



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

The Chaplaincy Newsletter – July 2026



Summer Blessings to all our readers

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



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Dear readers and contributors, as usual the Chaplaincy Newsletter will be taking a break in August. Therefore, the services for July and August are below. We will be back in September and in the meantime wish you all very happy holidays.
MCD/editor

Chaplaincy Services in July & August

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

5th July - 10.30am - Lay led by Marilyn Dossat

19th July - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

2nd August - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

16th August - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

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

12th July - 10.30am Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

9th August - 10.30am Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

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

26th July - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

23rd August - 10.30am - Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves

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

Our Services are also on the facebook page link below - feel free to share the link with friends <https://www.facebook.com/PasDeCalaisAnglicanChurch/>

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

Chaplain's letter July 2026

Greetings to all as this summer begins where spring left off – with a heatwave – I hope everyone is managing to stay cool!

As I've been moving round the congregations at the beginning of this Ordinary Time, I've been preaching on faith – what is it to have faith, what is it that we have faith in, how can we express our faith, and how can we hold faith that what we express will indeed bear fruit.

I am trying, over the course of the coming months, to hold to a theme each month, so that, if you happen to move between congregations (which I would heartily encourage you to do) you will hopefully hear a golden thread running through. Of course, if you miss a sermon in-between, it's not going to spoil your enjoyment(!) when you do next hear one. I'm trying to ensure that all our interactions work as 'stand-alone' experiences, whether this is Sunday worship or our weekly discipleship courses.

This is essential as a dispersed Church here in the Pas-de-Calais: unlike in neighbouring chaplaincies in, say Lille, or Arras, it can be difficult for us to be all together, and I don't want anyone to come to anything feeling like they have in some way missed out, or are out of the loop. Having said that, as my online fitness trainer keeps reminding me 'the more you put into this, the more you will get out of it' (a hard message in this heat, but I know she's right). Those of you who can take part in the wide variety of things on offer, whether that's worship, prayer, discipleship or fellowship, will, I hope, find that your worship, discipleship, prayer and fellowship is enhanced – and that your faith deepens, as a result. I recognise that, for that to be so, what is on offer must not only be appealing, or at least arouse some curiosity, but also meet needs. And this is the reason that the Chaplaincy Council has agreed that we should survey everyone in the congregations to find out what it is that you like and don't like; what works for you both spiritually and practically; what would work better; and what ideas you have to share, or gifts to offer. I do hope that you will take a few moments to complete the survey – whether online, or on paper. What you say will shape how we move forward. We are going to use the feedback from the survey to inform a discussion which I hope as many as possible will contribute to, with a whole Chaplaincy meeting in Condette at Les Tourelles on September 6th. If you can only attend for part of the day that is fine, but please do try and be present if possible. We will build upon the work that you began with AD Peter, to develop a 'vision' for the Chaplaincy as part of the process of recruiting a new Chaplain. Now that I have arrived it's an opportune time to revisit that vision, ensure that it still reflects where we feel God is leading, and think about the steps that we need to take, as a Church, to turn it into reality. It's important that we journey along this path together as a community, rather than having the sense that a few lead, and others follow. One of the things that has always struck me about (pretty much all) church committees is that they are invariably filled with people who quite like or are quite good at doing 'committee stuff'. That is of course where you want such people to be – but there's a risk that other voices aren't heard. When this is so we miss out on many ideas, talents, and lose the chance to grow together in faith and love. So please, if you have something to share, do so with confidence and faith, and we shall receive it with joy. Within the discipleship group that has met over the last few weeks we've been sharing our thoughts in the context of the faith and the lives of the saints who were so instrumental in bringing Christianity to England. These pilgrims travelled miles and waited long for the Gospel to take root and flourish. We too are pilgrims today, travelling and waiting – it's a theme I think is pertinent for each of our congregations in Calais, Hesdin and Boulogne, and which I would love us to explore (and perhaps also exploit) in future. In the context of discipleship though, as we journey together through these courses, just as when we walk along a pathway with others, we learn a little more of and from each other with each step.

It was suggested at the close of the final session that I should perhaps give a few words of encouragement and reassurance about these courses. Continuing the pilgrimage/walk metaphor: you don't need to come equipped with all the latest gear and technical gizmos – just bring some comfy walking shoes: we don't meet as theological experts, able to quote verses from the Bible, rather we bring our lived-out experience of faith. You don't need to know where we are going – someone else will bring the compass and the route-map. We follow a plan or booklet, most recently the 'Everyday Faith' app and booklet. We don't start by climbing mountains, but take the 'beginner's route. We begin with ideas and concepts that are familiar and accessible: (I'm introducing the Talking Theology Together meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month, after Evening Prayer at 18.30 for those who want to delve deeper into theological discussion about our faith – see details of the next one below). We stop and wait, stop and listen, stop and see, whenever one of the group asks or has something to share. We've heard insights, stories, and shared images and words – truly growing together in faith and love. I do hope more of you will join us on these journeys in future.

With every blessing – stay cool! **Revd. Teena**



SAVE THE DATE – CHAPLAINCY AWAY DAY – LES TOURELLES, CONDETTE

SUN 6TH SEPTEMBER 10-15.30

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE: *Opening worship – reflection – prayer time – review of the Chaplaincy Vision statement – a celebration of the Eucharist - a shared lunch – sharing of ideas: bringing the Vision to life – prayer time/quiet time in groups or congregations – closing worship and prayers*
Please put it on your calendar!

TALKING THEOLOGY TOGETHER – 4 TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – EVENING PRAYER AT 18H30 FOLLOWED BY A THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION FOR ABOUT AN HOUR

26 TH JULY TOPIC: THE LORD’S PRAYER – *Come and discover more about this wonderful prayer we know and love.*

Continuing Roderick and Gillian’s journey - **Santiago de Compostella and Onward**

With a train at 06.00hrs or 18.00hrs the civilised route to Porto was by bus. Three and a half hours via Vigo was not too much of a hardship! Porto is a remarkable city; personally, I prefer it to Lisbon. Early settlements on the Duro river gave way to Roman occupation. After the fall of Rome there was a large Moorish influence in Portugal but by the Twelfth Century Portugal was formed, and in 1387 was entwined with England by the marriage of John 1 of Portugal to Philippa of Lancaster. San Bento railway station is a definite ‘must-see.’

Built on the site of the former Benedictine Convent of Sao Bento de Avé Maria.



The entrance is covered with roughly 20,000 hand-painted azulejo tiles depicting the pivotal moments in Portuguese History.

Today thousands flock to Porto for not only the history but a fine wine produced on the Duro Valley, Port and Porto. The two pictures (below) show the

typical boat used to carry the port casks and part of the Calem Port House storage. And of course, for the gastronomical experts, the ‘cataplana.’ Pictured (right)



Leaving Porto by train for Lisbon and the Algarve. Why, three days in the Algarve? We lived in the Monchique area for eight years, and it was time to rekindle friendships; especially to one dear friend whom we’ll not see again.



Then, from Albufeira, we caught a bus, again, for Seville. Portugal is not connected to Spain by any form of high-speed train. It has been thought of for years and could be the same again before tracks are laid.

Seville, a city that stands apart due to its magnificence. Inhabited since prehistoric times due to the river and fertile lands around. Occupied by the Romans under both Caesar and Hadrien, it expanded greatly. In 711 Moorish armies entered Iberia and in the Twelfth Century the construction of the Mosque began. The Minaret, the Giralda stands proud today by the Cathedral.



It is said that that climbing the minaret five times a day, was too great a challenge for the Iman. To overcome this the steps leading to the top were platformed so that he could ride his donkey up and save his legs!



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The picture (right) shows the original Moorish inscriptions on the doors.



In 1248 Ferdinand of Castile conquered Seville and the city came under Christian dominance. Today, the Cathedral in Seville is one of three greats by size in Europe: The Vatican St Peter's Basilica; St Paul's in London, and Seville.

Just close to the Cathedral is a notorious square, Santa Cruz, where in 1391, 4000 Jews were massacred due to preachings by the Archdeacon Ferdinand Martinez. The Jews at the time were the

scribes and doctors. *The intelligent class.*

When an epidemic broke out with the death of hundreds of the population it was so easy to place the blame on the Jews, who carried out medical treatment out of doors with little hygiene.

Then came in Inquisition where Thomas de Torquemada became notorious for his cruelty as the Grand Inquisitor.

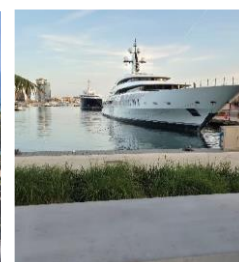
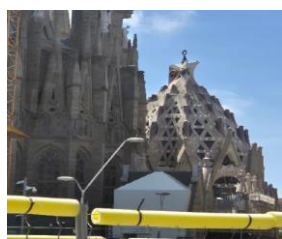


On a lighter note, we were very fortunate to be in Seville for the traditional 'Flamenco Week'. How well turned out were the horses and carriages – not to forget the Senora's and Senhors. Even with mobile phone in hand!



From Seville it was onto Barcelona. Sadly, due to severe 'gout' I was unable to complete the guided walk. However, an open-bus tour certainly provided a fine tour of the city.

We were surprised to learn that the locals who live by the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia; not to be confused with the cathedral, cannot worship in their 'local' unless they pay the entrance fee, as it is a privately funded construction. Seems to me, a bizarre direction to take.



Certainly, Barcelona is a worthwhile city to visit. From the extremes of the historical, to that of the modern influence around the waterfront!

From Barcelona it was on-board the very comfortable 09.30 train to Paris into Gare de Lyon, then the metro to Gare du Nord and the 17.45 TGV to Arras. Was it logically simple? Yes, I believe so, as European train travel is relatively relaxing; and through Interrail, a feasible plan. However, we should have spent more time in the 'major' cities, but energy levels, as senior citizens, or even very senior citizens, are not as good as they used to be! But we survived... *for another day!*

Roderick Hutchison

The Pas de Calais Chaplaincy Welcomes the Lincoln Cathedral Choir to Saint-Nicolas Church, Place Dalton, Boulogne-Sur-Mer on Friday 12th June at 17.00hrs



We were delighted to welcome the Lincoln Cathedral choir for a concert in Boulogne-Sur-Mer.

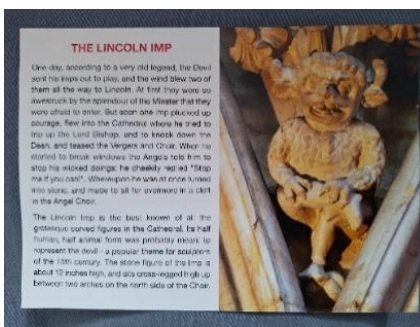
Lincoln Cathedral has had a choir since its founding over 900 years ago. There is no longer a residential choir school; the choristers are drawn from fifteen local schools. Weekday rehearsals take place before school and choristers return after school to sing evensong. The Cathedral Choir sings every day, except Wednesday, during term-time. It is a professional choir made up of forty boys and girls, six lay vicars and five choral scholars; sometimes joined by junior choral scholars. The choir is led by the Director of Music and Master of the Choristers, Aric Prentice, and by the Cathedral Organist, Jeffrey Makinson.

Reverend Teena's two sons were both choristers in the choir during their youth.

As part of their summer tour, twenty-seven of the Cathedral choristers set off from Lincoln at 3.50am to catch the ferry to France. The lay vicars remained in Lincoln to sing evensong in the cathedral.

A couple of us were tasked with making up thirty-five lunch packs, ready for their arrival in Boulogne on a very windy afternoon. Following a quick rehearsal, the chorists adorned in their blue choir robes; symbolic of the Royal Air Force uniform, and performed a magnificent recital in the beautiful church. The programme included two choral solos, and an organ solo. The concert concluded with a local, rousing version of Ave Maria Notre-Dame du Grand Retour, sung by Aric, and the choir singing the chorus - with the standing congregation joining in. There was a good attendance with members from all three congregations, local residents and tourists who showed their appreciation giving generously to our fundraising in aid of our three chosen charities and the work of the chaplaincy. The choir returned to the UK the next day for Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral and Eucharist in Rochester Cathedral. Revd. Teena received a thank-you message from Aric saying, *"Thank you so much for arranging our visit on Friday and for hosting us in Boulogne. We loved it. The choristers really enjoyed the ferries to and from of course - and the singing in the church. The rest of the trip (in Canterbury and Rochester) went well too and we got everyone back safely on Sunday evening without any incidents..."* Revd. Teena replied *"Please come again!"*

To sum it up, they wrote on their Face-book post, *"A most wonderful summer tour and friendships for life"* We are delighted to have been able to make a small contribution towards that. **Tanya Collins**



Dean Simon presented Revd. Teena with a gift of the Lincoln Imp - an explanation of the county emblem is on the card.



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Raising a glass to Joyce Bosworth on the 3rd anniversary of her homecoming, after suffering a massive stroke and spending many months in hospital.

During that time our church in Hesdin (where Joyce was secretary) kept both her and husband John in our prayers. She has made remarkable progress and continues to do so - *and she is always smiling !* Joyce has an electric wheelchair and she is amazing at whizzing around in it.

John told me that he couldn't let the anniversary go by without celebrating with friends, but he had to keep numbers restricted to inside the house, because of the intense heat we have been experiencing. Ciara came over from the UK to join in the celebrations and was also a great help to John serving food and drinks...

On behalf of all your friends a **'big thank you'** for sharing a really joyful moment together. *Marilyn/ed.*



John with daughter Ciara



John with Joyce's carers



The Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais AGM

The Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais which is the chaplaincy's charitable association held their AGM on Monday 22nd June. As a religious association, under French tax and accounting rules, the Chaplaincy cannot give donations to charities except to other religious associations which is why The Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais was set up.

The donations to charities should be a tithe, equivalent to 10% of the Chaplaincy's income from the previous accounting year.

In 2025, some fundraising was done for specific causes such as a Lent walk raising 355 euros for Maria Skobtsova House, a collection amounting to 230 euros for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal and the Bishops Lent Appeal.

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There were also several events for our three chosen charities which last year were the lifeboat association in Calais (SNSM), L'Arche des 3 Fontaines in Ambleteuse and the foyer FIAC in Berck. As discussed at our chaplaincy AGM, it is important that we also fundraise for our chaplaincy to cover the costs of the House for Duty project especially if we are to sustain the project the initial 3-year period. A total of 935 euros was raised, so a donation of 250 euros will be sent to each charity and 175 euros will be transferred to the chaplaincy account as part of our fundraising efforts this year which have been budgeted at 500 euros.

Thank you to all who initiated, organised and participated in any of our fundraising events in 2025

Tanya Collins – President of the Solidarité Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais

British Association Côte d'Opale



The poster features a central graphic with a Union Jack background and the text 'BA CO' in a stylized font. To the left is the coat of arms of the Pas-de-Calais region, and to the right is a circular logo for 'www.cafe-polyglotte.com'. Below the graphic, the text reads: '10 YEARS OF BACO!', '04-07-2026', and 'BACO FÊTE SES 10 ANS!'. At the bottom, it specifies the time '11:30 - 16:30', the price '10€/head personne', and the location 'Chenelet Développement, 60 Rue de Moyecques, 62250 Landrethun-le-Nord'.

Everyone welcome!

(but please let us know you're coming)

Pack your picnic baskets and join in the birthday festivities in these ideal surroundings. Bring some burgers or sausages to sizzle on the barbecue.

Free on-site parking
Free drinks on arrival
Manned barbecue
Music by [DJ]
On-site farm shop selling juices, soups, chocolate, etc. (Open 11:30-13:00.)

RSVP before 26th June
Baco: assobaco@gmail.com

Venez nombreux ! (mais merci de nous prévenir)

Préparez vos paniers de pique-nique et venez fêter l'anniversaire dans ce cadre idéal. Apportez vos hamburgers ou des saucisses à faire griller sur le barbecue.

Parking gratuit sur place
Boissons offertes à l'arrivée
Barbecue avec son chef
Music avec [DJ]
Boutique de la ferme pour l'achat des jus, des soupes, du chocolat, etc. (Ouverte 11:30-13:00.)

RSVP avant le 26 juin
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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

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Newsletter contributions: Please send any items of chaplaincy news, services, meetings, what's on in your area; and forthcoming events to

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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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