



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter – JUNE 2026



Summer Blessings to all our readers

Summer time begins on Sun, Jun 21, 2026 – Wed, Sep 23, 2026



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Chaplaincy Services in June

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

7th - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

21st - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

Salle Limoisin, 6 rue Abbé Limoisin, 62231 Blériot-Plage, Calais - Chaplaincy Secretary Clare Page

10th - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

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

28th - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

This newsletter, together with contact details for our churchwardens, and chaplaincy secretary 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

A prayer for God's mission in the Pas-de-Calais: by Revd. Teena Twelves

God of all, creator of hills and fields, sea and sky, enfold us in your love as we make our daily paths through the Pas-de-Calais.

Make us bold to follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, and to make your love and his sacrifice known to all we meet, through the power of the Holy Spirit, building your Kingdom step by step, in this place we call home. Amen

Pentecost

A beautiful Holy Eucharist Service in Boulogne church with candles and anointing on Sunday 24th May, was led by our Chaplain Revd. Teena Twelves, and was well attended with others from the congregations of Calais and Hesdin.

*Please check out our services above and also on the facebook page link below and **share the link with friends** if you feel comfortable to do so'.*

<https://www.facebook.com/PasDeCalaisAnglicanChurch/>



Chaplain's letter June 2026



Dear brothers and sisters,

It's perhaps apt that we've been feeling so warmed by the sun in recent weeks, what with the holy fire of Pentecost blazing brightly to warm our spirits at the same time.

Our service in Boulogne last Sunday was attended by members of all three congregations, and it was a joy to pray individually with those present for renewal of their faith in the Spirit.

As we extinguished the Pascal candle for the final time, (pending any future baptisms, of course!) we took the light of Christ out into the world, bearing our own candles as we committed ourselves to dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be our guide; to dare to embrace each other and grow together in love; to dare to share our riches in common and minister to each other in need; to dare to pray for each other until our hearts beat with the longings of God; and to dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places. If you weren't able to be with us last Sunday, I ask that you commit yourself in prayer to the above, for the renewal of your faith, our life in community, and the mission that we share in this place.

Last week I was delighted to have been asked by our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Catholic Church in Hesdin to share with them what it means to be an Anglican, something I've been asked to do again later in the year for the Catholic Diocesan gathering which meets once a month at Les Tourelles in Condette. As I prepared the material for this talk and presentation, it occurred to me that, as a mixed and gathered community, there may be many of you out there who are also wondering what it means to be part of the Anglican church (although, believe me, it is a continual journey of discovery, as the Anglican church grows and is shaped by the work of God in the world around us!) I'd be very happy to repeat the conversation, translating the material back into English, if any of you would be interested? Please do let me know what you think.

Whilst on the subject of conversations about faith and church, I would like to let you know that the Chaplaincy Council and I have been reflecting on the fact that I have now been here for six months. It is hard to believe and, in some ways, it feels like only five minutes since I arrived, and yet in other ways much has happened. But such reflections do bring to the fore the fact that, as presented at the AGM, the funds available from the Chaplaincy – that is, from you - to support the 'House for Duty project' as it stands will only provide for another two and a half years. The time is ticking away, and it is important therefore that we remain focused on the Vision that was agreed by you, as a church, before I was appointed to serve you. Therefore, over the summer you will receive a copy of a survey which asks you questions about how we should continue in the mission God has given us. The questions are based on the three points of the Vision of the Chaplaincy, and we seek your views as a Council, on matters related to these:

- 1.To worship with joy, mainly in English, in local settings and together, using the opportunities available to welcome everyone. We now have a regular calendar of Eucharistic worship in all three communities, as well as some lay-led services, and worship online - but many people only worship once a month in their own community. What (and when) in terms of a worship offer might entice you to join us more frequently as we 'Worship with joy'?
- 2.To communicate well, growing in faith and number, by learning, serving and working together more closely and ecumenically. We are on our second discipleship course, with another prepared for the autumn. Ecumenical worship and gatherings are taking place regularly. What are the barriers to greater attendance at these events?
- 3.To share the Gospel message of love by our example, to build our capacity to support lay leadership and pastoral mission, serving those in greatest need in our communities more widely, safely and effectively. To my mind, there is no greater joy than seeing a church community grow in their understanding of, and willingness to use, the many gifts of its members in living out the mission of God. What can we offer to support you to identify, and share your gifts?

I hope that when you receive the survey in a few weeks, you will reflect on it prayerfully and share your opinions, so that we can come together as a church in the autumn to discern where God is leading us next. In the meantime, I encourage you to enjoy all that is on offer!

With my love and prayers,

Teena

Think before you print

British Week in Le Touquet

Le Touquet has been a popular holiday destination for the British and the French ever since it was



Le Touquet's famous covered market

established as a resort in the early 1900s, when English businessman John Whitley developed the present town. And now, over a century later, Le Touquet has arranged a special week-long festival designed specifically to welcome British family visitors. During the last week in May, coinciding with the UK Summer half-term holiday, a programme of sporting and cultural events took place throughout the town. And, on production of a British passport, significant reductions have been on offer by local shops, restaurants and other attractions!

In those early years, Le Touquet became one of the most fashionable resorts in France, attracting international stars from the world of music, cinema and literature, as well as becoming a favoured destination of royalty. The list of celebrated visitors and notable residents is bewildering: the writer P G Wodehouse lived here before WWII; Ian Fleming took his inspiration for his James Bond novel, *Casino Royale*, from his time in Le Touquet. Maurice Ravel, Lord Haig, Somerset Maugham, Marlene Dietrich, Serge Gainsbourg all had strong links with the town. Throw in also Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie! In 2003 it was selected for the signing by then President Jacques Chirac and British PM Tony Blair of the historic accord on border controls 'The Le Touquet Agreement'.

In 2022 Le Touquet's airport was renamed 'Elizabeth II International' in honour of the late Queen.

However, in recent decades, its appeal for the British seems to have declined somewhat, as other resorts became fashionable; and more recently under the impact of Brexit and then Covid.

Le Touquet remains of course a prime seaside destination for the French, a number of whom own those splendid art deco villas for which the town is famous. It is also becoming increasingly popular among Dutch and Belgian tourists.

Under an initiative by the Municipality and local Tourist Office a campaign was launched to create a week-long programme of events and activities designed to display the town's attractions to the full and to attract English visitors back again. Local businesses, hotels, restaurants, sports associations and other attractions were encouraged to support and participate in the initiative.



Catching the wind on that wide-open beach

Pétanque, padel, guided bike and horse rides, sand yachting, kayaking, classic cars, gourmet tastings .. all in a welcoming Anglo-French spirit. Finally, a gala dinner to round off the week with a gourmet menu created by renowned local chef Alexandre Gauthier. And, as the week drew to a close, the conclusion was that it had been emphatically a great success. Hotels reported stronger bookings, and business takings increased throughout the town.

There is now great enthusiasm for making this an annual May event; and the expectation is that next year's event will be even bigger and better!

Michael Spriggs

PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

This '*Gospel Journey with English Saints*' offered by the Church of England this summer focuses on the concept of Christian pilgrimage, exploring eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England, and the stories of the saints.

The course materials are available online through the Everyday Faith app (download from the App Store or Google Play) or as a printed booklet (to order a booklet, go to Church House Publishing at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/pilgrim-places-holy-lives>). A Bible reading, prayer, short reflection and reflective question are offered for each weekday between 25th May and 21st June.

We will meet online on Tuesday evenings at 19h00 (after Evening Prayer) to share our thoughts and reflections on the weekly course themes:

- *Tuesday 26th May – Welcoming the Gospel*
- *Tuesday 2nd June – Living for the Gospel*
- *Tuesday 9th June – Trusting the Gospel*
- *Tuesday 16th June – Light of the Gospel*

concluding with a final session to consider what it means to us to be a pilgrim church

- *Tuesday 23rd June – Pas-de-Calais Pilgrims*

For more details and to receive a copy of the link for our meetings, please email me: teena.church@gmail.com



'It's not too late to join us in the current course!'

A New Creation
The Book of Genesis and the Gospel of John
Saturday 13 June 10.00am – 1.00pm (CET)
Online



This is an online Bible Study morning, designed for Lay Readers in the first instance, but clergy and others are also welcome to participate.

It will be led by Canon Dr Clare Amos, Diocesan Director of Lay Discipleship and experienced teacher of biblical studies. Clare is fascinated by how John's Gospel presents the life and ministry of Jesus as a 'new creation' both modelled on, but also significantly different from the old. Some awareness of the distinctiveness of John's Gospel will be required.

You will need to book in advance in order to receive the Zoom link and study notes.

To book, please contact Polly Freeman at polly.freeman@churchofengland.org by Wednesday 10 June.



Beautiful Music

*La belle
musique*

*in the English
Choral tradition.*

*dans la
tradition
chorale
anglaise*

CONCERT GRATUIT

VENDREDI 12 JUN 17H00

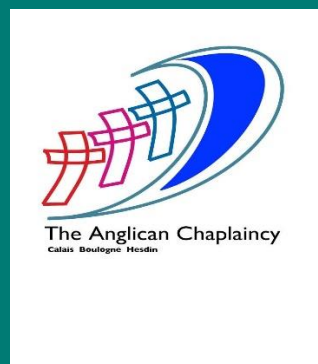
**EGLISE ST NICOLAS
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER**

**Les jeunes choristes de la chorale de la Cathédrale
de la Vierge Marie de Lincoln en Angleterre...**

...sont ravis de vous offrir ce concert gratuit. Venez écouter les
magnifiques chants sacrés interprétés par de jeunes voix
talentueuses. Une expérience inoubliable !

*Présenté par l'Église Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais, avec le généreux
soutien des Paroisses de Boulogne et l'Église St. Nicolas*

Pour plus d'informations sur la chorale,
voir lincolncathedral.com



A Reflection on One's Personal Christian Views

By Roderick Hutchison

At a certain age, and this may vary, depending on the individual, there may be a time when one reflects on one's beliefs. Questions may be generated in the mind, as to what direction not only your own, but that of your faith, is directing you. Certainly, as a strong believer in the Scot's Ideology that I was brought up with. I am personally concerned that the Christian Church is not being loud enough in the protection of the human race – and especially Christians that, within the world are being horrendously persecuted. So, at a time of reflection a 'wee' journey was undertaken to try and find for one's own personal mind; a direction.



The journey started in Edinburgh. Both St Giles, and as important. Greyfriars Kirk, where not only awaits Greyfriar's Bobby, but also on a Sunday morning a Service is held in the Gaelic tradition. A superb sound of singing. And then, more recently, a train trip from Arras, via Paris, Barcelona and Madrid, to



Santiago de Compostela. For fourteen years I have heard in my ear, the quiet word from my wife, that she would like to visit. After the 2025 surgery that nearly went wrong – now was the time. In November I started planning. To walk from Hesdin at our age was a little ambitious but with Black Friday offers, an Interrail 1st class ticket for over 3500 kms, became logical!



To learn the history of Padre Piao De Solovioti, who as a hermit, saw a star that directed him to the grave of St James, the 1st Apostle to be martyred, and whose body was brought by stone boat from the Holy Land to Compostela via Padron. Father Paio was 'guided' to seek the help of King Alfonso and with the Royal Decree the remains of the apostle was taken to Compostela. Padre Piao built, before the



Cathedral, a small church, situated near the market, where today Anglican's worship. Yes, pilgrims tread the Camino. To be recognised a distance of 120kms, has to be travelled – even on horseback! On arrival in Compostela the original pilgrims burnt their clothes in a cauldron – which today can be seen in a space for relics. From there to the square, in front of the great doors where a plaque is seen as the point of arrival.



The Cathedral doors are now permanently closed, except for 'special' individuals. There is another main door, *The Holy Door*, which is also now closed. It is opened for special occasions, as on a Holy Year, or on the Pope's command.

Look up at the Great Bell. 70,000 kgs well suspended!

Inside the Cathedral is magnificent. Words cannot convey



the absorption of the magnificence. The organ flutes almost cover the main entrance. The incense-burner, originally used to fumigate the unwashed pilgrims! Wafted by seven men, the urn travels at a speed of 70km/hour. One trusts the ropes do not break! Today the use of this is very much restricted, unless you pay 500.00 euros. Then all is possible! Compostela is certainly worth the visit. Whether it is to bind your own beliefs, or just to experience the whole atmosphere. Only you as an individual can answer that. If you do make the distance, by Camino, or other, then just enjoy, find a guide in the city, *we learnt so much from*

Sandra, and your inner self will benefit. Do not rush the visit. You will be exhausted...

To be continued ...in the next issue of the newsletter

SALLE • WOLFGANG
 — Inaugurée en 2025 —

Samedi 27 juin 18h, Dimanche 28 juin 16h

Alexandre Lacour
et Anne-Lise Gillet

Sonates de Mendelssohn
et Chopin

Entrée gratuite avec un panier pour vos donations généreuses. Places limitées et réservation par téléphone ou mail recommandée.

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Orchestre Symphonique
Concertante 62
 Directeur Artistique
 Ian Ward



ENSEMBLE H.3

My two good friends and excellent musicians are giving a couple of recitals in my "Salle Wolfgang" (my cat!). Sunday is filling up nicely but there are places for the Saturday one at 18h. Please reserve as it's not the Albert Hall and I would hate to turn you away!"

Ian Ward
 Chef d'orchestre / chef de chorale
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Preview YouTube video Extraits de concerts de l'Ensemble H.3 et de Concertante 62. Chef d'orchestre/chorale - Ian Ward



A sincere apology to John Bosworth (not Boswell) - for getting his name wrong in the BBQ article in the May issue - mcd/editor

Safeguarding news

Dear All

New safeguarding regulations regarding recruitment and appointing elected members and volunteers will be commencing on 1st June 2026.

As I have now left the Chaplaincy, I am resigning as Safeguarding Officer.

At the last Chaplaincy meeting we learnt that John Bosworth applied and was elected for the position of CSO (Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer) and wishes to accept the role. He understands that there are safeguarding checks to undertake and I am very happy to assist in guiding him through the process of paperwork and training involved.

I thank everyone for their interest in Safeguarding and hope it grows from strength to strength.

Daphne

Commémoration Mémorial de l'Otan - 12th September

I've been asked to represent the Anglican church at the memorial service for NATO soldiers killed in conflict around the world. This ecumenical service on the morning of 12th September is followed by a civic service, at the memorial site near Frethun. I don't know much more at present, but I've been asked whether I will be accompanied, and if any church members would be interested in attending, please do let me know so that I can 'confirm their identity' as requested with the president of the Federation du Memorial de l'Otan - presumably a security matter for obvious reasons. **Revd. Teena - church.teena@gmail.com**



Café polyglotte sur le net (language forum)
« Connaitre des langues c'est bien, les utiliser pour partager et échanger des idées, c'est mieux »

→ Forum libre d'accès (sans publicité)

www.cafe-polyglotte.com

→ Pour participer (écrire), il faut s'inscrire (gratuit, sans publicité, sans traçage)

(il n'existe qu'une fonction de contrôle de contenu pour éviter tout prosélytisme, tout contenu inapproprié et tout message commercial)

→ Contact : forum.polyglotte@gmail.com

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 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:

ourprayers4u@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.

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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