



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

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Fellowship, Hope and Love

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A few days ago I had the pleasure of meeting our new Chaplain, the Reverend Kirrilee Reid in the process of settling into her new home on the outer edges of Wimereux. She showed me into a delightfully large veranda with views across the open countryside, "yes" she commented "this really will be perfect for meetings," and then with true Aussie informality she wasted no time in putting the kettle on for a cuppa. It was obvious she was very thrilled at being chosen to serve as both our chaplain and as Refugee Projects Officer (RPO), a newly created post in the church for the Pas de Calais.

We were soon chatting and before I knew it the tea was on the table together with a plate of tempting chocolate fudge cakes. Kirrilee said she had grown up in an active church-going family, her parents were the type who were first through the door on Sundays and often the last to leave, but she certainly at that stage, had no plans to enter the church in a formal way. However she was always caught up with church matters, such as youth leadership and having a place on the parish council.

Whilst still in High School Kirrilee met Ewan in the wonderfully named town of Wagga Wagga (pronounced: *wogga-wogga*) in central New South Wales, and later they got married and had three children: Angus, Tobias and Amelia. Being accepted for ministry in Australia, Kirrilee decided to take time out, with the bishop's blessing, to explore different Christian communities in the UK. In 2003, Ewan, Kirrilee and the children moved to Durham for two and a half years. Here she established a new children's and families congregation at St. John's Church, Neville's Cross. Afterwards on returning to Australia she completed her bachelor of Theology and Diploma of Anglican Orders at Charles Sturt University in Canberra, at the end of which she was ordained in 2006. Eager for a parish to serve and a nagging desire to sample life once again in the northern hemisphere, she applied for the position of rector at All Saints' in the small Scottish community of Glencarse, east of the town of Perth. Here she could at least escape the excesses of the sometimes oppressively hot Australian summers. What did the rest of the family think of that idea? After lengthy discussions they all agreed with Kirrilee, it was worth a try. She was appointed and spent eight and a half, very happy and successful years there. But throughout her time as a priest she has always had a burning desire to work with the socially deprived and disenfranchised. She admitted to me that just talking about it is one thing, but sermons are not enough, the church has a key role to play in working to counter the suffering caused by social injustice, to help the vulnerable and poor.

To this end and to gain experience on the front-line of the current migrant situation, she recently spent a few months, on the Greek island of Lesbos working in the Moria Refugee camp. She experienced first hand the plight of families and individuals, who had fled war and deprivation and were simply asking for nothing more than the chance to live out their lives in peace, with a decent and honourable standard of living - something we, in the developed world, are privileged to. She admitted feeling very humbled by being the one selected for the challenging remit of RPO, having been more than aware of other, very experienced applicants in the line up; but understandably she had impressed the selectors. To me this comes as no surprise, with her infectious smile, a deep-rooted sensitivity to the needs of others and a belief that something can be achieved, it is clear she is more than up to the job.

What changes will we see in the coming weeks? Well for one thing, we now have a Chaplain at last to lead our worship but there are no plans afoot to ditch our red order of service books and there will still be a place for lay-led services. There's a lot to work out, but at this stage, Kirrilee confirmed, "I will be spending a great deal of my time getting to know people and just listening."

There was still one last question I had to ask. Having lived in Australia for a spell myself, I knew of the importance of Vegemite to every Aussie and although certain the success of her chaplaincy would not solely



A moment at home: Rev. Kirrilee Reid, our new Chaplain



depend on having a continuous supply, from down-under, of that essential culinary ingredient, nevertheless I could not resist the temptation of raising the subject. "I need not worry," she said with confidence, "the kitchen cupboard, for the present at least, was well stocked up." Reassured, I left feeling we were certainly off to a very good start.

Kirrilee will be licensed as Chaplain of the Pas-de-Calais on Thursday 8th November in Boulogne.

[Malcolm G.]



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

△ △ **Sunday 4th November 2018 10h30 / *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost or First Sunday after All Saints*** - First Eucharist service in the Chaplaincy

to be led by our new Chaplain Revd. Kirrilee Reid. Readings: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34. This service will be followed by a light buffet lunch at 8 Résidence le Ruisseau, 54 rue de la Chapelle, 62360 La Capelle les Boulogne, (exceptionally there will be no coffee after the service).

△ △ **Thursday 8th November 2018 18h00 / *Service for the licensing of Chaplain of the Pas-de-Calais and Refugee Projects Officer: Revd. Kirrilee Reid***, conducted by The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe – The Right Reverend Dr Robert Innes and the Bishop of Dover The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

△ △ **Sunday 18th November 2018 10h30 / *Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*** - Eucharist service to be led by our Chaplain Revd. Kirrilee Reid. Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

△ △ **Sunday 2nd December 2018 10h30 / *First Sunday of Advent*** - Eucharist service in to be led by our Chaplain Revd. Kirrilee Reid. Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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News and dates for your diary...

For catering purposes if you are planning to attend the after service meal on 4th November please contact Linda at: linda.pilliere@free.fr / ☎: 03 21 32 49 76 and for 8th November (Kirrilee's Installation) please contact: Pat Page ☎ 03 21 35 07 65 / e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr

***** Friday 2nd November 15h00: BIBLE STUDY** at 103 rue Pierre Ledent, 62170 Montreuil, when we'll be studying Galatians 4. For further information, contact Colin Ley: leycej@aol.com ☎ 0688792185

*****Saturday, 10th November 18h00: CEREMONY** in honour of Field Marshal Douglas Haig, led by Paul Glaister and followed by shepherds' pie and pudding at the home of Paul and Lalage Glaister in Estréelles. *telephone Paul or Lalage on 03 21 81 47 65 or lalageglaister@gmail.com if attending*

??? Friday, 16th November 19h00: GRAHAM'S QUIZ NIGHT in the Salle Communale, Estréelles, €10 per person including a ploughman's supper with wine. *Contact details if attending: Paul or Lalage on 03 21 81 47 65 or lalageglaister@gmail.com*

***** Tuesday 27th November 10h00: COFFEE MORNING** at the home of Pauline Cecchin, 13 Parvis Notre Dame, Boulogne-sur-Mer– all are welcome contact ☎ 03 21 92 14 70 or e-mail: cecchinp@wanadoo.fr

*****Saturday 8th December 15h30: TRADITIONAL VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE** at Estréelles church, combined with members of the local community, plus stalls, mince pies and mulled wine.



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At a service last month David Furbur presented an alphabetical list of what it means to him to come to church – here is the list David gave to the congregation:

A is for Awareness - Going to church increases your awareness of where you are in life and what you are doing

B is for Belief - Being with others in church reinforces and strengthens one's belief

C is Conscience - Church makes you question your conscience as to what you are doing and where you are going wrong

D is for Devotion - religious observance with others is different to what you get praying at home alone

E is for Eucharist - increasingly for me becoming the most compelling part of worship

F is for Faith

G is for Guidance -we all need guidance. We get guidance in church from hearing the sermons, or talking to others or simply observing others action in our congregation

H is for Hope - When we are a little down, it teaches us to be optimistic; during intercessions we think of others who are worse off than ourselves making us realise how lucky we really are

I is for Insight-The dictionary definition is the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something. Church attendance does that plus bible study

J is for Joy-When I leave church I am happy. Joyful. Full of positive thoughts. Complete

K is for Knowledge - church attendance and listening and learning increases our knowledge of God, Jesus's teachings and the Apostles development of the Christian argument

L is for Love- Love one another - the most important thing

M is for Meditation - People do yoga and other things, I just come to church and, to use the vernacular: 'It chills me out!'

N is for Nourishment - nourishment of the soul

O is for Opportunity - the opportunity to watch, listen and learn from others in the congregation or the person leading the Service.

P is for Peace - the very Peace that seems to issue out of the walls of a church

Q is to Question -- what I and I hope you do in church to reinforce your belief

R is for Reflection

S is for Silence - those moments of quiet reflection in church when we are all together but we are silent and individually have our private thoughts and prayers for people we know or knew or those who need our silent prayers.

T is for Thought - Thought is triggered in church by the services, the prayers, the words spoken. It makes us think.

U is for Understanding - The church should cause us to be more understanding of others and not to be so quick to judge others.

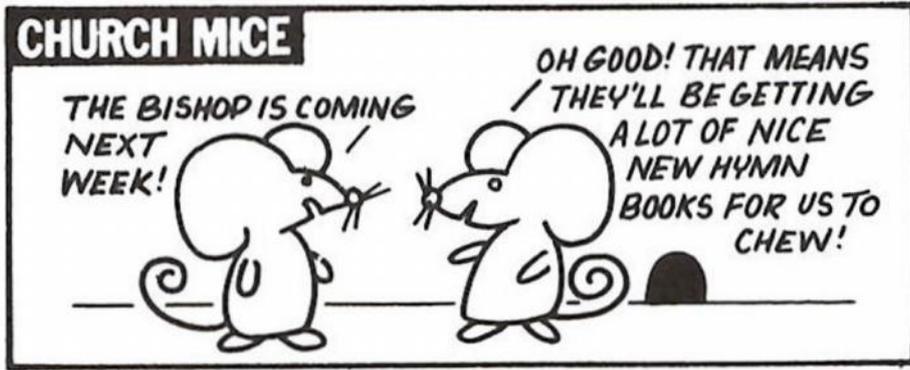
V is for Virtue -We cannot aspire to being paragons of virtue but church makes us aware of the need to raise our moral standards and be more virtuous.

W is for Worship - We come here to Worship. To give worth to God and to do it together

X is the X-Factor - God has the X factor. With his x-ray eyes he can look into our Souls and see what we are thinking and how we are acting. In church one is more vulnerable to this force.

Y is for Yuletide – the archaic name for Christmas but a reminder that the best place to worship the Birth of Jesus Christ is by worship and singing carols in church with others.

Z is the third unknown quantity in an algebraic formula - the unknown difficult to understand concept -So if X is God with the X factor, and Y is Yuletide or Christ at Christmas then Z is the Holy Spirit that indefinable concept that we strive to understand in our church worship together.



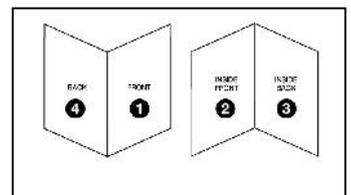
Other services in the Chaplaincy:
Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The normal place of worship is now the Oratoire Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais – (near St Pierre's church.) Church Warden: Pat Page e-mail pat.page@wanadoo.fr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

Hesdin's services: 1st Sunday – Lay Led service – 10h30 / 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion – 17h00. Services are held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin – Church Warden: Michael Spriggs ☎ 03 21 81 61 79

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: georgemurray@sfr.fr.

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November - the eleventh month. The 11th hour of the 11th day marks the commemoration of the end of World War I, the armistice. The declaration was actually signed at 5am, aboard the private railway carriage of French Allied Supreme Commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch deep in the forest beside the small village of Rethondes, near Compiègne and brought into force six hours later. Between 1914 and 1918, this scrap between nation states, known as the Great War, claimed close to 20 million lives – most of them young ones. Lest we forget.

