



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas-de-Calais

CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

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Pas de Calais Chaplaincy Training Day

Congregational Worship Leading: Led by our chaplain, the Rev. Kirrilee Reid, we began the morning with a service of prayer, reflection with music, and contemplation of Andrei Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity.

Kirrilee's introduction, to eleven eager disciples, explained that a congregational worship leader (CWL) is a lay person, engaged in leading worship. Leadership is primarily about service; leaders exist to serve the people they lead and to enable the group they lead to achieve their aims. So, worship leadership exists in order to enable the congregation to worship God.

It was interesting to learn that the word 'worship' comes from the Old English word *weorthscipe* and signifies attributing worth or respect to someone. We were given twelve definitions, by well-known men of God through the ages, to study.

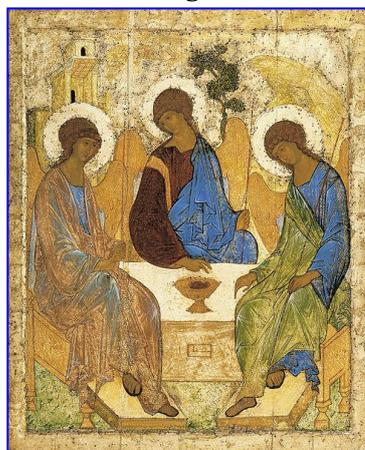
Here's an example by William Temple: *To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.*

In small groups, we then shared a personal and meaningful experience of worship. Much of the training involved understanding the role of CWL: the liturgy; how to put a service together; what can or must be included; and why we use music in worship. MCD



Safeguarding: Following on from CWL training, Daphne Power ran a very practical session on Safeguarding for those of us who had completed Parts 1 & 2 of the online training.

After a lively start, we soon discovered that our safeguarding emphasis was very different from that of the two people who joined us from large Anglican churches in central Paris. Their demographic was far wider than ours: multi-cultural and with an age range that spanned cradle to grave. Their concerns reflected this, whilst ours were focussed primarily on how we treat one another within the Chaplaincy, the respect we show in our interaction together, in meetings, one to one and in our email communication.



Discussion was brisk and included the subject of gossip, another aspect of safeguarding we identified. In any group or community, negative gossip is always an enticing temptation. It feeds our own self-righteousness and often disguises itself as concern for others. At worst, it goes by the uglier name of character assassination.

This aspect of safeguarding challenged us all and assumed another dimension for me at our Trinity Sunday service on June 16th when Rev. Reid used the same icon in her sermon as that which figured in our CWL training.

The icon* depicts the three Persons of the Trinity and has one element missing from the front of the table around which they are seated. This missing piece is commonly thought to have been a mirror, in which the worshipper would see him/herself reflected, an invited guest at the table of the Godhead: mind-blowing enough, but as I gazed at the icon, I noticed there was only space for one guest at the table. This was no crowded dinner party, where some are heard, and others

overlooked. This was a meal at which each individual worshipper had the undivided attention of the Trinity.

As the congregation filed up to take communion, I was awed by a new perception of my fellow-worshippers: special enough to God to bring their own personality, their gifts, their hang-ups, their sins, to a table where every individual guest is heard, valued and pardoned. How can we accord one another anything less? JL

*Trinity icon by Andrei Rublev (circa 1360- circa 1430) Tretakov Gallery Moscow



Forthcoming services in the Chaplaincy:



Monastère du Carmel, rue du Denacre, Saint-Martin-Boulogne

Sunday 7th July 2019 15h00 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Afternoon Eucharist service

Sunday 21st July 2019 10h30 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Lay-led service

Sunday 4th August 2019 15h00 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Afternoon Eucharist service

Sunday 18th August 2019 10h30 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Oratoire Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais

Sunday 14th July - 10h30 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th July - 10h30 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist service

Sunday 11h August – 11h00 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist service

Sunday 25th August - 10h30 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer

Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin

Sunday 7th July - 10h30 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Eucharist service

Sunday 21st July - 17h00 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Lay-led service

Sunday 4th August - 10h30 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Eucharist service

Sunday 18th August - 17h00 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service readings

Sunday 7th July - Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-8; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

Sunday 14th July - Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-4; Luke 10:25-37

Sunday 21st July - Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Sunday 28th July - Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 4th August – Eccles. 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 11h August - Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-21; Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Sunday 18th August - Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sunday 25th August - Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Boulogne Bible Study: Ascension Day marked the start of a new series of Bible Studies for the Boulogne Group who met in Pauline and Pierre Ceccin's home opposite the Cathedral. The study subject was Luke 24 v 13-35, 'On The Road to Emmaus'.

After reading the passage, we set off two by two to walk the ramparts. Stopping in three predetermined locations on the ramparts, we considered and discussed prepared questions about how the Emmaus experience affected us personally and its relevance to our Christian lives.

The weather was overcast but kind and this, coupled with the unusual outdoor environment for Bible Study with location-oriented questions, stimulated much debate.

We returned to the side Chapel of the Cathedral and, watched over by Our Lady of Walsingham, we had private prayer and thoughts before returning to Pauline's for a debrief over a cup of tea and Pauline's famous lavender biscuits. DF



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Reflections on the Trinity: Boulogne member Dr Graham Hughes gives his scientific view

Trinity Sunday was the day we reflected on the nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. My chemistry tutor at Selwyn College was Dr P Durrant; Selwyn itself was founded to accommodate the sons of the clergy of the Church of England. By 1960 it admitted all denominations, although still only men.

After tutorials, discussions could be wide ranging. At that time C P Snow's two culture debate was raging and Durrant, the then high priest of inorganic chemists, had the firm view that the 'artists' had a much easier life than we proto-scientists. His view was that the artists studied concepts and ideas that we all understood: love, hate, envy, admiration, elation or despair etc. The scientists, he averred, had much more difficult concepts to study. For example, it took until around 1700 for Newton to begin to understand gravity, the relations between electricity and magnetism were not elucidated till the mid-19th century; the theory of all three is still to be fully integrated.

Perhaps the most difficult concept is the nature of light. Its properties can only be explained by assuming it is both a wave and a particle *at the same time!* Moreover, Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, says it is impossible to know both the speed *and* position of a single particle at the same time. If you measure its speed, you cannot know precisely where it is and *vice versa*. Einstein did not like this one bit. He believed there must be some underlying laws of nature that could define particles and make it possible to calculate both their speed and position claiming, "God does not play dice." The 20th century mathematician Gödel, proved that some concepts were unprovable." Maybe the concept of God is one such!

What has this to do with the Trinity, you may ask. Here again we are confronted with a difficult concept – an entity that is three things at the same time. Scientists I believe, take this in their stride as we are used to difficult concepts. And, after all, many men are fathers, all are sons, and many are the spirit of *their* family. Of course, this is also true for women: mother, daughter and spirit of the family.



Archdeaconry Synod: A personal view from Calais member Mary Wood

Archdeacon, Meurig Williams welcomed everyone to this year's Synod at Domaine Lyon St Joseph, introducing the timetable for the programme which was a day shorter than in past years. I enjoyed two interesting Bible Studies, led by Brother Matthew, from Taizé, who presented texts from Matthew 11 and Philippians 3, which we then discussed in small groups, but sadly, with little time for feed-back.

Much time was devoted to 'communications', with Damian Thwaites and Andrew Caspari from Diocesan Office. Elaine Labourel and Andrea Watkins, who were to speak on Reader Ministry and Safeguarding respectively, were unable to be with us, but the safeguarding team from Brussels spoke of their work. They also gave an interesting presentation about the website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> explaining the possibilities for its use in letting people know where you are and what you do in terms of worship and events. This could be especially useful for congregations who do not have a chaplaincy magazine.

A highlight for me was our chaplain, Rev. Kirrilee Reid's workshop entitled 'Welcoming the Stranger' where she spoke of her challenging work with refugees in Calais.

The business meeting, led by our Treasurer, David Bean, included the election of Diane Murray as President of the Standing Committee, replacing Kate Giry-Deloison who relinquished this demanding role after ten years. There were a number of complaints about the increased contributions to Common Fund, based on the Electoral Roll and Sunday attendance - no cheating, please! This amounts to 37p per person, per week. The reasons for the increase were explained and we were urged not to forget that Common Fund concerns the whole Diocese of Europe, in which some countries are wealthier than others. Also safeguarding is an expensive necessity.

Last, but by no means least, worship services – Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Evening Prayer and Compline – were well-attended in the abbey's attractive chapel.



Thanks to Malcolm: It's both daunting and a privilege to follow Malcolm Gale as co-editors of the newsletter. Thank you for all your hard work over the years and for the contributions you will continue to make to future issues (you did promise!). CL/JL

Newsletter contributions: Please send any items of chaplaincy news, meetings or forthcoming events to Jackie Ley on jackieley@aol.com



Strawberries and cream anyone?

Or maybe a homemade scone? There are also plenty of cucumber sandwiches and an array of cakes and sponges to choose from. Just help yourself, find a seat in the garden and I'll send the boy over with some tea.

Being part of Paul and Lalage's annual strawberry tea in their garden in Estréelles is a delight for guests and 'staff' alike. As one satisfied 'customer' put it in a recent thank-you note: "When I'm sitting in your wonderful garden, drinking tea and eating strawberries, I know summer has arrived."

So, how did it all start?

"Well, Paul was away at a PCC meeting when the phone rang," said Lalage. "How would you feel about putting on a strawberry tea in aid of chaplaincy funds?"

"That would be lovely, I replied, knowing full well he'd already committed us to the event in any case. At the time we didn't really know what a strawberry tea was and here we are, 12 years later, still serving strawberries to friends and neighbours and still enjoying it hugely.

"We've had some wonderful moments over the years, such as Charles Vandezande arriving at our third annual tea with his viola, which he played in the garden. That was very special."

Having settled full-time in Pas de Calais in 2003, Paul and Lalage discovered the Boulogne fellowship after reading an article in *La Voix du Nord* featuring church members, Michael and Dora Bown.

"We made contact with them and they introduced us to John Porter, who was the chaplaincy priest at the time," said Paul. "He invited us to a service in Boulogne and the rest, as they say, is history."

For Lalage, that means two spells as church warden, the first lasting seven years, with the second having begun in May this year, enabling her to work with the Rev. Kirrilee Reid and support her in the chaplaincy.

For Paul, it means helping a steady stream of non-French speakers understand which forms to fill in, translating for local mayors at various events and representing the British community at countless commemoration ceremonies.

For both, it means a steady round of committee meetings and social gatherings and basically being available whenever something requires doing or when a friend or neighbour needs a listening ear.



And what have been the most rewarding aspects of running all those strawberry teas?

"One of the best parts is receiving all the lovely messages that come in afterwards," said Paul. "It's also very rewarding to see the way people get on so well together when they're sitting peacefully in the garden eating strawberries."

"Each year, when it's all over, we say 'never again'," added Lalage, before admitting that once the following Spring arrives, they're usually ready to set a new tea date.

"There was one year, however, when we were a bit slow in deciding," she said. "That was until we started getting panic phone calls from people asking if they'd missed it."

Paul and Lalage, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 22, are loved and respected members of their local community and of the British ex-pat community. Their warm hospitality is legendary, welcoming friends and strangers alike. Pastoral care is second nature to them. Inobtrusive and unassuming in their service to others, they'll squirm at this acknowledgment of how faithfully they serve, but just for once, Paul and Lalage, a big thank-you from us all. CL/JL



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