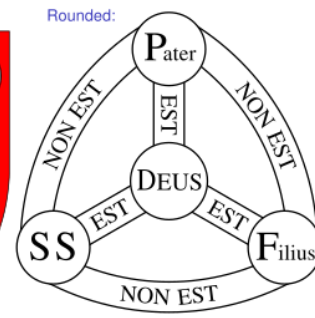


Andrei Rublev 1411 or 1425–27

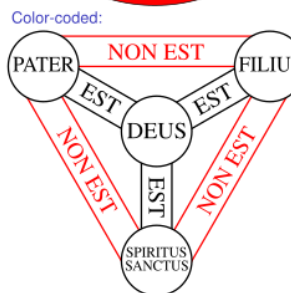
Shield-shaped on red shield:



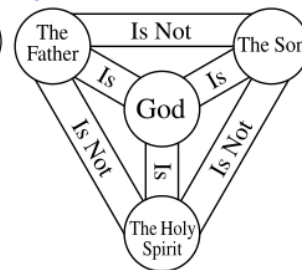
Rounded:



Color-coded:



English translation:



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 on our website

<https://anglicanspdc.org>

Also find us at www.achurchnearyou.com

Safeguarding Policy:

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

Sign up for Diocese in Europe eNews

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

Do you know someone who would like to receive the Daily Media Digest?

Point them to: www.churchofengland.org/signup

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