



The Chaplaincy Newsletter - October 2026



Our October Services

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

Sunday 4th - 10.30 - Lay led service of the word by Marilyn Dossat

Sunday 18th - 10.30 - Harvest Festival Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves **followed by a Harvest bring and share lunch.**

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

Sunday 11th - 10.30 - Eucharist Service led by Revd. Teena Twelves

Sunday 25th - 10.30 - **Joining with Boulogne**

Please check with warden or secretary for joint or Lay services before travelling

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

Sunday 25th - 10.30 - Harvest Festival Eucharist led by Revd. Teena Twelves - **Please note: this service and a Harvest bring and share lunch will be hosted by Jane and Thierry Langlet Please contact Pauline Cecchin for the address.**

Revd. Teena - church.teena@gmail.com – 06 86 18 86 26

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

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 - October 2026

Autumn is upon us – 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' – a truly beautiful time of year and I'm very much looking forward to seeing the Pas-de-Calais countryside colour up over the coming weeks. During October each church community is holding or sharing a Harvest Festival and gifts will benefit local causes - please give generously during this season of thankfulness and generosity.



I'll begin with some feedback on our **Away-day at Les Tourelles on 6th September**. We were blessed with gorgeous weather, a generous welcome from our ecumenical friends, and a great location in the Pavillon which meant we could worship in the space and spill out into the beautiful garden and enjoy the sunshine. There were 17 of us present, and we enjoyed a productive day rooted in prayer, worship and fellowship. If you missed it, you missed a treat, and you'll have to wait for the report to hear more(!). This will be going to our next Chaplaincy Council meeting in November and will put some meat on the bones of the Vision statement, based on priorities that we discerned and discussed on the day. It will set the direction of travel for the Chaplaincy for the next two years whilst the House for Duty 'project' is ongoing. Our current online **discipleship course, exploring the Gospel of St. Matthew** reaches its conclusion this week, and again, if you have missed it, you have missed thought-provoking discussion and debate. I have produced a course booklet over the last 5 weeks though, so if you would like a copy emailing to you, please let me know. The next opportunity to study, talk and learn together will be **Talking Theology Together** after Evening Prayer on Sunday 25th October, on 'The Creed' – our foundational statement of faith.

For our **Advent course 2026** we are going to be using the Church of England resource *Advent from A to Z*. Available as a booklet (£4.99), through the Everyday Faith app (free on Google Play on the Apple store), or by email (sign up by visiting the official [Church of England Sign Up Page](#) once seasonal email registration opens). The course '*invites you on a journey to explore what the season of Advent is all about. From 30th November to 24th December, Imogen Ball, Philip North and Andrew Zihni offer daily reflections, each taking as their starting point a different letter of the alphabet. Together they invite you to discover afresh the people, places, traditions and symbols of Advent. Each day includes a Bible reading, a reflection, an opportunity to respond and a prayer. There are also illustrations for each day as well as questions for group discussion or individual reflection. Whether you are keeping Advent for the first or the hundredth time, Advent from A to Z can help you prepare to celebrate the great gift that God gives us of himself in the birth of Jesus at Christmas.*

I propose to keep to our usual practice of meeting online after Evening Prayer on Tuesdays (link below) from about 19h00 to discuss the Advent material (i.e. on Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd of December). But, if people would be interested in doing so, I think it could be possible to also offer two in-person meetings as Advent begins: at Boulogne/Calais and at Hesdin. Please let me know what you think of this idea and also [email me](#) if you would like me to order one of the booklets for you, rather than use the online materials.

I have had a few people say that they will be in France and would appreciate a service of **Holy Communion on Christmas Day** but need to have a clearer picture on who would actually come, before deciding on the venue. Please sign up on the sheets that will be available after services this month.

The Advent/Christmas season is also the focus for our major ecumenical celebrations, so we are expecting to hold a carol service in Calais and join in worship in Hesdin, subject to the agreement of the new Catholic priests we are now serving alongside, following a major restructuring of the Catholic Diocese of Arras. So, look out for a flyer with all our Christmas dates on, hopefully available early next month, and get them in your calendars! If you are interested in speaking with other Christians before then, the new term of the **Fraternité Oecumenique Partage-Priere** begins on Thursday 15 October at Condette, with soupe and fromage from 18h30 then a film about Laudato Si en terre d'Afrique from 19h00. These films and the discussion afterwards are always most interesting, and it's good to be with our fellow brothers and sisters from various denominations in the local area too.

Enjoy the autumn sunshine, the mists and the fruitfulness, and be thankful! Go well in Christ.

Blessings, Revd. Teena Church.teena@gmail.com – 06 86 18 86 26

**TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER 18.30/ DISCIPLESHIPCOURSE 19.00SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER 18.30/
TALKING THEOLOGY TOGETHER – 4thSUNDAYS 19.00**

Same link for both <https://teams.live.com/join/9337368053069?p=vBFO9GPrfioD4AeVf8>



The Away-day at the Beautiful 'Les Tourelles' Condette.

It was a very enjoyable day with members from all three congregations joining together for a time of fellowship, prayer and reflection to revisit our vision statement which we set out when we first started looking for a house for duty priest several years ago.

More Photos: <https://maps.google.com/maps/contrib/107028073986902298047>

Retreat website: <https://www.les-tourelles-de-condette.fr/>

We began the day with a very inspiring service led by Marilyn before starting the hard work of looking at "where we are now" and "where we want to be". It's clear that we are no longer in the same situation we were in when we first wrote the vision statement. Unfortunately, a number of our founder members have sadly passed away or moved back to the UK and dwindling numbers is one of our biggest challenges.

We need to be realistic about how we see the future of our chaplaincy and our plans to achieve what we feel is important for us whilst we have Reverend Teena to help us with her experience and insight to secure our future. We were blessed with a lovely day and the beautiful grounds provided us with inspiration for the working groups outside during the morning before a Eucharist led by Teena and lunch in the sun. After an afternoon thinking about how we can put our plans in place, we concluded with a lovely time of worship led by Pat Page. The few lines below were from the closing prayer I read and I sincerely hope that our prayer will be heard.

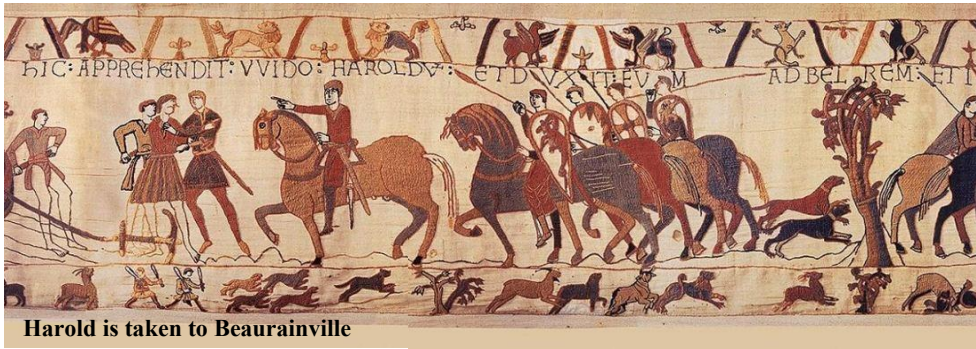
*Heavenly Father, help us to carry the spirit of this chaplaincy away day
with us as we return to our congregations in Boulogne, Calais and Hesdin.
May the spirit of unity and collaboration continue to flourish among us.
Grant us the wisdom to fulfil our responsibilities, the courage to face challenges,
and the grace to celebrate successes.
Be with us as we move forward and strengthen us to carry out the plans we have made.
Go before us, walk beside us, and follow behind us.
We commit our journey into your hands, knowing that with you, all things are possible.
In your Holy name, we offer this prayer. **Amen***

Tanya Collins



Photos courtesy of Tanya Collins

How Beaurainville Changed English History!



1066 marked the Battle of Hastings - “as every schoolboy knows”. [Actually, a swift poll of my own grandchildren revealed sadly that that is not the case!]. But the significance of this event has been brought

into magnificent perspective with the hugely successful exhibition in the British Museum of the Bayeux Tapestry, back on display in England for the first time in 1,000 years. The 70-metre-long tapestry depicts in vivid detail the events leading up to the Norman Conquest of England in 1066 by William, Duke of Normandy. We are all (well, most of us!) familiar with the Battle of Hastings; but probably less so about why it all happened. Well, it’s all in the Bayeux Tapestry.

hIC: APPREhENDIT: VVIDO: HAROLDU(m) ET DUXIT: EUM AD BELREM: ET IBI EUM: TENUIT (“Here Guy seizes Harold and led him to Beaurainville and kept him there”).

Two years earlier, Harold, then Earl Harold Godwinson, had set off for Normandy, allegedly on a mission connected with the succession to the then English King, Edward the Confessor. His ship was blown off course, and he landed in Ponthieu – the region between Montreuil and Abbeville – probably in the Baie d’Authie. There, he was seized by Count Guy of Ponthieu who saw him as a valuable prisoner and took him to his castle in Beaurainville. There is today no trace of the original castle: it was destroyed in the 17th century. Only the dungeons survived, but in the 19th century they too were demolished and the stonework used to construct the weir on the River Canche at Beaurainville - visible today.

When William, Duke of Normandy, learned of Harold’s imprisonment he demanded he be handed over and secured his release from Beaurainville. He then made Harold swear an oath of allegiance supporting William’s claim to the English throne on Edward’s death. In fact, no one knows what he actually swore: remember, this is the Norman version of events! Harold was treated as an honoured guest by William: he even fought alongside him against the Duke of Brittany. William then allowed Harold to return to England and, when Edward the Confessor died in January 1066, Harold was chosen king as his successor. William claimed that Harold had broken his oath, and used that as one of his justifications for invading England. William assembled a fleet, sailed to Hastings and engaged Harold’s Anglo-Saxon army in battle. Harold’s army was defeated and he was killed. William then claimed the throne and, on Christmas Day 1066, was crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey. The rest, as they say, is history!

The exhibition in the British Museum is already a sell-out, with over 100,000 tickets snapped up. It is open till 11th July 2027 but, if you don’t manage to get a ticket (price €33), you can wait until it is returned to its home in the Bayeux Museum and then only have to pay €12!

Michael Spriggs

Note: Beaurainville 62990 - a small town in the Pas de Calais- or Belrem as it used to be known; only became the official modern form around the time of the French Revolution. But we still have reminders today, with the Collège Belrem, Café Belrem, etc.

Saint François d'Assise
800 ans après sa mort une
inspiration toujours vivante



L'Eau vive

Temps pour la Création
2026 ...il y aura de la
vie partout où
pénétrera le torrent
Ez. 47, 9

DIMANCHE 4 OCTOBRE
De 16 h à 18 h 30

Conférence • échanges • prière partagée



"L'eau et son environnement"

Avec Benoît Bondel, expert en environnement



"Le Cantique des créatures" de saint François

Avec Mme Sylvie Devlies,
ministre régionale de l'OFS -
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vous invite à un :

TEMPS DE PRIÈRE POUR LA CRÉATION

mercredi 7 octobre 2026 à 18h00

Temple Eglise Protestante, Calais (rue du Temple)

La célébration sera suivie d'une Assemblée Générale

CATHOLIQUES, PROTESTANTS, ORTHODOXES
réunis

du 1^{er} septembre
au 4 octobre

Immersion dans l'eau vive
Ézéchiel 47, 1-12



L'Eau vive

Temps pour la Création 2026

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Pour tout renseignement tél. 03 21 34.55.90

I.P.N.S.

Bonjour

Je vous adresse l'affiche concernant le Temps de Prière pour la Création qui aura lieu mercredi 7 octobre 2026 à 18h00 au Temple de l'Eglise Protestante, rue du Temple à Calais.

Ce temps de prière sera suivi d'une Assemblée Générale à laquelle vous êtes invités également.

Fraternellement

Marie-Claude Hamy
Association Œcuménique du Littoral

Hello, I am sending you the poster concerning the Time of Prayer for Creation which will take place on Wednesday October 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple of the Protestant Church, rue du Temple in Calais. This time of prayer will be followed by a General Assembly to which you are also invited Fraternally

*Marie-Claude Hamy Littoral
Ecumenical Association*

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 europe.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>

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.

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