



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

Fellowship, Hope and Love

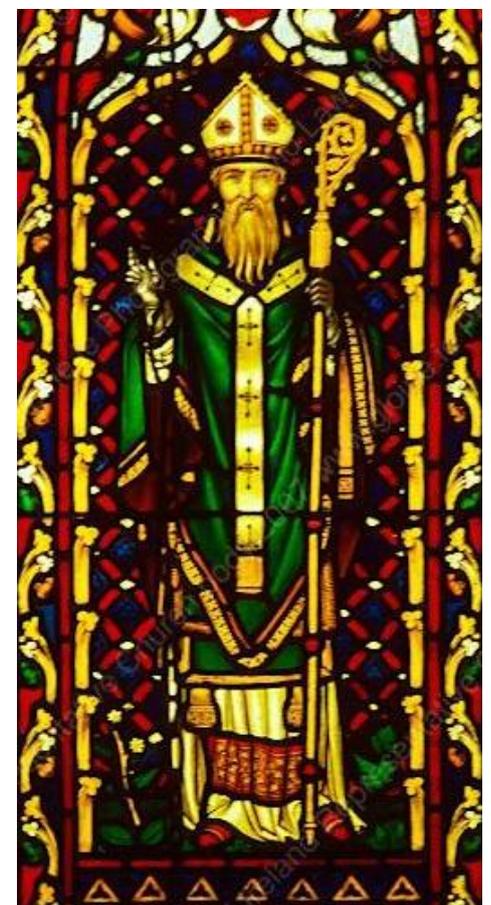
Dear All,

Going Green and St Patrick, our local saint?

If I had the job of designing a month-by-month tear off calendar, I would feel inclined to choose the colour green as the background for March. I suppose it would be a little stereotyped as green is the colour we associate straightaway with spring, replacing browns of autumn and greys of winter. Green has from pagan times represented rebirth and eternal life and signifies all is well, the reason traffic lights are green for 'go' the world over and its association with ecology and recycling. But my penchant for the colour this month was given a nudge the other day, when I remembered that March 17th is St Patrick's Day. Last year in Dublin, I enjoyed a reunion with an old friend who I had not seen for more than 15 years. It was a magical moment having been so close in the past and we recalled those innumerable evenings, on both sides of the Irish Sea, engrossed in that great Irish quality of 'craic' or enjoyable conversation, until there was nothing left to say. More often than not the subject would be the Emerald Isle itself - its fascinating and chequered history, the good and the bad times, and perhaps St Patrick might also get a mention.

Undoubtedly Ireland has made a good job of popularising its patron saint not just at home but from New York to Tokyo; he is one of the inseparable elements of that infectious culture and of Irishness itself. There is nonetheless one theory about St. Patrick, which seems to have sunk almost into oblivion and would certainly surprise my knowledgeable Irish friend. It was expounded in a book, in English, published in 1907, which lay for years gathering dust on the shelves of Boulogne's public library. Written by Rev William Fleming, former rector of St. Mary's Moorfields in London, it was entitled 'Boulogne-Sur-Mer: St. Patrick's Native Town'.

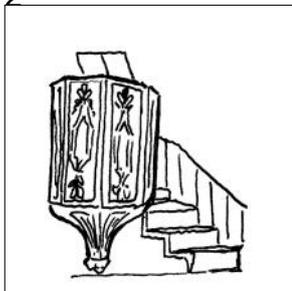
Within the pages and after much research, consulting ancient writings some by Saint Patrick himself, Fleming sets out a scholarly argument to prove, contrary to common belief, that the birthplace of the great man was none other than our own present day Boulogne-sur-Mer. He came to this conclusion from accounts describing his birth as taking place in Roman Britain, in a country at that time called Armorica, (later known as Little Brittany) at a place called: Bonaven Tabernise, or Bononia. It was from here, when he was about 16, that he was captured by raiders and taken to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning home to enter the church. Subsequently he decided to go back to Ireland, walking everywhere and evangelising until, in later life, he served as an ordained bishop. There are many legends associated with his ministry and he is credited with teaching the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by means of the three-leaved clover or shamrock, but we must leave most of his history to the mists of time, nevertheless unquestionably he left his mark both on Ireland and the whole Christian world. Fortunately Fleming's book has recently been 'rediscovered' and is now available to read on line. Although we do have a St Patrick's church in Boulogne, I am not sure how many will know on the 17th March that we will be honouring, not just a well-liked saint, but a local lad too! (MG)



St Patrick - detail from window in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin (1864 work of John and David Casey, Dublin)

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Traditional Gaelic Blessing 'Go n-éirí an bóthar leat'



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

>**Sunday 1st March 2015 10h30 / Second Sunday in Lent** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Jean Karssen

>**Sunday 15th March 2015 10h30 / Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday**, followed by the Boulogne AGM; Eucharist service and Boulogne Annual General Meeting conducted by Rev Charles Hill followed by a buffet lunch. Readings: Exodus 2:1-10; Psalm 34:11-20; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2:33-35

>**Sunday March 29th 2015 11h00/ Palm Sunday** Eucharist service followed by the Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting (12h15) conducted by Rev Charles Hill, the meeting will be followed by a buffet lunch – please note the venue: Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin.

>**Sunday 5th April 2015 10h30 / Easter Day** Eucharist service to be led by Rev Charles Hill. Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Ps 118: 21-34; Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

>**Sunday 19th April 2015 10h30 / Third Sunday of Easter** - Eucharist service led by Rev David Radcliffe. Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48



News and dates for your diary:

Our Friday Lenten Lunches continue; the next is planned for Friday 6th March at the home of Jean and Graham Hughes in Merlimont (130 Impasse du Moulin) ☎03 21 09 32 10, followed by another on Friday 20th March, at the home of Jean-Marc and Linda Pillière (8 Résidence Le Ruisseau, La Capelle-lès-Boulogne) ☎03 21 32 49 76 – the lunches of soup, bread, cake and tea start at 12.30 onwards, the cost is €5 per person; the proceeds will go to *Médecins Sans Frontières*. Anyone coming should, of preference, contact the host as early as possible before the day.

March is the month for our AGMs once again; the 15th for the Boulogne meeting, with the Chaplaincy AGM two weeks following later on Sunday 29th at Hesdin (see listing above). Anyone on the Electoral Roll may vote at these meetings (if you are not on the roll and would like to be added, please contact the secretary for details).

Although we are a small congregation we have a lot of talent amongst our ranks, so an appeal goes out to anyone wishing to come forward to stand for a position on the PCC or take up the role of Churchwarden – it is an interesting post and Lalage Glaister has fulfilled her duties admirably over the last few years. It was her intention to step down last year, but kindly agreed to serve for another 12 months to smooth the transition to Charles Hill as our regular priest. The PCC and the congregation as a whole will give anyone deciding to stand for election maximum support. Whatever the outcome please do your best to attend the AGM on 15th March – the future continuance of our church is very important.

Easter Services:

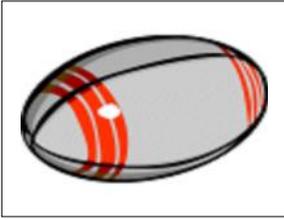
Maundy Thursday - 2nd April there will be a service at the home of Linda and Jean-Marc Pillière at 8 Résidence Le Ruisseau, La Capelle-lès-Boulogne at 19h00 followed by a supper (€5) please confirm if attending ☎03 21 32 49 76

Easter Day - 5th April - Eucharist service at 10h30 in the chapel and on **Sunday 19th April** we welcome back, after a long absence, the Rev David Radcliffe for Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Easter at 10h30.

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We welcome a contribution this month from a new member of our congregation, Colin Ley, who is a journalist:

Engage 2015 - Don't drop the ball



There I was, tucked away in the corner of a London hotel coffee lounge, writing about pigs and generally minding my own business, when I became aware of a group in the next booth talking about rugby and Christianity. Drawn in by what seemed to be the perfect combination, at least for me, I tuned into their conversation, which, it transpired, was all about 'Engage 2015'.

The term meant nothing at the time, but when their meeting broke up I asked the last person to leave what it was all about. Actually, I admitted that I'd been listening to their conversation but added that I was a journalist, so their secret was safe with me.

I then listened as David Chawner, a retired Baptist minister and former chaplain to London Wasps, explained the vision of Engage 2015 which, to quote their publicity blurb, is a 'cross denominational campaign set up to help UK churches serve the rugby community during the Rugby World Cup (RWC) in October 2015'. In keeping with the campaign slogan 'Don't drop the ball', I thought I'd pass on my new found knowledge to you all. It's certainly an intriguing project.

The plan is to help churches engage with their local communities, and visiting rugby fans, alongside what has become the world's third largest international sports event. For David Chawner and his colleagues, therefore, the staging of the World Cup in the UK during September and October this year is just too good an opportunity to miss.

Having been part of a similar programme in New Zealand during RWC 2011, David believes that tuning into an event like this is an ideal way for Christians to be involved with friends, neighbours and visitors. After all, if everyone else is talking about one of the home nations winning the tournament, it's a shame if the local church is resolutely looking the other way.

The Engage 2015 aim is to give church congregations a 'menu of easily adaptable ideas and resources' in the lead up to the big event.

Current ideas include:

- Staging local community festivals, possibly based around screening games, potentially in partnership with local authorities, local rugby clubs or as groups of churches.
- Adding touch rugby to your activities and youth programme.
- Running a Sports quiz with a rugby theme.
- Using the October half-term school holidays, which fall during the tournament, to run sporting clinics/holiday clubs for school age children.
- Organising guest events with speakers drawn from current and ex rugby players who are happy to talk about their faith.
- Adopting a squad that will be based or play within your area to learn about their culture and the church in that nation.
- Providing accommodation for players' family members and supporters.

With 400,000 visitors from over 100 nations due to attend RWC 2015, the potential to welcome new people into the community is considerable. That's quite apart from getting to know neighbours in a new way. I suspect, for most of us, our best rugby playing days are over. Watching the game is still a major enjoyment for me, however, and I applaud the vision and energy of the Engage 2015 team. If you want to find out more, go to: www.engage2015.co.uk



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

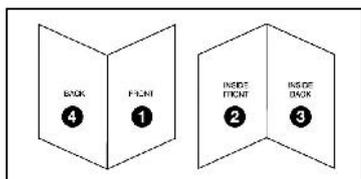
Hesdin's regular services: Services are held as follows: 1st Sunday monthly – 10h30, Eucharist Service 3rd Sunday monthly – 17h00 Evening Prayer. Services are held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin. - Church Warden: Hazel Crompton, ☎ 03 21 03 31 27 e-mail: james.cromp@free.fr



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, or 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.

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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 ...

Half a Dozen Amazing Anagrams

The letters of the following clues, when rearranged form the answer
Example: MOON STARER (10 letters one word) = ASTRONOMER

See you get on with the following:

1. THEY SEE (7 letters, two words)
2. HERE COME DOTS (12 letters, three words)
3. CASH LOST IN ME (12 letters, two words)
4. IS NO AMITY (9 letters, one word)
5. TWELVE PLUS ONE (13 letters, three words)
6. I'M A DOT IN PLACE (13 letters, three words)



Solutions to last month's 'ant' puzzle

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| 1. | A floating ant... | buoyant |
| 2. | A plentiful ant... | abundant |
| 3. | A hard ant... | adamant |
| 4. | A needy ant... | want |
| 5. | A graceful ant... | elegant |
| 6. | An enormous ant... | elephant |
| 7. | A shirking ant... | truant |
| 8. | A wandering ant... | vagrant |
| 9. | A dunce-like ant... | ignorant |
| 10. | A light-giving ant... | luminant |
| 11. | A sweet smelling ant... | fragrant |
| 12. | A helpful ant... | assistant |
| 13. | A domestic ant... | servant |
| 14. | An ambitious ant... | aspirant |
| 15. | A coming-in ant... | entrant |
| 16. | A meagre ant... | scant |
| 17. | A residential ant... | tenant |
| 18. | A singing ant... | chant |
| 19. | A fighting ant... | assailant |
| 20. | A pleasing ant... | pleasant |

