



## ***The Chaplaincy Newsletter – September 2025***

### ***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 Sunday Services**

**Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin. - Churchwarden Marilyn Dossat**

**Sunday 07.09 – 10.30 – Eucharist service led by Rev. Malcolm France**

**Sunday 21.09 – 10.30 – Morning service Lay led by Marilyn Dossat**

**Oratory of Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais. - Churchwarden Pat Page**

**Sunday 07.09 – Joining service in Boulogne**

**Sunday 21.09 – 11.00 Morning service Lay led by Pat Page**

**Monastere du Carmel, Rue du Denacre, Saint Martin Boulogne. - Churchwarden Pauline Cecchin**

**Sunday 07.09 – 11.00 Morning service Lay led by Pauline Cecchin**

**Sunday 21.09 – Joining service in Calais**

**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](http://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](http://www.britishinfrance.com)

#### **Update on the House for Duty Priest**

The appointment process for a new House for Duty Priest is taking a little longer than expected. This may be partly due to the summer holidays...

At present the Bishops Office is dealing with all the paperwork, both Tanya Collins and Daphne Power were sent some forms to complete, which they have done and returned.

They have been asked by the Bishops Office that the proposed appointee should not be named until all the officialdom is in place. They will release this information as soon as they are able.

#### **Safeguarding**

To encourage others to do the training, I would like to inform you of the following:

Marilyn Dossat has updated the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training.

Daphne Power has updated the Leadership Training for Safeguarding Officers.

John Bosworth has renewed his 05 Foundations in Safeguarding.

Well Done and thanks for your continued commitment to Safeguarding.

**Daphne Power - Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer**

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## Non-stop prayer in every nation on earth

From 1–7 September, we're inviting the global Church to pray non-stop for every nation on earth. It's called the **Global Week of Prayer** and you're so welcome to be part of it. You're already making space to pray – what if your prayers became part of a global movement? Whether it's for your community or another corner of the world, praying together is powerful.

I have been following **Lectio 365** for a few years now; it's part of my regular morning prayers and reading and where I find out lots of interesting things about the saints and modern-day heroes of our faith. Lectio 365 is one of the apps you can put on your phone or tablet from 24/7 prayers; and just looking at the website now, I have found that there is another app called IR (inner room) more daily prayers to put on your phone. They also have some really interesting podcasts from around the world. 24/7 started praying over 25 years ago and is still going and growing strong with every nation on earth participating. It's an amazing story - If you would like to find out more about 24/7 please check out the website. <https://www.24-7prayer.com/> Or just google 24/7 prayers and a list of interesting items will come up. *Marilyn/editor*

**Past event** - *If you missed this beautiful service – you can still watch it on YouTube*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj68U3eSdSo>



**A Service in the style of Taizé** This Eleventh Sunday after Trinity is a special ecumenical service of prayer in the style of Taizé, from St Jude-on-the-Hill in London.

Rev Em Kolltveit is leading this service with the Taizé group she recently joined, to explore this very unique and beautiful style of prayer and song which was developed by the ecumenical religious community from the village of Taizé to allow all who came to

visit to be able to join in unity and reconciliation.

We will hear the story behind Taizé and also hear how this group has deepened each others faith. Be sure to tune in and be part of this community of faith, connecting worshippers across England and beyond.

**You are invited to our weekly online service live on Sunday 31 August from 9am on our website, Facebook or YouTube. It will be available for playback immediately after as well.**

All of our weekly service content is manually subtitled and contains British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation throughout.

Diocese in Europe Care for Creation Gp presents;

## Environmental Champions Conference

To be held online

On Wednesday, 1st October at 19.00 CET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84629603124>

A Scientist

A Theologian

An Activist

‘Speaking truth about climate change in a  
complex world – three perspectives’

*Presentations followed by Discussion with the wider audience*

Warren Cairns

Senior Researcher, Institute of Polar Sciences  
of the Italian National Research Council

Jack McDonald

Canon Theologian, Diocese in Europe

Mags Bird

Activist with Christian Climate Action

All are welcome to take part in this event

## Crécy and The Prince of Wales



We are surrounded by so much history here in northern France. Over the centuries, the French, the English, the Dutch and the Spanish have all vied for possession of this region.

The best-known local reminder of these conflicts is of course at Agincourt, *Azincourt* to the French, where a major battle against the French was fought in 1415, and now with a major visitor centre, museum, local restaurant, and busy programme of re-enactment events.

This was a key battle in the 100 years' war; but arguably more important strategically and historically was the Battle of Crécy, which took place in 1346 on 26th August - *the day on which I am writing this!*

Briefly, the 100 years' war was the culmination of the dynastic rumblings since the Norman Conquest between England and France. In the 14thC, tensions between the English and French thrones and disputes over ownership of French possessions erupted into a series of battles in a conflict that lasted over a century.

In 1346, the English king Edward III sought to renew his claim to the French throne by force of arms. His forces landed in Normandy and eventually headed north hoping to link up with an allied Flemish army. On learning they had turned back, Edward had his army prepare a defensive position on a hillside at *Crécy-en-Ponthieu*, just north of the Somme. On 26th August, the French army; which greatly outnumbered the English, attacked.

As at Agincourt 70 years later, the French crossbow proved no match for the English longbow, and a decisive victory was won at Crécy. French losses were catastrophic, the slain included a King, John of Bohemia. On seeing the fallen King, Edward's son, the Black Prince (whom he had created Prince of Wales) allegedly plucked the ostrich feathers from the King's helmet and adopted them as his arms. The three feathers are to this day the symbol of the Prince of Wales.



### Prince of Wales's crest

At Crécy today, there is a small local museum and an observation tower overlooking the battlefield; which remains virtually as it was seven centuries ago. So, well worth a visit!

**Michael Spriggs**

Montreuil-sur-Mer

## Cold case news from Pauline Cecchin:

It really was time to have a throw out. Off up to the attic with a small bin bag. The first few sheets of A4 went straight in without looking at them.

Then I came across The Chaplaincy Magazine Christmas '97. Nord Pas de Calais.

### Arras congregation:

Page 9: stop the press, news from Lilly, it was a life-or-death situation.

**The accusation:** (Lilly) "While I am at school Mummy is not looking after it properly. When I come home he is sometimes dead."

**The defense:** (Kate - church warden) "When I mentioned to Lilly the other day that I felt her interest in Tam was waning. She assured me that it was not and played with it for a short while to prove her point. But I do feel that I am feeding and cleaning it more and more often .... And hope its batteries will soon run out!"

### Time to re-open the file.

(Pauline) Did Mummy let it die and spend a day locked in the cellar living on just bread and water? Did Lilly get round Daddy to buy new batteries, as she had threatened?

I sent a photo of the 1997 article and a follow up message to my friend Kate via WhatsApp.

### The answer came back straight away:

(Kate) "As granny quite rightly said it just died and no one bought new batteries.

And then another novel invention was discovered, an iPod.

Tamagotchi was forgotten, sailed off to the recycling bin in the sky.

The children were put to market research. Find out how much iPod's cost, what you would like and how much you are prepared to put in from your pocket money, (gosh I was soooo mean!!)"

(Pauline)" No Kate, not mean, just teaching the true value of the Franc. Personally, I'm a big fan of jam jar pocket money banking. If nothing else you can see your cash flow grow."

### The Cold Case file can now be closed:

Tamagotchi died a natural, end of battery death.

*Granny was Pat Burkard, who with her husband Urs welcomed Pierre and myself to Holy Trinity, Maisons-Laffitte during the 1970s.*

*Last time I saw Urs was when I rowed from Lechlade, upper Thames to London, Thames R.C. on the tideway, with an international group of rowing veterans. I was the only Brit.*

**Pauline Cecchin**



## One of our 3 chosen chaplaincy charities is FIAC

The Foyer International d'Accueil et de Culture

FIAC created in 1952, is a 1901 charity in Berck which aims to provide moral and material assistance to any person in difficulty and in particular people from families in social difficulty or in the process of marginalisation by providing them with means of reception and accommodation, cultural education and social and economic rehabilitation, where they will be received without distinction. Its action is centered around the fight against precarious situations and social inclusion.

Please check out their website for who, where and what they do.  
<https://www.fiac-berck.fr/>

**Coming Up in October:** A Quiz Night planned by Peter Wyart, Lalage Glaister with questions set by Michael Spriggs from Hesdin Church.

All proceeds will go to the 1901 charity.

*Please look out for the full details in the October issue of the newsletter.*

### Some useful links:

The Prayer Circle prays for you 'in confidence' please email to: [ourprayersr4u@mail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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Also find us at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### Safeguarding Policy:

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

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