



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

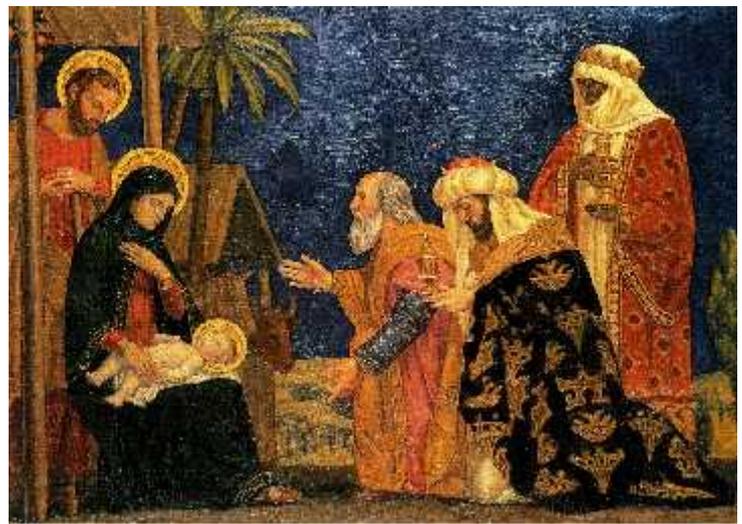
January 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

From Die Könige, (Drei Könige wandern aus Morgenland) Peter Cornelius (1824-74), from *Weihnachtslieder*, trans. Rev. H.N. Bate 1871,



*'The Magi' 1915 - Henry Siddons Mowbray (1858 - 1928)*

## Being wise

A Happy New Year to everyone!

Coming into the season of Epiphany, the Christmas story continues as we remember the visit of the wise men or Magi who, as recounted in the Gospel of Matthew, brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus. Because three gifts are described we assume there were just 3 wise men but the bible does not give us a number, nor do we have their names; only by myth and tradition do we know them as: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Similarly artists, throughout the ages, have depicted the scene as taking place in a stable, yet Matthew 2:11 recounts: 'going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.' What of course is true that, despite having high status in the ancient world, the wise men fully understood the importance of humility, the next line reads 'and they fell down and worshiped him.'

Whether a person is wise or not is subject to much debate; wise people come in all shapes and sizes, it might be your parents, the man or lady next door. But if we were given the task today of selecting 3 people to represent humankind as the visiting Magi, who would we choose? A president, a royal personage, a Nobel prize winner, a cardinal, a film star or some modest person unknown except outside his own community? They can be academically clever but not a prerequisite, because above all, having wisdom is knowing how much one has left to learn; to possess a willingness to listen and discover the truth about our abilities and inabilities. Knowledge brings calmness, tolerance and insight. The sages at the first Christmas unquestionably knew there was someone far wiser than themselves due to appear, in this case the Messiah, reason enough to make the long journey 'from Persian lands afar'.

Recently the newspapers have been filled with articles on the years of Nelson Mandela, whose leadership and remarkable life was exemplified by reconciliation as the only positive way forward: "*For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others*" – many would have listed him as our representative wise man as he embodied our basic childhood desires to see fairness, with hatred yielding to forgiveness. Many would cite Pope Francis who has already, in the early days of his papacy, emphasized a need for modesty and the commitment to build bridges between people of all backgrounds and faiths. Later in this newsletter our own Paul Glaister reflects on the life of one of his fellow villagers who had no pretensions to throw off, just the calm wisdom of knowing his existence was well rewarded with his own contentment, which sprang from the community he loved and served dependably – a wise man indeed.

The secrets of wisdom have long been sought after, but it was with humility that the Magi came, in their footsteps we must meekly continue on our journey through life, never losing sight of the star; the star of mercy, the star of grace. MG

**Our services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel, 2 rue du Denacre, Boulogne St Martin**

- ◆ **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 10h30/ Epiphany** - Morning worship, a simple service of Morning Prayer with hymns and readings for Epiphany and the first Sunday of the year.
- ◆ **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014 10h30/ Second Sunday after Epiphany** - Eucharist service led by Canon Charles Hill Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42
- ◆ **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 10h30/ Candlemas Day** – service of Morning Prayer with hymns and readings 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

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**News and dates for your diary:**

**Christmas crèches**

Don't forget the continuing display of Christmas crèches at the Monastère du Carmel by the sisters. Fifty cribs from around the world, described by *La Voix du Nord* as 'quite sensational' can be found in the cloisters every day until the end of January. Hours: 10h00 to 11h30 and 14h00 to 17h00 (or can be visited after our January services).

**Carols at Estréelles in December**

There was a good attendance at the now annual joint service of carols and readings in Estréelles village church on December 14<sup>th</sup> - our picture shows a packed church with children of the village performing a nativity play.



**Training for lay-led services**

Those on the electoral roll will have already received information of 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, however, 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, Malcolm Gale -address details on page 3.



**New Chaplaincy Web-site**

It was decided recently that the Chaplaincy should have a new look web-site this has now been launched and is currently under development. The home page, beneath the banner headline: 'Fellowship, Hope and Love' sets out our 'mission statement' and is followed by 3 further pages, each one dedicated to individual congregations. There is also a joint 'photo gallery' with recent pictures taken at events around the Chaplaincy. Each

congregation will be responsible for keeping up-to-date their own pages adding details of services, news items or special announcements. On the Boulogne page a copy of the current newsletter is available to download. The emphasis is on colour and vitality and linked with the Church of England's 'A Church Near You' web-site. You will find it at: **www.anglicanspdc.com**

### **The Friends of the Diocese in Europe**

Many will not know about the above organisation established in 1995; it is a group of people who support the Diocese in Europe and show a lively interest in its work. They receive a regular mailing from the Diocesan Office, including The European Anglican four times a year, the Diocesan Yearbook and other information as it becomes available; there is also an annual reunion, usually in London, consisting of a service followed by a reception. If you are interested in joining The Friends then the annual suggested donation is £25, but more details can be found on the Diocesan website at <http://europe.anglican.org/what-we-do/friends>.

### **Paul Glaister remembers Daniel Poiré of Estréelles**

#### ***Requiescat in pace***

Daniel Poiré died in our village last month. He died gently, with no fuss.

Daniel was in his eighties; he was born in our village, went to school, worked, was married, and died here. All without fuss. He worked on the land when he left school, then at the local grain store in the village. He fell from a silo, broke his hip and always thereafter walked with a slight limp. He was appointed *cantonnier* of our village, and looked after the ditches, the grass, the flowers and the Church, all without fuss. He was always there at any local event and always looked after the barbecue. As the senior member of the conseil municipal Daniel supervised such events as the appointment of mayor, always with calm authority and without fuss.

On many occasions I stood or sat beside him, often in silence, but a communal silence, which did not need to be broken. We spoke of grass, of rain, of hedges, of children and of his golden pheasant.

He was always there, as much a part of the village as the mairie, the school and the church. Now he has gone from our sight, without fuss.

Three hundred and sixteen people live in our village. At his funeral there were more than 500. They stood and said good-bye to him, without fuss.

### **Other services in the Chaplaincy**

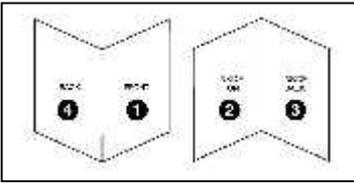
**Calais's regular services:** Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The place of worship is the Salle de Culte of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (enter by the main door, the chapel is above the cafeteria off the central hall.) 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.crompton@free.fr](mailto:james.crompton@free.fr)

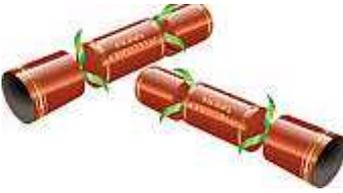
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If anyone needs any form of help or assistance or if you are aware of someone who is ill, either in hospital or at home and would appreciate a visit, alternatively if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer, please contact the church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

**If you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter but is not on the mailing list please let us know.**

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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### And just for the fun of it:

This season's Christmas crackers produced probably a better than average assortment of jokes and riddles, so before they end up in the festive waste bin, here are a few rescued from the debris:-

- How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?  
- *Deep and crisp and even*
- What do frogs borrow for DIY?  
- *Toad's tools*
- With what do brass bands mend their instruments?  
- *A tuba glue*
- What do you call someone who peers through a butcher's window?  
- *A mince spy*
- Why are paint cans like fussy mothers on frosty mornings?  
- *They both insist on two coats*



- **And to round off, voted the worst cross-channel joke of the year ....**

Charlie: *I just got a job playing music in the bar of the Dover- Calais ferry.*

Mrs Brown: *P and O?*

Charlie: No, a guitar.

*∞∞∞ Happy New Year ∞∞∞*

Here are the answers to last month's regional quiz - many thanks to Graham

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| 1. Arques     | 9. Cap Gris et Blanc Nez | 15. Rodin                         |
| 2. Etaples    | 10. Nausicaa             | 16. March 1912                    |
| 3. Marquise   | 11. Wimille              | 17. Loison                        |
| 4. Le Touquet | 12. Etaples              | 18. Condette                      |
| 5. Chartreuse | 13. La Canche            | 19. On the A16                    |
| 6. Mimoyeques | 14. 50.5 km              | 20. Peids dans l'eau at Merlimont |
| 7. Bray Dunes |                          |                                   |
| 8. Lens       |                          |                                   |

