



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais
BOULOGNE CONGREGATION
June 2015 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

The introduction to our newsletter this month, has been written by one the newer members of our congregation, Jackie Ley

A lesson from the SatNav

I don't know how many of you are on intimate terms with the unruffled SatNav voice that ignores all frustrated appeals and muttered insults and continues to offer direction anyway, but we tried her patience again this week on a trip to Henin Beaumont. Having postponed an Ikea trip for months, we chose a bank holiday to bite the bullet and purchase Swedish flat-pack. Keen to avoid holiday traffic we took an unfamiliar route across country. It wasn't long before my husband was involved in the familiar SatNav-induced monologue.

"You have got to be kidding. No, please, surely not. That's a cart track, not a road. Fine, if you say so, but if it's wrong, I'm switching you off."

He balked at actually carrying out the threat, but occasionally he ignored the serene instructions and opted for his own intuitive route. Each time, there'd be a brief pregnant silence, which I always interpret as disapproving, before the serene voice, apparently quite unfazed, recalculated her route and continued offering guidance. Headstrong disobedience cost us time and fuel but when that blue and yellow emporium finally hove into view, we had to acknowledge Madame SatNav knew a thing or two about persevering to the destination.

Psalm 32:8&9 says: *I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding...*

According to Exodus, the Israelites took 40 years to accomplish what was apparently an 11 day journey. Happily, our mulishness on Monday didn't involve such drastic delay, and the idea of God as a longsuffering, divine SatNav might seem a bizarre analogy, but I took encouragement from the thought that God never gives up on us. Whatever our wrong turns, whether through wilfulness or ignorance, God recalculates.



Folio 6 - June from *Les Très Riches Heures du duc de Berry*, circa 1412-16 (Musée Condé, Chantilly)

The illustration for the month shows peasants mowing and stacking hay; in the background and in sharp contrast to the rustic scene, is the grandeur of the Hôtel de Nesle (the Duc de Berry's Paris residence) and to the right, the Sainte-Chapelle in all its splendour.





Planned services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel, rue du Denacre, Saint-Martin-Boulogne

Sunday 7th June 2015 10h30/ First Sunday after Trinity (or Second Sunday after Pentecost) - A simple service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Jean Karszen and Jane Langlet

Sunday 21st June 2015 10h30 / Third Sunday after Trinity (or Fourth Sunday after Pentecost) – Fathers' Day Eucharist service conducted by Cannon Reg Humphris. Readings: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-end

Sunday 5th July 2015 10h30 / Fifth Sunday after Trinity (or Sixth Sunday after Pentecost) - A service of morning worship, led by Mary Wood from Calais

Sunday 19th July 2015 10h30 / Seventh Sunday after Trinity (or Eighth Sunday after Pentecost) Eucharist service conducted by Rev Charles Hill. Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



News and dates for your diary:

The combined service for all three congregations was well supported on Sunday 31st May many staying on for lunch and the information session, which covered two topics - the chalice at communion and leading lay services. A list of the web-sites mentioned during the talk can be obtained from either the Boulogne secretary (malcolm.gale@dbmail.com) or the Chaplaincy secretary: Graham Hughes (graham.hughes1805@gmail.com).

We are delighted to welcome back to the chapel this month our very good friend Rev. Reg Humphris to preach and lead our morning eucharist – **Sunday 21st June** - which also happens to be Fathers' Day and the first day of summer!

Prayer Diary

We are now establishing a prayer diary; please forward any requests for prayers, which will be said at all services throughout the Chaplaincy, to the Boulogne secretary.

There will be a summer concert by the Chorale de l'Unité in the chapel at the Monastère du Carmel - 15h30 Sunday 21st June 2015

In Boulogne Cathedral – Exhibition, under the dome, of contemporary sacred art with paintings and charcoals by the artist Joël Cunin, from now until 5th July 2015

Many thanks to all those who responded to the request in last month's newsletter for articles etc. – please keep them coming.

Other services in the Chaplaincy... **Calais's regular services:** Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The normal place of worship is now the Oratoire Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais – (near St Pierre's church) - Church Warden: Pat Page ☎ 03 21 35 07 65 or e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr

Hesdin's regular services: Services are held as follows: 1st Sunday monthly – 10h30, Eucharist Service 3rd Sunday monthly – 17h00 Evening Prayer. 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



Once again Graham Hughes has been on his travels, this time staying in France to discover the fascinating and historic city of Reims...

If I were to ask you what you thought about Reims you would probably mention the cathedral and champagne houses, not necessarily in that order. We have just returned from a three-day visit to Reims but our abiding impression is of the remarkable diversity of the art deco buildings that were constructed in the rebuilt city following the devastation of the First World War. On our first day there we followed the Guide Michelin tour on foot. During this walk we had ample time to enjoy the calm and relaxed atmosphere of the town. The pedestrianised streets were lined with dozens of open-air cafes and a wide diversity of shops. Modern electric trams guided almost silently over the crossroads causing little disturbance and few cars had the right to be in these areas. The two highlights of this foot tour were the Roman gate Port Mars, remarkably left over from the Roman occupation 2000 years ago, and the church of St Jacques, a 12th century

Gothic church remarkable for having alternating square and round columns in the nave. The construction of this church started in about 1190 and thus preceded that of the great cathedral, which was only started in 1211.

There are few Roman remains in the city apart from the Port Mars, the only two of any real significance being Cryptoportique Gallo-Roman, a half buried monument dating from the second century A.D., and the building that now houses the tourist office.

We booked ourselves a guided tour for our second day half expecting it to duplicate the one we had done already. We were wrong. The tour guide was an architecture student who was extremely erudite in terms of the new buildings that had been constructed in the 1920s and 30s as well as being expert in the marvellous cathedral Notre Dame. Reims was occupied by German forces in the first war for only two weeks but thereafter suffered frequent bombardment so that 80% of the buildings were destroyed. In the period of reconstruction over 300 independent architects came to the city and were granted over 6000 building permits, which explains the extraordinary diversity of art deco buildings throughout the city. The streets are now generally wide and straight with very few of the mediaeval narrow lanes remaining. In order to appreciate this variety of architecture it is necessary to raise your eyes above street level and admire the various symbols of the city: pine cones and flowers as well as many different designs of balconies and balustrades. German forces in the Second World War rapidly occupied the city hence very little damage was inflicted at that time.

The crowning glory of Reims of course is Notre Dame. It is recognised as one of the finest cathedrals in Christendom and was modelled on those being built at the same time in Paris, Soissons and Chartres. After being much altered in the 18th century it survived the French Revolution and thereafter a long restoration period took place, which was just completed in the summer of 1914. In September heavy shelling set fire to the framework of the building and much of the stained glass was destroyed due to the heat's melting the supporting lead. Restoration after the war took place and the cathedral was finally reconsecrated in 1937. Although the cathedral was little damaged in WW2 many of its statues have been eroded over the centuries and the exterior ones are still under restoration or have been replaced by copies. In all there are over 2300 statues on the outside alone. The cathedral is luminous inside and gives a great impression of loftiness enhanced by the narrowness of the nave in relation to its length. Many of the stained-glass windows were damaged beyond repair in the great fire, some were painstakingly replaced like giant translucent jigsaws while new windows have been placed at the east of the cathedral notably one by a long-time resident of Reims, Marc Chagall which was finally finished in 1974. Also not to be missed is a fine 15th century astronomical clock. The cathedral has great symbolic importance for France as numerous coronations of French kings took place there. It is thought that this reverence is one of the reasons that the Germans sought to destroy the cathedral during the First World War.

Most of the champagne houses in Reims run tours of their cellars - at a price. We chose to visit Pommery which is celebrating its 140th anniversary and has commissioned various French modern artists



to exhibit their works in the cellars for this commemoration. Unlike the visit we had made in Epernay to the de Castellane house this visit only showed the storage areas in 17km of caves and was completed by a couple of glasses of their Silver Label champagne and a glass of rosé brut. After the visit we walked to the basilica of St Remi built to house the remains of St Remi, who baptised Clovis the first Christian Frankish king, and consecrated by Pope Leo IX in 1049. Many archbishops of Reims and the early kings of France are buried inside.

Reims is only a two and a half hour drive from the Côte d’Opale and is well worth a visit. It is a very welcoming town with much interesting architecture and some fine restaurants to match the champagne houses. But take your walking shoes with you!

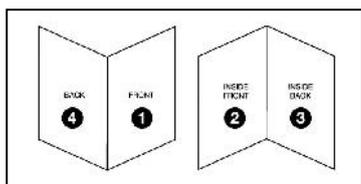
The return journey via the Chemin de Dames gives an insight into the horrors of futile battles in both the Napoleonic and First World Wars, both little-known to we British. Thereafter a visit to Soissons and Compiègne can complete a very enjoyable three days.



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, or alternatively if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer, please contact the church warden: George Murray ☎03 21 36 53 87, e-mail: george.murray@orange.fr or otherwise the secretary.



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 just for the fun of it !!!

Here’s a word search with a difference based on the famous text from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 ‘The Gift of Love’ - the blanks are of course the words in the puzzle ...and just to help, the verses are from the bible most of us use: *The New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised* (NRSVA)



Love is patient; love is....; love is notor boastful or or It does not on its own way; it is not or resentful; it does not in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, all things,all things,all things.

