



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

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Fellowship, Hope and Love

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Dear All

## A word from the editor

Avid readers of these newsletters (if there are any) would have noticed two things recently. For one there has been no May issue and that the last was numbered '57'.

Back in 1892, Henry John Heinz decided he would give the public the impression his company produced a range of just 57 varieties of food products. It was of course only a marketing gimmick; Heinz thought the number was a lucky one, and one that would define the scope of the company's output. It was a turning point and history proved him right, it being one of the most successful pieces of advertising ever.

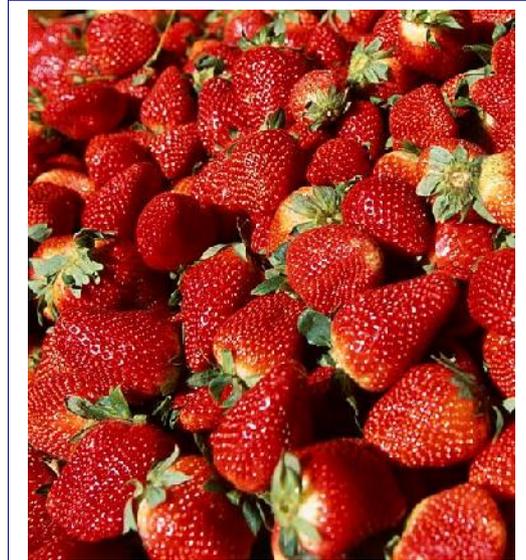
Although this has absolutely nothing to do with our newsletters, I am simply drawing a parallel. Having produced the fifty-seventh, I thought it might be an excuse to step away from the assembly line. Back at the 2016 Boulogne AGM, I took on another year, hoping that someone would come forward in 2017 with new ideas for the communiqué and jump into the hot seat. Perhaps I should have taken note from Henry Heinz; stamping '57' on something only means you have to produce more!

The concept of a church magazine or newsletter is simple – reports, times of services, details of special events. It's a part of the church fabric. Larger parishes quite often have ambitious publications, professionally printed and typically serving wider communities. They not only cover church goings-on, but also report on the local WI, the bowls club, dog shows etc. etc. also are typically bound up with paid advertising for local plumbers, chiropodists, fencing specialists, funeral directors and similarly useful services. But sadly, only a few invite wide-ranging articles of interest from church members.

We are a small church and sometimes a struggling one, most of those who make up our congregation live considerable distances apart, so there is a distinct need to communicate. Although I have produced the letter for 5 years, there have been many before me who have created excellent bulletins. But with the present series, I think it only right to offer a very big vote of thanks to all, in our very talented congregation, who have contributed so magnificently in the form of articles. Over the years the very high standard of writing and originality has raised the benchmark of our simple 4-pager to that of a mini-magazine, with a range of topics enormously diverse, covering everything from the pitiful conditions in the Calais 'Jungle', aspects of local history, moral issues and numerous travellers' tales from around the world. Many have been very thought provoking, such as this month's and even an exotic tale of an aspidistra has found a place.

I thought I might get away with stepping down, but until someone else takes up the role of editor I have agreed to act, for the moment at least, as 'caretaker' so, hopefully, the 'varieties' will continue beyond '57' – although I may take the occasional month off, as I did in May.

June is associated for a number of reasons with the colour red and strawberries, strawberry teas and strawberry fairs. If I had the task of writing questions for the BBC programme 'Round Britain Quiz', which is famous for its devious cryptic clues, I might pose this one: 'What is the connection between: Christian soldiers going onward, a Christmas message from the angel Gabriel and a young maid on her way to Strawberry Fair?' - Leaving you with that one, all that remains to say is – have a beautiful summer and God bless. (MG)



*June - Strawberry Fairs*



## Planned services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel, 2 rue du Denacre, Saint-Martin-Boulogne

**Sunday 4th June 2017 10h30 / Pentecost (Whit Sunday)** -Morning Prayer with hymns and readings led by Malcolm Gale

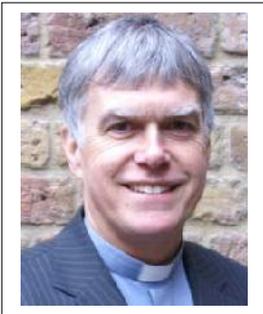
**Sunday 18th June 2017 10h30/ Second Sunday after Pentecost** - Eucharist led Ven. Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone. Readings: Genesis 18: 1-15; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

**Sunday 2nd July 2017 10h30/ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** - Eucharist service led by Rev David Houghton; Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

**Sunday 16th July 2017 10h30/ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** - Morning Prayer with hymns and readings led by Jean Karssen and George Murray

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### News and a date for your diary:



**It will be our great pleasure, on Sunday 18th June,** to welcome The Venerable Stephen Taylor MBE, Archdeacon of Maidstone, to lead our service. A native of Bradford in West Yorkshire, Stephen was previously the Canon Provost of Sunderland Minster and an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral. He started his role as Archdeacon of Maidstone in October 2011. Not only does his work involve assisting clergy and congregations in the Maidstone Archdeaconry but also across the whole of the Canterbury Diocese, aiming to help churches better support their local communities.

### ***Ri-fol, Ri-fol, Tol-de-riddle-dee... Are you going to our Strawberry Tea?***

**Sunday 11th June 2017** – is the day, once again, to head to our annual **Strawberry Tea**. As in other years, thanks goes to Paul and Lalage Glaister who will be offering delicious ‘strawberry fare’ in their lovely garden at Estréelles (156, rue du Moulin) from 15h00 – 17h00 – further details ☎03 21 81 47 65 e-mail: lalageglaister@gmail.com

Message from the hosts: If it rains, come anyway!  
Hopefully it won't, but in other words don't miss it!



**July -change in the monthly pattern of services** – from the above listing it will be noticed that in place of a lay-led service on the first Sunday of the month (16th July) the Rev David Houghton will be leading us in a service of Eucharist. The third Sunday (16th July) will be a lay-led.

### **Obituary**

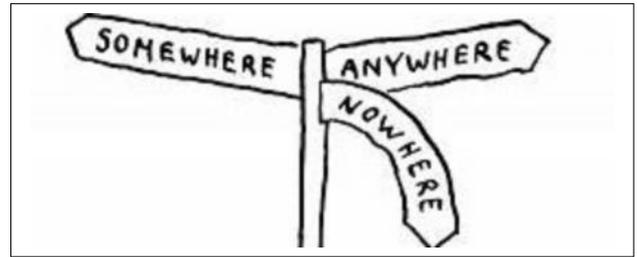
– Sadly we have to report the news of the passing, on 28 April 2017, of Mr Peter Hollow, one of our long-standing church members. He died peacefully at the Good Hope Hospital in Sutton Coldfield, where he was being treated for cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Nina who he leaves behind, also a member of our congregation, and his family.

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*Jackie Ley gave a the follow address at the service held on Sunday May 7th 2017 and in case you missed it, a transcript is presented below.*

### The 'Somewheres' and the 'Anywheres'.

**L**ike some of you perhaps, I tune into the Today programme on BBC Radio 4 so I can mutter rude things about politicians whilst preparing breakfast. Sometimes my listening coincides with 'Thought for the Day' and an item caught my interest recently about a recent Guardian book of the week, which propounds the theory that people fall broadly into two categories, the 'somewheres' and the 'anywheres'. The somewheres tend to live in the same house or area all their lives, close to extended family, and the friends they've known from school days. They holiday in familiar places and are deeply averse to uprooting. The 'anywheres' on the other hand are inveterate uprooters. They thrive on the challenge of living and/or travelling abroad, embracing the unfamiliar, making new friends, enjoying new experiences. The 'Thought for the Day' contributor was quick to point out that neither category is wrong, simply different.



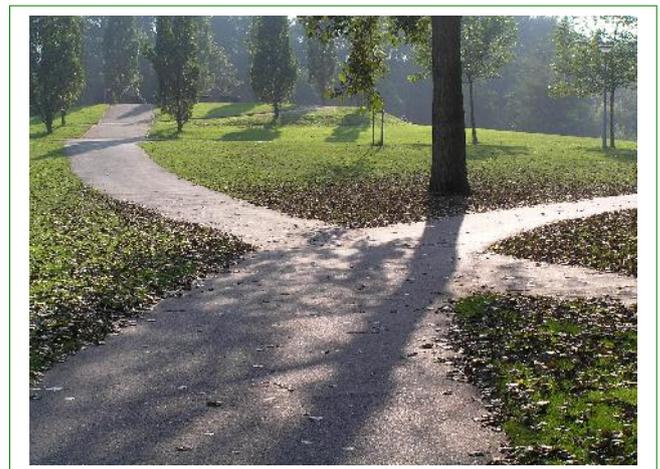
During a recent family visit to Scotland, we had a lively debate over dinner one evening with our eldest son and daughter-in-law about the 'somewheres' and 'anywheres' theory. They both identified immediately with the 'somewheres' category, for which we're maybe partly responsible since our son grew used to his 'anywhere' mum and dad packing boxes regularly for yet another house move. Our 'anywheres' mentality finally brought us across the channel to settle in France. The day after our return from Edinburgh, I came across some verses in my daily reading that chimed with our 'somewheres'/'anywheres' debate. The verses are Matthew 8:18-20.

*When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

It was as though Jesus had joined in our debate, aligning himself with a third category: the 'nowheres', the refugees, the migrants, the homeless, all very relevant to us and to our church in the Pas de Calais. Many are former 'somewheres', driven from their homes by forces beyond their control, denied the luxury of being a 'somewhere' or an 'anywhere', and the Son of God chose to identify himself with them.

In our Genesis reading, we heard about Abraham, who must have been an intrepid 'anywhere' setting out at the age of 75 for an unknown land, obeying the call of God and uprooting his entire family. In Hebrews 11, we're told 'he obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going'. I sometimes wonder what his wife Sarah had to say about that. But the whole of Hebrews 11 deals with people of faith who viewed themselves as 'aliens and strangers on earth' who, it says, 'were longing for a better country, a heavenly one'. I don't think this was a case of 'pie in the sky when we die.' It was an acknowledgment of a spiritual home that we find in God through Christ, a home from which we can never be uprooted. It's the home Jesus refers to in John 14:23 when he says, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

This is the home the Psalmist refers to with such confidence in Psalm 23, the house of the Lord in which we dwell, now and for ever; a home that is open to all, the 'somewheres', the 'anywheres' and the 'nowheres'.



**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 – Morning Prayer 10h30; 3rd Sunday monthly – 17h00 Eucharist. Services are held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin - Church Warden: Michael Spriggs ☎ 03 21 81 61 79 e-mail: kmspriggs@fsmail.net

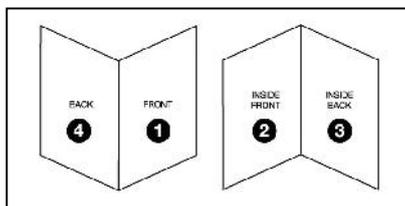
**Our Facebook page** can be found at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pas-de-Calais-Anglican-Church>

**Prayer Diary /Intercessions - A book is now available for the entry of names of those who anyone wishes to have included in the intercessory prayers during the service. Otherwise please pass a note to the person responsible for the intercessions on that day.**

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: George Murray ☎ 03 21 36 53 87, e-mail: georgemurray@sfr.fr.

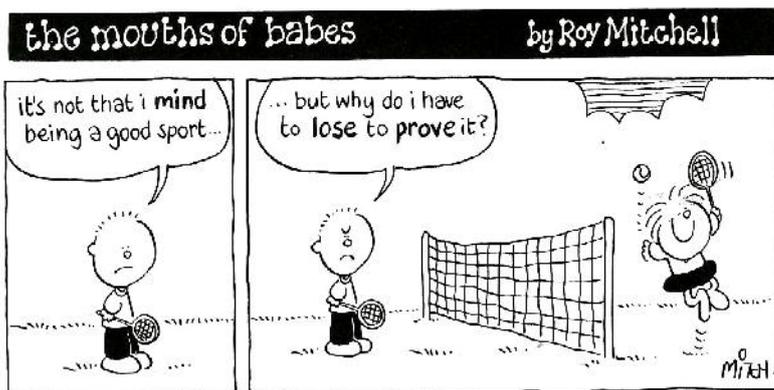
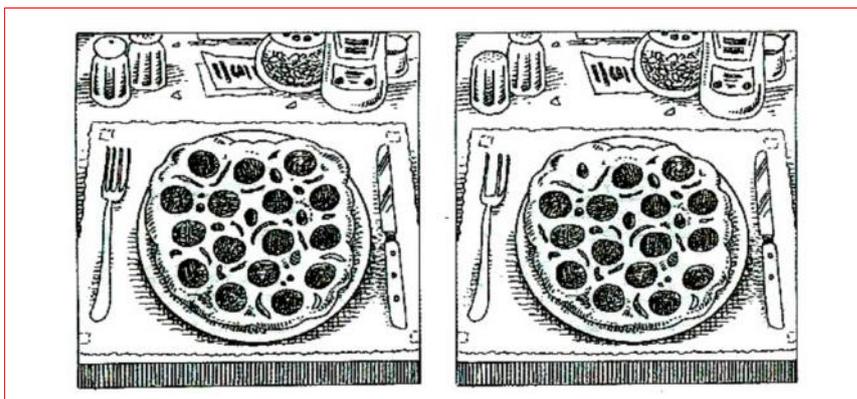
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Can you spot the 8 differences?



And now it's summer anyone for tennis?