



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

November 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds

Thomas Hood's verse about November may use an ample serving of poetic licence to gain effect, but perhaps in 19th century London, he was not far off the mark. Unfortunately once the First World War got underway, exactly 100 years ago this year, this description of November, viewed from the trenches, would have been totally accurate. In this region of Northern France, war cemeteries are part of our landscape; memorials to the massacre of young lives, but in Western Europe as a whole, few families were not touched in some way by the effects of the so-called Great War.

I can remember plainly seeing in my grandfather's house, a sepia photo on his mantelpiece, of a young man in uniform, an uncle I never knew. The pain and heartbreak that must have been felt when the news of his loss reached the family, listed amongst the many under the all-embracing term 'casualties' would have been unspeakable; the ugly downside of a brutal conflict that lasted years. I imagine he had volunteered like others to replace those already killed or wounded at the front, spurred on by a sense of duty and adventure. I was never told.

Boulogne was a staging post for English soldiers arriving in France. On 7th August 1914 the first of many ships arrived in the port with supplies for the British Army. A few days later the Argyll



and Sutherland Highlanders came resplendent in their kilts, much to the applause of the Boulonnais. But soon afterwards, as the casualties started mounting up, Boulogne, a safe distance from the front, became a major hospital town treating the wounded and dying. The story of the town's contribution to this aspect of the war effort and the presence of allied troupes in the streets, is superbly told at a major exhibition in the former terminal building of the Gare Maritime, on now until December 18th. A well-ordered and impressive selection of contemporary photographs from the town's extensive archives covers all areas of wartime life in this corner of France away from the front, both in and out of uniform. Reproduced and enlarged by modern techniques to the highest possible resolution the pictures bring to life the faces of men and women, a



Corner of 'Boulogne, Port Allié' exhibition

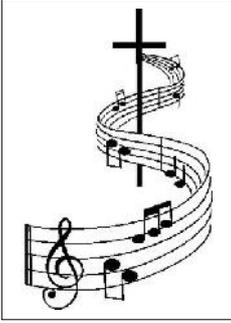
century ago, who played their part. There is plenty of coverage of off-duty moments too, showing the Anglo-French community spirit of the day with river sports, football matches and even relaxing on the beach in full uniform! Also revealed is Boulogne's involvement in popularising the song: "It's a long, long way to Tipperary"! All in all, an opportunity to discover another facet of those turbulent days - the exhibition is open every day except Mondays - admission is free.

Hundreds of lines have been written about the First World War, but those carved on one of the slabs of Irish blue limestone, in an avenue of similar stones leading up to a symbolic round tower at the Island of Ireland Peace Park in Messines, near Ypres, are some of the most hard-hitting on the subject of war I have seen for a long time: (MG)

*So the curtain fell, over that tortured country of unmarked graves and unburied fragments of men:
murder and massacre: the innocent slaughtered for the guilty:
the poor man for the sake of the greed of the already rich:
the man of no authority made the victim of the man who had gathered importance and wished to keep it.*

Lines written by David Starret of the 9th Royal Irish Rifles in a letter home from the front.

Our annual Service of Remembrance will be held in the chapel on 9th November at 10h30



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

- **Sunday 9th November 2014 10h30 (NB: 2nd Sunday in month) / Twenty First Sunday after Trinity - Remembrance Day** - for the fallen of the two great wars and other fields of conflict; led by Paul Glaister and Graham Hughes.
- **Sunday 16th November 2014 10h30 / Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity** - The last Eucharist service to be led by Canon Reg Humphriss before he takes his 'retirement' from the Boulogne Congregation, followed by a 'Bring and Share Lunch'.

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90, 1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

- **Sunday 7th December 2014 10h30 / Second Sunday in Advent - Christingle /Advent Service** led by Linda Pillière A candlelit service to start off the festive season with Advent carols (see below)
- **Sunday 21st December 2014 10h30 / Fourth Sunday in Advent** - Eucharist service with Christmas Carols to be led by Rev. Charles Hill. Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-28

News and dates for your diary:

The Reverend Reg's final service

Another 'bring and share' lunch will be held on 16th November, which will be Rev Humphriss's last service with us. As usual Lalage will be co-ordinating individual efforts with regard to the food being brought along. Please let her know if you are coming to the service and if you can help with the lunch – at the latest by 14th November. ☎03 21 81 47 65 or by e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr

Christingle /Advent Service - 7th December

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping, yet in the commercial build-up to Christmas, it so often gets neglected. Our candlelit service in December will offer the opportunity to take a backstep from the hectic preparation of the Christmas festivities and to join together, not only to sing Advent carols but also to reflect on the true Christmas message.

Two Christmas Services

Advance notice of two carol services, both to be led by Rev. Charles Hill: Saturday 20th December at 16h00, our traditional village carol service at Estréelles church, combined with members of the local community; then the following day, Sunday 21st December, our own congregation's service with carols in the chapel.

November Quiz Saturday 29th November

A further chance to prove how smart you are with another Quiz Night, entry fee 10 Euros per head includes cheese, wine and all refreshments. Venue: Salle Communale, rue du Moulin, 62170 Estréelles. Please let Lalage know if you are coming ☎03 21 81 47 65 or by e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr

A very happy occasion

A picture book wedding took place this summer in the tiny mountain village of Hrib in northern Croatia, between Valérie Zagar and Nicolas Batas-Bjelic eldest son of Jean-Paul and Pam Batas-Bjelic of this congregation. The charming village was the birthplace of the bride's parents and home of her paternal grandparents. The ceremony was conducted in a small hilltop church where the views stretch endlessly across unspoiled woodland and mountains, plus the weather on the day was as perfect as the setting. The reception was held a few kilometres north at Osilnica in neighbouring Slovenia, where 120 guests celebrated in true Balkan style right through until the small hours. It was not difficult to see why Nicolas has fallen in love Valérie and now Croatia itself, its people and traditions. The day left them with memories to treasure for the rest of their lives. The happy couple live at present in Mulhouse and are planning a honeymoon in America.



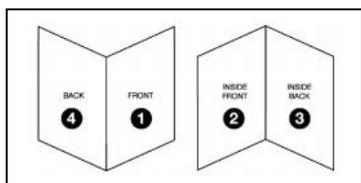
Other services in the Chaplaincy...

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 not the hospital, but 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.crompt@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.

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.



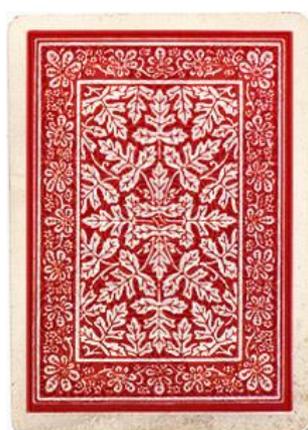
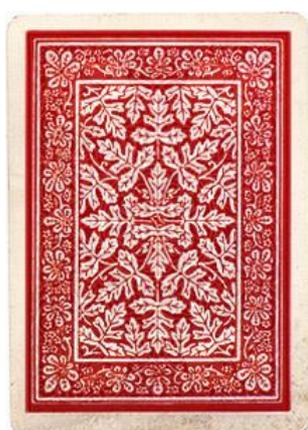
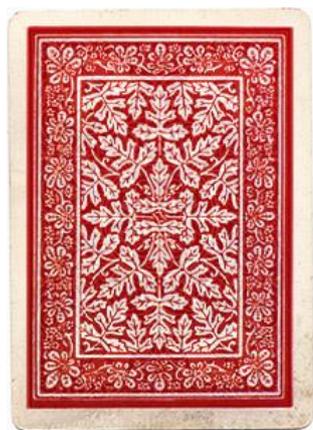
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This newsletter can be found, together with other information about the Chaplaincy, on our website at: <http://www.anglicanspdc.com>

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And just for the fun of it ...

During the First World War whenever the Tommies could snatch a few moments of rest and relaxation they liked to play cards – but here is a puzzler that gave them some trouble - can you help?



- 1: To the left of the Queen there is a Jack
- 2: To the left of a spade there is a diamond
- 3: To the left of a heart there is a Jack
- 4: To the right of a King there is a spade

Running from left to right what are the face values of the 3 turned over cards above?
Solution to last month's question – the Boulogne advertisement dates from 1987