



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

## February 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

*Apologies to all our faithfully readers for the late appearance of our newsletter this month, this is due in part to procrastination and to a virus which my computer caught last week. We have all, at one time or another, been warned of both, but the later caught me out by surprise having just renewed my subscription to a well-known brand of anti-virus software intended to defend me from these nasties. Further on in this bulletin Graham Hughes has written a few timely and useful notes on this scourge and how to protect oneself. MG*

### Patron saints

My local florist was telling me the other day, with flowers in short supply, how difficult it was to make a living during the lean months following Christmas. "If it was not for the intervention of the good St. Valentine, in mid-February, and few funeral services", she said "we might as well go into hibernation for the winter". "I have a lot to thank that saint for" she added, "he must be our profession's patron - stepping in just at the right moment". Not having handy a copy of Butler's 'Lives of the Saints' I could not dispute it, my knowledge of patron saints being a bit thin. Nonetheless, I have always been aware there's a saint for all lines of work, the arts, nations, places, activities of one kind or another and all of life's situations. For example, there's the much loved, multi-tasking, Saint Rita, patroness of lost and impossible causes - it comes as no surprise she is so popular! Then St. Christopher, patron of travellers, but what about the 'putting-it-off-until-tomorrow-what-can-be-done-today' brigade, do they warrant a saintly helping hand? A quick check produced a result; Saint Expeditus is the man. A background account tells us about the day he decided to become a Christian; the Devil appeared in the form of a crow, who began squeaking in his ear: "time enough, time enough... defer your conversion for another day." Expeditus, a Roman soldier, would have none of it and grabbed the bird killing it, at the same time forcibly declaring: "I'll be a Christian today!" Unfortunately he was later beheaded.

After my close encounter with the Trojan computer virus, I thought I should try to discover if there is now a patron saint of computing and the internet. Apparently the 6<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Saint Isidore of Seville, is the new appointee to the job. It seems that he was an amazingly learned man who wrote numerous books and had an encyclopaedic memory; very fitting indeed. Whatever the modern view is on patron saints and the legends that surround them, they were still flesh and blood like you and me. They stood out in their day by expressing an unflinching commitment to their faith.

Still unsure about St. Valentine, having any connection with the floral trade, I delved a little deeper - who really is the patron saint of florists? It turns out to be the lovely St. Dorothea of Caesarea. Legend has it, she was presented with fresh fruit and flowers by a young child at the point of her martyrdom, which happened during the bleak month of February; what's more the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month is her feast day - if only I had known. Nevertheless, I am sure my local florist will still give thanks to St. Valentine! MG



St. Dorothea of Caesarea. Stained glass from the Upper Rhine, ca. 1450. Musée National du Moyen Âge, Paris 5 e.

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

- \* **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 10h30/ Candlemas Day** – service of Morning Prayer with hymns, readings and the lighting of candles to mark the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox.
- \* **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 10h30/ Third Sunday before Lent, Septuagesima** - Eucharist service led by - Canon Reg Humphriss. Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end; Psalm 119: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-37
- \* **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 10h30/ First Sunday before Lent, Quinquagesima**  
- **Please note: no service planned for this day**
- \* **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 10h30/ Second Sunday in Lent** - Eucharist service led by - Canon Reg Humphriss. Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 - this service will be followed by the **Boulogne Congregation's AGM and a sandwich lunch.**
- \* **Sunday March 30th 11h00 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Sunday next before Easter-** Service conducted by Rev. Paul Bennett from Dunkerque followed by the **Chaplaincy AGM** and a meal; to be held at the **Relais Chrétien Sainte Catherine - Allée Honoré de Balzac, Longuenesse near St Omer.**

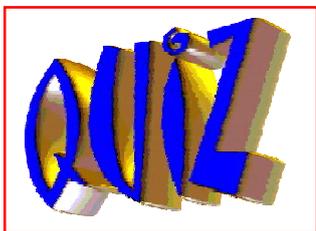
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**News and dates for your diary:**

**Training for lay-led services**

Those on the electoral roll will have already received information about three afternoon training courses to be led by Canon Reg Humphriss on the following dates: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February; Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The sessions are open to anyone interested in learning more about leading services - if you have not already received a leaflet outlining the topics to be covered, then please contact the secretary - address details on page 3. The first session will be held at 3 rue du Général Potez, Montreuil sur Mer starting at 14h30. Reservation in advance is essential, so if are intending to come please contact either: the church warden: Lalage Glaister ☎03 21 81 47 65 or the Secretary ☎03 21 31 83 57

**Saturday March 8th: Quiz Night with cheese and wine buffet 19h00**



Following on from the very successful event last October, it's once again time to pick your brains with another Quiz Night at Estréelles village hall. An evening of strictly entertaining puzzlement, particularly planned to provide perplexing propositions... devised by expert quizmaster Graham Hughes. The charge will be 10 Euros per head for the refreshments. Venue: Salle Communale, rue du Moulin, 62170 Estréelles Details: Lalage Glaister: ☎03 21 81 47 65

**Annual General Meetings**

In the coming weeks there will be two AGMs that concern us all, firstly our own, after the service on 16<sup>th</sup> March, and then the Chaplaincy AGM two weeks later, on Sunday 30 March, 2014 at Longuenesse near St Omer. Anyone on the Electoral Roll may vote at these meetings (if you are not on the roll and would like to be added, please contact the secretary for details). We must elect a PCC and moreover as our present, long-serving, churchwarden will not be seeking re-election, this important post will fall vacant. Please do your utmost to support this meeting, as the future of our church in Boulogne is in the balance; we still have strong support but do need a few more

people to take on an active role. Only a small amount of time is required added with a dash of enthusiasm and dedication. Here is an opportunity to serve the congregation and the community.

### For the record

At the last PCC meeting the following report from the Boulogne Treasurer was received: In 2013 we held 13 eucharistic and 7 lay-led services; average attendance was 16.4 for the former and 10.4 for the later. Total receipts for the year were: €2497 plus planned giving from the UK: €428.25 including a tax rebate, therefore total for year was €2925.25



### Take a look

The new Chaplaincy web-site is now up and running containing information about all our services and what we try to do as a church, please let us have your comments if there is something you like/dislike or feel needs adding. It has been linked with the Church of England's 'A Church Near You' web site, which will help newcomers find us. Hopefully the site will be the first port of call for those seeking information on Anglican services in the region; Especially useful if you can't find your last newsletter ...it's just a click away on the Boulogne page! The address is: [www.anglicanspdc.com](http://www.anglicanspdc.com)

### Other services in the Chaplaincy

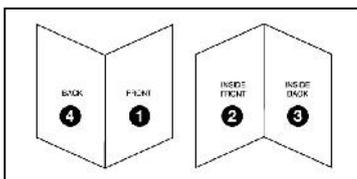
**Calais's regular services:** Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The place of worship is the Salle de Culte of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (enter by the main door, the chapel is above the cafeteria off the central hall.)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

**Hesdin's regular services – Hesdin's regular services** - 2nd Sunday of each month at 17h00 : 4th Sunday at 10h30. 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.crompt@free.fr](mailto:james.crompt@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](mailto:paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr) or otherwise the secretary.

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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](mailto: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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**In the light of the wave of computer viruses circulating in cyber-space, which potentially can have an effect on all of us who use a computer in some form or another, here is some timely advice from Graham Hughes on the subject.**

A friend of mine recently commented that golf was invented by God, but the rules are the work of the devil. Likewise some of us think that computers were a godly creation, while viruses are devilish.



If you've never had a computer virus, consider yourself very lucky. As of now there are over 20 million known viruses on the Internet. That's a very large number, and all you need is **ONE** of them to make your life miserable.

Can you imagine losing ALL of the information on your computer? It's not worth the risk of not having Anti-Virus!

So what is a virus? Computer viruses are small software programs that are designed to spread from one computer to another and to interfere with computer operation.

A virus might corrupt, steal or delete data on your computer, use your email program to spread itself to other computers, or even

erase everything on your hard disk.

The nine steps that help the average personal computer user to fight viruses:

1. Install anti-virus software and use it!! *Windows' free programs are not good enough on their own. Get a good free one.*
2. Do not open attachments from unrecognised email sources.
3. Do not download software from un-trusted sources!
4. Download updates for your anti-virus software and your operating system (Windows or Mac) *New viruses require new solutions and companies are constantly building new protective measures against the latest outbreaks.*
5. Don't be fooled by rogue or fake anti-virus pop-ups or emails that claim your system is infected or that all your data will be encrypted if you do not pay a fee. *Delete them permanently*
6. Do not click on pop-up windows – ever!
7. Don't forward virus warnings to all your contacts- they may well be bogus and hence viruses themselves.
8. Ignore phone calls purporting to come from Microsoft
9. Finally, back up your critical information (at least once a month) to preserve it in a worst-case scenario. *A 500Gb portable hard disk costs €60-70 and will store most peoples' data, pictures, music and videos. Or you can use cloud storage. I suppose that is the heavenly solution.*

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**And just for the fun of it ...**

*(solutions next month)*

- Three oranges are given to two mothers and two daughters, but each one has a whole orange. How is it possible?
- At a certain, very small branch of a bank, the staff is made up of a manager, a senior clerk and a junior. They are named Smith, Jones and Robinson, though not necessarily in that order. Whilst the manager can grow better flowers than Robinson, there is no doubt that Smith can run faster than the junior. If the manager's mother had previously married a Welshman, what is the name of the senior clerk?
- Johnny, the grocer's boy, popped around the other day with a puzzle. "I were deliverin' baskets of apples larst week, an' I found a funny thing. If I added the number of baskets to the number of apples in a basket, reversed this number and added on the difference between the number of apples in the basket and the number of baskets, then I got the same number as the total number of apples I was deliverin'. 'Ow many apples, are there in a basket, if I never takes out more baskets than I 'ave apples in one basket?' Perhaps you can help Johnny.