



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais BOULOGNE CONGREGATION June 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

Longest Days

The month of June is the pinnacle of the year, every day getting longer until the summer solstice on June 21 – the longest day. Hopefully the extended daylight hours will, for the best part, be filled with bright sunshine to further enhance the countryside already abundant with the colours of summer.

This year we reflect on another 'longest day' - 70 Junes ago - this one was on 6th June 1944. It was the day of the Normandy landings from which point onwards the liberation of France commenced. Oddly it was dubbed 'the longest day' after a remark made by German Field Marshal Rommel to one of his aides. He knew that the game was almost up and sooner or later there would be a decisive end to the Second World War. He was admitting that the first 24 hours of the battle, whenever or wherever it came, would be long and hard with a high loss of life on both sides.

Dealing with memories of this historic event our local paper took the opportunity to remind us that the bombings, which continued to rain down on Boulogne from Allied aircraft during the war years with the high loss of civilian lives, were intensified a few days before the June invasion of Normandy to provide a distraction to the German forces. It was that raid which reduced to rubble, along with neighbouring properties, the house originally built on the site ours now stands. Fortunately as a result of those battles we now live in more peaceful liberated times, but June 1944 was plainly wrought with enormous suffering.

Despite that, I am told, soon after the bombings, wild flowers could be seen poking their heads up amidst the ruins as if to say: 'all will be well again soon'.

The long range weather forecast for June this year is good but the predictions for an end to conflicts worldwide are not so; unfortunately lives are still being torn apart by the ravages of self-interest, bigotry, excessive fundamentalism and persecution. The beautiful days of June serve to remind us of the wonderful earth we still inhabit and we need to keep that fact uppermost in our hearts. But as God makes the flowers to bloom in the wasteland, we should never forget those who did his work by making the supreme sacrifice for the flowering of freedom and liberty. Their gift turns the most ordinary and dullest of days into the fine summer ones of June, every single day of the year. MG



Midsummer – Flowers in June



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

- **Sunday June 1st 2014 10h30 / Sunday after Ascension Day** – A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Lalage and Paul Glaiser
- **Sunday June 15th 2014 10h30 / Trinity Sunday, First Sunday after Pentecost** – Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss Readings: Isaiah 40: 12-17,27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-end; Matthew 28:16-20.
- **Sunday July 6th 2014 10h30 / Third Sunday after Trinity** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Malcolm Gale
- **Sunday July 20th 2014 10h30 / Fifth Sunday after Trinity** - Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss Readings: Genesis 28: 10-19a ; Psalm 139: 1-11; Romans: 8 :12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

News and dates for your diary:

Meeting on the future of the Chaplaincy

A total of twenty-one people turned up for a meeting with the Rev. Debbie Flach, the Area Dean, at the Monastère du Carmel on the morning of Tuesday 20 May 2014.

The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the future of the Chaplaincy with a view to establish a road map for the years ahead. Views were sought from the floor on how the church, which has been bereft of a Chaplain since 2011 and now had fewer members than some years ago, was viewed at the moment. Each congregation affirmed that the situation was sustainable at present because they had the benefit of a local or visiting Anglican priest to take services each month, which did provide the minimum of continuity regarding worship. This is supplemented by monthly lay-led services. Nevertheless this state of affairs was purely provisional as well as somewhat informal, plus there were health issues together with clergy taking outstanding retirement.

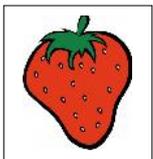
However, in the overall analysis, we had to be realistic about whether our small Chaplaincy could support a full-time priest or not, on the other hand alternatives were feasible, such as a rota of visiting priests; setting up a house for duty; having locum priests, or the possibility of employing a part-time priest.

Moving on, members were then invited to split into 3 groups to discuss their hopes and aspirations and project some ideas for the progress of the Chaplaincy over the next three years. Back in plenary session a spokesperson from each group conveyed the results from the pool of suggestions proposed. These included: a) the payment of a retainer for the co-ordinator of the visiting priests from the UK for the monthly eucharists, with a realistic reimbursement of travelling expenses b) by 2017 the Chaplaincy's congregations could perhaps be regrouped, for example into two congregations, one in the north of the Pas-de-Calais and one in the south, ideally located in places of worship that would suit as many as possible, preferably with meeting rooms and toilets, and hopefully with a part-time priest for the Chaplaincy by that time.

c) Everything should be done to attract new members with the hope we would be able to have, as minimum, a part-time priest by 2017.

The meeting ended just after mid-day with a light lunch. A full report of the meeting is available –please contact the secretary.

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Sunday 8th June: - once again this year Paul and Lalage Glaister will be offering delicious **Strawberry Teas** in their lovely garden at Estréelles (156, rue du Moulin) from 14h10 till 17h00– details ☎03 21 81 47 65

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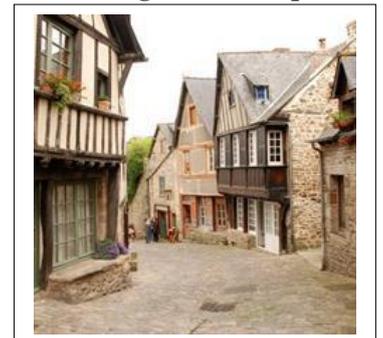
A Tale of Two Côtes

Or A visit to the Côte d'Émeraude from the Côte d'Opale by Graham Hughes

This is a story of three towns, two bridges and one coastline. It comes as quite a surprise that the three adjacent towns of Dinan, Dinard and St Malo can be quite so different in character and, especially, in architecture. Dinan, dating from the 13th century, a town still left over from the middle ages, is charmingly described by my out-of-date Guide Michelin as being “gay with trees and gardens and girt with ramparts”. Inside the ramparts it is full of beautifully restored old houses in cobbled streets and elegant little squares.

These date from the 16th to the 18th century. The clock tower dating from 1507 is a reminder of the belfries of the Nord, while the two fine churches, St Malo and Saviour's Basilica, attest to the importance of 15th century Dinan as a religious and administrative centre. The town overlooks the River Rance which some 15 kilometres downstream is dammed by the tidal power station. Although the power of the tide had been used to drive mill wheels as long ago as the 12th century, this barrage was opened in 1966 as the world's first tidal power station. It was for 45 years the largest tidal power station in the world by installed capacity until the South Korean Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Station surpassed it in 2011. Such inherently green constructions are still relatively rare but are slowly gaining in popularity.

An invigorating walk along the barrage gives fine views of the Rance valley and reservoir to the south and St Malo and Dinard to the north.



What a contrast Dinard is! Its smart shops in neat streets together with its magnificent villas reflect the sophisticated seaside town that Dinard became in the early 20th century. Like le Touquet it has a strong British tradition and has a flourishing Anglican church, St. Bartholomew's, which was dedicated in 1871. Its foundation reflects the then substantial British and American population in the area at that time. After largely falling into disuse during and after WW2, the church has gradually been resurrected, firstly by locum priests and now supports a full time chaplain. Eating fresh seafood washed down by local cidre (not cider!) in the beachside cafes allows one to fully appreciate the magnificent setting of this, still smart, resort. The Emerald coast from Dinard to Cap Fréhel is a delight – a complete contrast to the Côte d'Opale with its charming holiday villages nestling in rocky bays with golden beaches. The Cap itself gives fine views over the channel and coastline.

St Malo is really two towns – the new town serving the busy port and the old town within another set of ramparts. Founded as early as the 6th century by the Welsh Christian evangelist St Malo, the old town became an easily defensible fortress with its citizens proclaiming, “I am neither Breton nor French but a man of St Malo”. The “easily defensible” was left in ruins by the battle that raged from Aug 1 to 14 in 1944 but has been painstakingly reconstructed in its original, somewhat austere state -a third contrasting town quite unlike either Dinard or Dinan.. A walk along the ramparts confirms this and affords fine views of the coast and its islands together with a bird's eye view of the town.



A curiosity not to be missed a little way east along the coast is the Rochers Sculptés de Rothéneuf. Abbé Adolphe-Julien Fouré, with the aid of an elderly helper, spent 25 years carving the granite rocks of the shoreline. Abbé Fouré was partly paralysed by a stroke and had lost his hearing and speech. In his isolation, he was inspired by old tales of a local pirate clan. Begun in 1870, the carved rocks have a timeless quality; although many were carved from freestanding rocks, others follow the natural contours of the shore. The carvings, once numbering over 300 pieces, depict legendary pirate adventurers, fishermen, smugglers, and monsters; constant erosion by wind, sea and rain has reduced their impact of 50 years ago and one wonders if they will survive a further 50.

After the obligatory lunchtime sampling of the oysters in the pretty seaside town of Cancale, the vast, imposing 12 and 13th century granite St Samson's Cathedral in Dol-de Bretagne rounds off a visit replete with contrasts. Outside the cathedral resembles a fortress or blockhouse but inside it impresses with its calm and beauty albeit on a grand scale. There is even a large portrait of St Theresa who hailed from the nearby town of Liseux.

The two bridges I mentioned at the beginning are Pont de Normandie and Pont de Tancarville. The former for the outward journey on the A29 was designed by Michel Virlogeux, and opened in January 1995. At that time the bridge was the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world, now surpassed by the Pont de Millau. The Pont de Tancarville, for the return journey, was completed in 1959 and is the longest suspension bridge in France. When blessed with good weather you can cram a lot into three days in Brittany!

Other services in the Chaplaincy

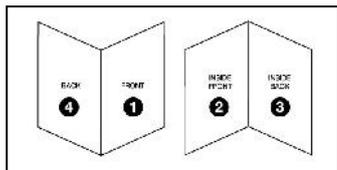
Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The place of worship is the Salle de Culte of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (although some services will be held at the Oratory in Calais – see website for details) 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 led by Rev. John Porter; 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

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.

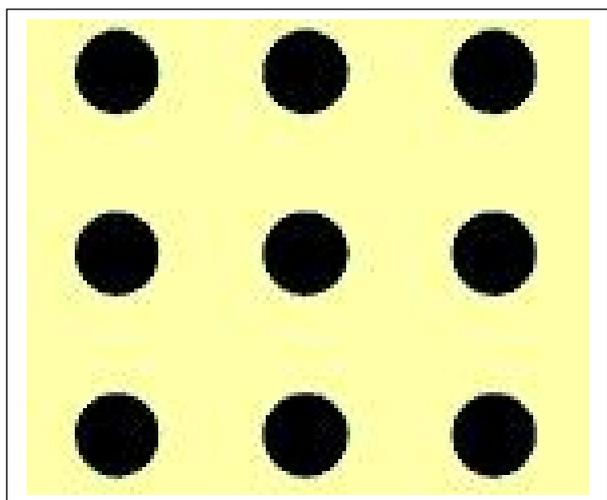


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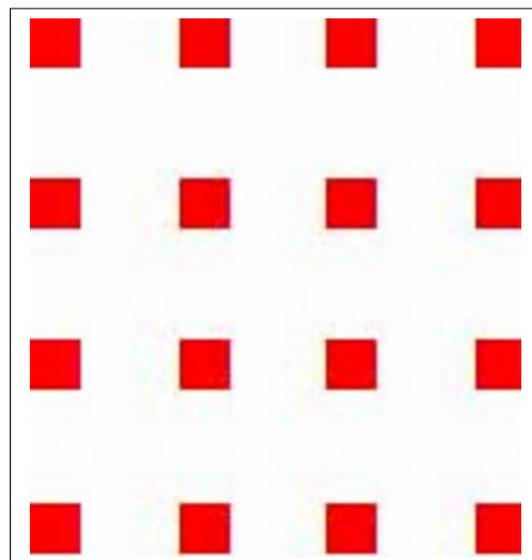
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And now the 'just for the fun of it' ...

GOING DOTTY ...



One of the oldest puzzles in the world is the celebrated **Nine Dot Puzzle**, all you need to solve is a pencil and a piece of paper; the aim is to join all the dots going through the middle of all of the 9 dots without taking the pencil off the paper with not more than 4 continuous straight lines. Can you do it?



Now, if you did that one with no trouble, then try to solve the fiendish **sixteen square version** – this time we need all the squares joined without taking the pencil off the paper using 6 straight lines...

(Answers next month)

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Answers to last month's Biblical Number Equations puzzle

10 Commandments / 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse / 3 Times Peter denied Jesus/ 7 Sons of Job plus 3 Daughters / 3 Days and Nights in the Belly of a Whale / 30 Pieces of Silver / 40 Days in the Wilderness /14 Epistles by the Apostle Paul / 5 Books in the Pentateuch / 10 Plague on the Land of Egypt / 4 Days that Lazarus was Dead / 66 Books in the Bible / 12 Apostles of Jesus / 12 Tribes of Israel / 40 Days and Nights of the Great Flood / 66 Chapters in the Book of Israel / 3 Parts of the Holy Trinity / 176 Verses in the Longest Psalm /10 Chapters in the Book of Ezra / 3 Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

