



The Chaplaincy Newsletter – March 2026

Lenten Blessings to all our readers



March Sunday Services

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

1st - 10.30 am - lay led service of the word by Marilyn Dossat

15th - 10.30 am - Eucharist service led by Revd. Teena Twelves - followed by Hesdin AGM

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

1st - 10.30 am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves - followed by Calais AGM

29th 10.45 am Joining Boulogne for Palm Sunday service led by Revd. Teena Twelves

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

1st 10.30 am - Joining with Calais- Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

29th - 10.45 am - Palm Sunday service led by Revd. Teena Twelves

This newsletter, together with contact details for our Church Wardens, is also on our website

<https://anglicanspdc.org>

Find us and details of our services at www.achurchnearyou.com

We are also in the British in France directory: www.britishinfrance.com

Notes for your diary

Just a gentle reminder to those taking part in our virtual Lent Pilgrimage, to please send your Kilometres **every Sunday** to Martine - martinecollins@yahoo.com - If you would like to sponsor our walkers, the money will go to a worthy charity, please contact either the walker or Martine for more info - *many thanks*

The Maundy Thursday service will take place at Pauline Cecchin's home at 18.30 on April 2nd led by Revd. Teena Twelves to remember the Last Supper and Our Lord's betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. All are welcome. Contact Pauline if you would like to attend so that she has numbers for food.

The service on Holy Saturday/Easter Eve will now take place on 'Teams' at 18.30 CEST 17.30 BST on 4th April.

Please see a program of services on page 2.

PAS DE CALAIS CHAPLAINCY
PROPOSED WORSHIP LENT – EASTER

Day/date	Feast	Time	Church/ platform	Eucharist /Office/ Event
Sun 22 nd Feb (3)	1 st Sunday in Lent	1100	Boulogne	HC
Wed 26 th Feb		1830	PdCC on Teams	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sun 1 st Mar (1)	2 nd Sunday in Lent	1100	Calais	HC
	2 nd Sunday in Lent	1030	Hesdin	Service of the Word
Wed 4 th Mar		1830	PdCC on Teams	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sun 8 th Mar (2)	3 rd Sunday in Lent	---		
Wed 11 th Mar		1830	PdCC on Teams	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sun 15 th Mar (3)	4 th Sunday in Lent	1030	Hesdin	HC + AGM
Wed 18 th Mar		1830	PdCC on Teams	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sun 22 nd Mar (4)	5 th Sunday in Lent	---		
Wed 25 th Mar		1830	PdCC on Teams	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sun 29 th Mar (5)	Palm Sunday	1100	Boulogne	HC
Mon 30 th Mar	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	1830	<i>Teams</i>	Evening Prayer
Tue 31 st Mar	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	1830	<i>Teams</i>	Evening Prayer
Wed 1 st Apr	<i>Weds of Holy Week</i>	1830	<i>Teams</i>	Evening Prayer
Thu 2 nd Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY Last supper & betrayal	1830	<i>Pauline Cecchin's home. All Welcome</i>	Maundy Thursday RSVP to Pauline
Fri 3 rd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	1300	Reform Church, Calais	Ecumenical Good Friday service
Sat 4 th Apr	Holy Saturday/ EASTER EVE	1830	<i>Teams</i>	HC - Service of Light for Easter Eve
Sun 5 th Apr	EASTER DAY	1030	Hesdin	HC - Festival Eucharist
Sun 12 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter		Tbc	
Sun 19 th Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter		Tbc	
Sun 26 th Apr	4 th Sunday of Easter	1100	Estréelles PdCC	Chaplaincy HC Lunch and AGM

The pattern of services after Easter will be agreed by the Chaplaincy Council at their next meeting in March and circulated.

After Easter I hope to also offer a regular weekly service of Evening Prayer on Teams/Zoom. This will most likely be on a Tuesday evening at 1830.

For further information about any of the services please contact me, or your local churchwarden.

Rev. Teena (church.teena@gmail.com)

HOLY WEEK - PALM SUNDAY



On Palm Sunday, Christians recall the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, surrounded by celebrating crowds, who called out 'Hosanna' and proclaimed him as king. They threw palm leaves on the road before him, and we use crosses made of palm leaves in our commemoration of the event.

We begin our Holy Week remembering that the King of Peace came to earth to establish his kingdom of justice, mercy and peace – and that he was originally greeted by many of the people of Jerusalem with joy and delight, just as we too can greet him in our lives today. This year we celebrate in Boulogne-sur-Mer with a service at 11h00.

HOLY WEEK - MONDAY & TUESDAY



On the first few days of Holy Week, we continue to spend our time in prayer and praise of God as our season of Lent comes to an end. We know that Jesus had gone up to Jerusalem to take part in a festival there, and continued to pray and worship and perform miracles over these last days.

So, we too continue to worship and to pray, as the final few days of this season – known as the Triduum (the three days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) approach. This year we will praise God in quiet services of Evening Prayer, meeting online each day at 18h30.

HOLY WEEK - WEDNESDAY



On this final day before Jesus' arrest, one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, made a decision to betray him and went to the High Priests who were seeking to kill Jesus. On this day the final piece that causes the rest of the story to unfold drops into place, as Judas makes his deadly pact and receives 30 pieces of silver.

We begin to reflect upon the journey that we will take over the three Holy Days as we follow Christ through his betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest, trial and conviction, and the long walk with the cross to the hill on Calvary, where he will die.

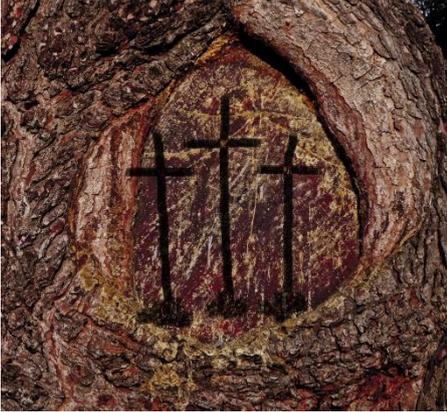
This year we will follow that journey in the Stations of the cross in a service of readings and prayer on Wednesday of Holy Week at 18h30.

HOLY WEEK - MAUNDY THURSDAY



On Maundy Thursday we remember the events of the last evening that Jesus spent with his disciples: the night when Judas Iscariot, one of them, betrayed him. We recall how Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show them how they were to serve others; we remember that Last Supper that they shared; and we re-enact that long agonising wait in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus accepted his calling, whilst his disciples struggled even to keep awake. In our service at 18h30 we will hear the stories, and spend time in prayer as we watch and wait.

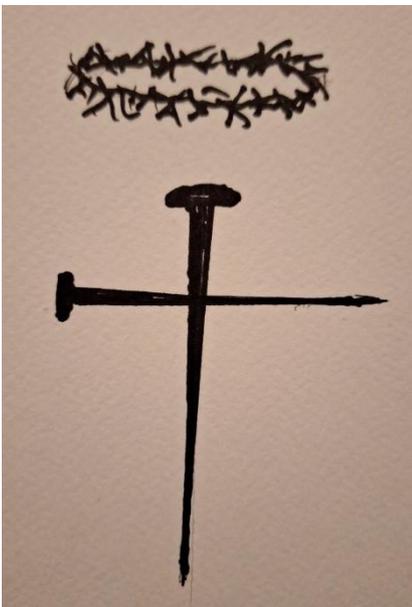
HOLY WEEK - GOOD FRIDAY



On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus was crucified. We recall the way that he was wrongly accused and convicted and sentenced to death. We re-enact his walk with the cross on which he was to die. We fall silent as the time of the last hour of his life, which ended at 3 o'clock, approaches.

We will share this remembrance with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in an ecumenical service hosted by the Reform Church in Calais at 13h00.

HOLY WEEK - HOLY (or BLACK) SATURDAY



During Holy Saturday, Christ's body lay resting in the tomb. This was a time of desolation for his followers: they had not been able to properly prepare the body because the burial had been hurriedly arranged ahead of the Sabbath, the Jewish holy day; the one in whom they had placed so much hope was no longer. We too, may sit and wonder about the events of the previous couple of days. We are encouraged to reflect upon all that has taken place, perhaps to begin to turn our minds to the joy that lies ahead. At 18h30 as the new day draws closer, we meet together online to tell the salvation story from the very beginning, and light a new light to represent the coming joy of Easter day.

EASTER DAY



On Easter morning, Christ's disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. The stone had been rolled away. The graveclothes were in a tidy pile. But Jesus' body was nowhere to be seen. On that day and the following 40 days he appeared to his disciples, risen and alive. It was the biggest miracle ever, and it was the turning point in history. Death was no longer the end. God's eternal love for us had won the ultimate victory.

We celebrate with Christians all over the world this historical truth.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed – Alleluia!

Join us from 10h30 for our Festival Eucharist at Hesdin.

Revd. Teena Twelves

Not Since 1863 !

Easter will soon be upon us ! Now, we all know that the date of Easter Sunday changes each year; and we're all vaguely aware it's something to do with the sun and the moon.

In fact, the simple definition of Easter is as the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Equinox – the day, this year 20th March, that marks the first day of our Spring.



New Year Celebrations, London's Chinatown

Then, counting back, we arrive at the start of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our preparation for Easter. It echoes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness enduring temptation by Satan, as described in the Gospels. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the evening of Holy Saturday, which makes it 46 days if the six Sundays are included, but just the 40 days if they are excluded.

The importance of the cycles of the sun and moon is not only that they fix the date of Easter but they also mark key events in several other faiths and traditions. And this year, something very unusual is happening, as a number of these phenomena align. This February, three such major traditions remarkably coincided almost simultaneously. Between 17th-18th February, as well as the beginning of Lent, we had the start of the Chinese (Lunar) New Year; and the period of fasting for Muslims known as Ramadan - all within less than 24 hours of each other.

This historic overlap has not been seen since 1863 - and it won't occur again until 2189, that's 163 yrs!

Another facet of the traditional preparation for Easter concerns the fourth Sunday of Lent, this year the 15th March - Mothering Sunday. Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

The origin of Mothering Sunday dates back to mediaeval times. Whereas nowadays Anglican churchgoers worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church', in earlier times it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother church' once a year. So, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit the main church or cathedral of the area. This return to the Mother Church led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.



Children would pick wild flowers – particularly violets - to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift. The purplish colour of violets is associated with Lent, traditionally symbolising penance and renewal.

As so often when one delves into the origin of traditions, Christian or secular, one finds that all is not always quite what it seems !

Michael Spriggs

Mothering Sunday Posy

JOURNÉE MONDIALE DE PRIÈRE

« Venez ! Je vous donnerai le repos » (Matthieu 11,28)

Préparée par les femmes du Nigéria



CELEBRATION OECUMENIQUE
ouverte à tous

VENDREDI 6 MARS 2026 à 17h30
Temple de Calais, rue du Temple

Association Œcuménique du Littoral Pour de plus amples renseignements tél. 03 21 34 55 90 IPNS

On Sunday March 8th at 6.30pm in the magnificent Church of St Pol.



**“The Day of Judgment”
Eglise Saint Paul in St-Pol-sur-Ternoise, April 2025**

The “Ensemble H.3” directed by Ian Ward will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of Michel Richard Delalande. He was a French Baroque composer and organist who was in the service of King Louis XIV. He was one of the most important composers of “grands motets”. They will be performing his “De Profundis” alongside works by Telemann and Bach. A stellar line-up of 5 vocal

soloists as well as Hermine Prudhomme, flute and Jean-Pierre Menuge, recorder.

A choir of 25 and an orchestra of 20 coming from France, Belgium, Holland and the UK who are well known in the Pas-de-Calais and the Somme.

Tickets are priced at 15€ and free for children 16 and under. To reserve in advance please call Ian Ward on 03 21 41 79 43 or email ward.ian@orange.fr

Press Release

An English conductor, a European choir and orchestra, 7 soloists and a remarkable setting to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the French composer Michel-Richard Delalande. On Sunday March 8th the stunning Eglise Saint Paul in St-Pol-sur-Ternoise in the Pas-de-Calais hosts the “Ensemble H.3” directed by Ian Ward who has lived near Hesdin for 20 years.

The original Church of St Pol was bombed in 1944 and the current one was built between 1958 and 1960. It has the finest acoustic in Northern France and a long tradition of concerts including visits from the “Orchestre National de Lille”

The composer was well-known in the Court of Versailles during the reign of King Louis XIV and composed numerous “grands motets” for the Chapelle Royale. Under Ian’s baton they will perform his “De Profundis” as well as works by Telemann (who also spent much time in Paris) and Bach.

Not only 5 vocal soloists but also Hermine Prudhomme on flute and Jean-Pierre Menuge on recorder playing a concerto by Telemann.

Instrumentalists and singers from France, Belgium, Holland and the UK who regularly play under Ian’s baton in such venues as the Abbaye de Valloires (Somme) and the Abbaye de Belval (Pas-de-Calais). More information and ticket reservations on 03 21 41 79 43 or ward.ian@orange.fr

Control + click on the link for extracts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERZmqx32fVU&t=19s>

Anglican Refugee Support Lead in Calais



Calais resident Bradon Muilenberg answered the call for a dynamic and compassionate person to work with refugees in Northern France and has been appointed as the Anglican Refugee Support Lead.

The role is the outcome of a joint partnership between the Diocese in Europe, the Diocese of Canterbury and the Anglican mission agency USPG. It's a response to the growing numbers of migrants around the Channel ports in Northern France.

Bradon has experience in working alongside refugees in France and is ideally placed to work in the front-line role working with people seeking asylum. He will also develop partnerships with local churches, community groups and organisations, local agencies, and charities. Bradon will work alongside the Kent Refugee Programmes Manager, and other key contacts in the Diocese in Europe.

Bradon's equally important role as a new father which has shaped his experience of the job so far. He said; 'The personal experiences I've had with refugees while volunteering in the ecumenical community in Taizé, and living inside Maria Skobtsova House in Calais have had a transformative effect on me. Three months of being a new father have only made me more acutely aware of the shocking injustice; that so many children in this city in France are profoundly unsafe. I thank God that my son doesn't have to cross the English Channel to be reunited with his family. Every child deserves to be secure. Like many parents I believe my son is special, but he is created in the image of God in exactly the same way as those who have already had to flee from war. He doesn't deserve first class human rights, while they have only the relegated safety of the second class. The normalization of the risk, and loss of their lives should be objected to in the strongest terms.'

Calais is served by the Church of England's Pas-de-Calais Chaplaincy. Peter Hooper, Archdeacon of France in the Diocese in Europe said:

"We are thrilled to welcome Bradon into this new post with the experience that he brings from having already worked within the Calais area."

The vast humanitarian crisis that is embodied in the migrant community in the north of France is growing. With Brandon's presence we can be better informed and direct our Christian shaped voices and resources " **read more** <https://canterburydiocese.org/anglican-refugee-support-lead-appointed-in-calais.php>

Taken from Diocese of Canterbury News- First published on: 4th October 2023

Bradon also has a monthly podcast - here is his latest

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibHcLY4g9E&list=PLfE_KixJtKJAwOSI4ZN0G6f-yewJ1aN1s&index=1

2026 Bishop's Lent Appeal: Vale Silves Community Centre, Portugal



About Portugal

Portugal is a beautiful country and a popular tourist and retirement destination. Despite the many tourists, about 2.2 million people (about 20% of the population), are at risk of poverty or social exclusion. From 2011 through to 2015

Portugal endured a financial crisis and the pandemic has contributed to the difficulties in overcoming this. Great economic and social inequalities exist.

About the Vale Silves Community Centre

The Centre was founded in 1990 by Dra Maria Armanda Silva, originally as a Parents' Association seeking to improve the local primary school. That small initiative grew into a wider community project addressing the needs of families in the district. Over the years, through EU grants, donated building materials, and significant personal sacrifice—including Dra Armanda taking out a mortgage on her own home—the Centre has become a fully operational, independent, non-political, not-for-profit organisation serving the parish of Boliqueime, in the Algarve. **Our long-standing partnership**

St Vincent's Chaplaincy Algarve has cooperated closely with the Centre for many years. Our partnership includes supporting the elderly outreach programme, providing annual Christmas gift bags for all elderly users and their carers, assisting with fundraising, and maintaining a regular pastoral presence. This long and trusted relationship means we have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand, the commitment, integrity, and compassion with which Dra Armanda and her team serve the most vulnerable in the community.

What the Vale Silves Community Centre does

The Centre provides essential support to vulnerable families, children, and the elderly in the region as a practical outworking of their vision to love God and neighbour:

- **Elderly Home-Care Programme** – 50 elderly people receive personalised daily care, including hygiene assistance, meals, house cleaning, and regular home visits from a team of 20 carers. Many are bedbound and entirely dependent on this service.
- **Food Support** – A large food bank operates three times a week, providing vital supplies to families living with significant hardship.
- **Children's Services** – Childcare for working parents, cooked meals for school children, and access to recreational and developmental activities.
- **Community Outreach** – Distribution of recycled clothing and furniture, laundry services, exercise classes, and case-by-case practical support when urgent needs arise.



Why this appeal matters

Despite doing extraordinary work with whole families, from the youngest to the oldest, the Centre's finances are fragile. The Centre can offer home-care support for the elderly by charging only a small fee for the service. That fee is covered partly through government allowances and partly by the service users themselves. However, because many of them live on extremely low state pensions, they are often left with no more than €60 to cover all their remaining needs, including food and medication.

Christmas present distribution Bishop Robert with Dra Armanda



The care they receive from the Centre is invaluable — without it, they would never be able to afford any form of private home care. At the same time, the small contributions they make do not come close to covering the real cost of providing the service. This means the Centre must rely heavily on donations in order to continue offering this essential support to some of the most vulnerable people in the parish. Dra Amanda is a practising Catholic - a little lady with a big and infectious faith. I find their work inspiring, and there is no doubt that additional support received from this Lent Appeal would make a significant impact.

Use of Lent Appeal Funds

Contributions from the Lent Appeal would directly help to:

- Sustain the elderly home-care programme
- Ensure meals for children and continued food bank provision
- Strengthen outreach to isolated and housebound elderly people
- Provide flexibility to respond to urgent and unforeseen needs.

I encourage us all to give generously and prayerfully to this work. Details of how to do that can be found below.

How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe's Lent Appeal 2026: Via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office

By cheque made out to: Diocese in Europe

Diocese in Europe Board of Finance

14, Tufton St

London SW1P 3QZ

(Please add the words "Lent Appeal 2026" to any note you send with the cheque)

By bank transfer:

Account number: 40317039

Sort code: 20-06-13

IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39 Swift

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On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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Safeguarding

The Chaplaincy are busy working towards compliance with the Safeguarding obligations in preparation for the audit if we are selected by the Safeguarding Committee.

This is very important as it is much the same as the school Ofsted inspections and we would not wish to be classed as a Chaplaincy which requires improvement.

So, if you would spend a little time undertaking a simple training course in Safeguarding please do so, this will reflect positively on the Chaplaincy's commitment to Safeguarding.

How do I do this? you may ask. Well, it very simple, just go to the Diocese in Europe website and click on Safeguarding and then on Training, register with them to complete the course.

Start with the Basic Awareness and it will give an insight into our responsibility and a duty of care towards each other.

If you need support, please email me daphne_power@hotmail.com and I will guide you through it.

Remember: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and covers many aspects of our lives.

Daphne Power - CSO

Safeguarding: Who to contact to raise a safeguarding concern - taken from Safeguarding Policy at the end of this Newsletter.

If you believe that an individual may be at risk of immediate serious harm from others, or someone you know through your chaplaincy poses a risk of serious harm to themselves or others, you must take action.

Where there is an immediate risk of harm, you should contact the local protection services in the country where the concern has arisen.

In addition, all concerns should be reported within 24 hours to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. You can do this directly by telephone or email. You should notify your Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer, or, if the CSO is not available, another appropriate church officer who should ensure the concern is brought to the attention of the DST.

The DST provide a consultation line Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 18:00 Central European Time.

For urgent enquiries during operational hours, please call: +44 (0)207 898 1159 or email.

For non-urgent enquiries contact: +44 (0)7464 544 715 or email.

Out of hours

For urgent enquiries outside operational hours, call our partners thirtyone:eight on +44 (0) 303 003 1111. You will be provided with initial advice and your referral will be passed to the DST.

For non-urgent concerns outside operational hours, please email and a team member will respond as soon as possible.

Reporting a concern

To report a concern by email, please complete the referral form which you can **download here**. Please email the completed form

to europa.safeguarding@churchofengland.org. Our team will respond the next working day.

Please tell us if you need help in completing the form, or need to have a form in a language other than English.

Useful links

New: Useful English-speaking helpline numbers in France

This link will take you to Janine Marsh's brilliant Magazine 'The Good Life France' everything you need to know about living in France.

<https://share.google/57aPdZ37UEsGiHrjD>

Monthly Chaplaincy Briefing

<https://mailchi.mp/f3bb5e0d3d4c/chaplaincy-briefing-12881882?e=0d70c5470d>

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. *mcd/ed*

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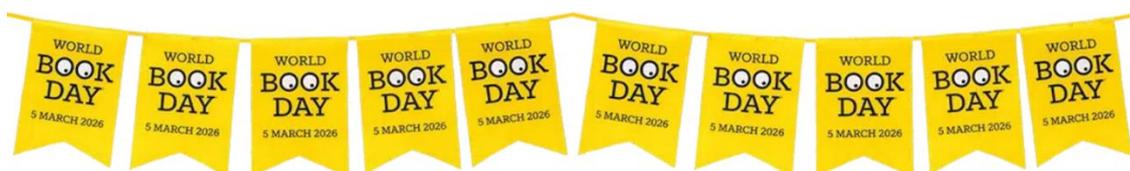
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