



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais BOULOGNE CONGREGATION

April 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

Easter - a moveable feast

The Easter holiday means a lot of different things to different people; to Christians it's the great watershed moment of our faith, as we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. Symbolically - in the northern hemisphere - it comes at a point in the year when we start to leave behind us thoughts of long winter days and enjoy signs of new life; first shoots and bright spring flowers peak through the hard unturned soil into the fresh and clean air. It's about transition and renaissance, a pivotal and liberating moment, which brings hope and relief, rebirth and warmth.



A sign of spring – wild yellow crocuses

Holy Week and Easter Day will be celebrated this year at the same time both in Rome and Athens, as dates correspond on Eastern and Western Christian calendars; a hiatus in the usual round of 'two Easters' across the communities. But when it comes to harmonizing Easter, throughout the Christian world, let alone fixing a firm date, we are still a long way off. A proposal in 1928 got close. This was to make the first Sunday after the second Saturday of April, Easter Day (i.e. this year it would be April 13th), and the British parliament passed a law-in-waiting to make it legal, in the UK, if required. But the churches couldn't agree and still can't, so we remain with 35 different permutations. Nevertheless, if we set the date for Easter in stone, it would equally establish a fixed place in the year for a raft of other days such as Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day and Pentecost. We would no longer need to work out our yearly pattern as we have done over the centuries, rooted in the movements of the sun and moon; a blueprint we share with Hebrew, Buddhist and Hindu calendars. Although the constant shifting of these festive dates may appear, to the commercial world and schedulers of school terms, as an inconvenience, they serve us well by bringing a vista of newness to the important moments of our faith, lest we seep into routine; do we need a fixed Easter? Are Hindus pressing for a fixed Diwali, or Moslems to align Ramadan with the Gregorian calendar? Moveable feasts reflect the complex and multifaceted patterns of life itself; ever-changing yet ever-constant wheels within wheels, birth and re-birth.

National characteristics and another moveable feast

On the secular side, Easter kicks off the tourist season and provides a welcome moment for many to escape and grab their first holiday break of the year. Having run a guesthouse in Boulogne for a number of years, albeit at present on a much-reduced scale, we can always count on a surge in demand around Easter. Reservations come in with a good mix of nationalities, probably due in some way to Good Friday being a holiday in Holland, the UK and Ireland, but not in Belgium or France. Consequently it provides a good moment to gain a little insight into the mysterious world of national tendencies. Amongst the many observations made over the years there is perhaps one worth sharing. We always provide a tray with a selection of teas and coffee, etc. in each room, together with a kettle. Our French customers hardly ever touch it; for the Belgians and the Dutch it's 50/50; but the UK and Irish travellers, without exception, fully avail themselves of the facility,

often asking for top-ups of milk, different tea bags and anything else that might be going. Anecdotal evidence perhaps or does it provide incontestable proof that we English really are a nation of tea and coffee drinkers? I will leave you to puzzle that one out...in the meantime...Happy Easter to everyone! MG

Our services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel, rue du Denacre, Boulogne St Martin (unless otherwise shown)

- * **Sunday March 30th 2014 11h00 / Fourth Sunday in Lent, Sunday next before Easter**- Service conducted by Rev. Paul Bennett from Dunkerque followed by the **Chaplaincy AGM** and meal; to be held at the Relais Chrétien Sainte Catherine - Allée Honoré de Balzac, Longuenesse, near St Omer
 - * **Sunday April 6th 2014 10h30 / Fifth Sunday in Lent** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Jean Hughes and Jean Karssen
 - * **Sunday April 20th 2014 10h30 / Easter Day**- Eucharist service led by Canon Gerald Greenwood. Readings: Exodus 14:10-18; Psalm 118; Romans 6:3-11
 - * **Sunday May 4th 2014 10h30 / Second Sunday after Easter** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings
 - * **Sunday May 18th 2014 10h30 / Fourth Sunday after Easter** - Eucharist service led by Canon Charles Hill. Readings: Acts 7:55-end; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10
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News and dates for your diary:

Boulogne AGM



Lalage re-elected as churchwarden

Taking place directly after our service at the Chapel on Sunday 16th March, the Boulogne Annual General Meeting was well attended. The points raised, affecting the future of the congregation, will now be taken up at the Chaplaincy AGM at the end of the month. Our treasurer reported that although we had not achieved the projected income for 2013, our present funds were sufficient to cover both the expenses of visiting priests and our donations to the Monastère du Carmel for the use of their facilities for the coming year. Cannon Humphriss, very kindly, assured us of his indispensable support with services through to November this year, plus we are delighted to announce, despite her earlier reluctance to seek re-election as churchwarden, Lalage Glaister offered to continue in the role if there was no other candidate, albeit on

the strict understanding this would be her final year. She was duly elected by unanimous vote and thanked for her willingness to carry on. The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected together with the existing PCC.

Training for lay-led services

The third session of Cannon Humphriss' introductory course on leading lay services, will take place on Friday 11th April at 14h30 at 130 Impasse du Moulin Merlimont. These sessions are open to anyone interested in learning more about leading services.

Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting

Sunday March 30th is the date of the Chaplaincy AGM to be held, as last year, at the Relais Chrétien Sainte Catherine - Allée Honoré de Balzac, Longuenesse near St Omer. To start things off there will be a service led by Rev. Paul Bennett from Dunkerque at 11h00 followed by the

meeting; afterwards a light meal will be served. This is the one event that anyone interested in the future of the Anglican Church in the Pas de Calais should try to attend. All are most welcome and if you are presently on the Electoral Roll you have a vote, which, as always, counts.

Can you help?

The sisters at the Monastère du Carmel are well known for their hand made children's clothes, aprons, bags, quilts and many novelty items. The raw materials for these are of course expensive and therefore they do welcome donations of good quality fabrics in whatever form. For example you may have an almost new dress that doesn't fit anymore or has gone out of fashion, or a bundle of cloth that you were intending to make a cocktail frock from, but never got around to it, or even some unused curtain material. Whatever it is as long it is of reasonable quality and undamaged then the sisters would be very grateful – to quote their mother superior “to us it's treasure”. Donations can be left at the office inside the building, to the right of the main entrance, before or after any Sunday service.

Other services in the Chaplaincy

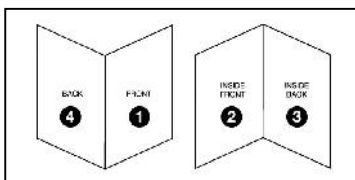
Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The place of worship is the Salle de Culte of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (enter by the main door, the chapel is above the cafeteria off the central hall.) Church Warden: Pat Page ☎ 03 21 35 07 65 or e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr

Hesdin's regular services - Important notice with effect from April 2014, our services will be held at: 17h00 on 1st Sunday and 10h30 on 3rd Sunday. Evening Prayer: Sunday 6th April 17h00 Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday) 10h30 Eucharist led by Rev. John Porter. Services are held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin Church Warden: Hazel Crompton, ☎03 21 03 31 27 e-mail: james.crompton@free.fr

If anyone needs any form of help or assistance or if you are aware of someone who is ill, either in hospital or at home and would appreciate a visit, alternatively if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer, please contact the church warden: Lalage Glaister: - ☎03 21 81 47 65, e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr or otherwise the secretary.

This newsletter can be found, together with other information about the Chaplaincy, on our website at: <http://www.anglicanspdc.com>

If you have any news, short articles, adverts or any form of announcement for inclusion, please send them to the secretary Malcolm Gale: malcolm.gale@dbmail.com - ☎03 21 31 83 57 Port: 06 99 09 60 44 or by post to 76, rue de la Paix, 62200 Boulogne sur Mer.



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And now the 'just for the fun of it' column ...



THE ROMAN RIDDLE OR IUS DE VERBIS

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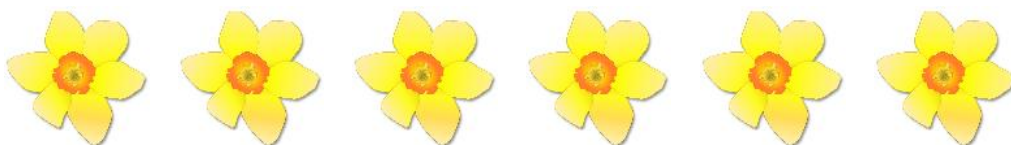
For Easter here is a Roman word soup... in Latin of course; academics and patricians may prefer to employ the English clues, simultaneously translating, but for the plebeians there is a second set - the Latin words as they appear ----***Prospera Pascha sit!***

English Clues in alphabetical order

April
Daffodil
Easter Bunny
Easter Egg
Flower
Holy Bible
Holy Saturday
Lamb
Maundy Thursday
Spring

Latin in alphabetical order

AGNUS
APRILIS
BIBLIA SACRA
DIES CENAE DOMINI
FLOS
LEPUS PASCHALIS
NARCISSUS
OVUM PASCHALE
SABBATUM SANCTUM
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Answer to last month's puzzle:

Euclid, the famous Greek mathematician, found 17 different triangles – how many did you find?