



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais

BOULOGNE CONGREGATION September 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

September days

Thirty days hath September is the first thing we learn about this special month, ah ...but that's not all ... it might be worth noting that its first day always coincides with December's first day and no other month of the year ends on the same day of the week as September's last day, in any year. Not that we can attribute much practical value to those gems of knowledge ...but now you know!

Back in the 1950s, each year at my father's place of work, a raffle was held for holiday dates amongst the staff, and more often or not by the hand of fate, he pulled out of the hat a fortnight in September. I am not sure if this is what he really wanted but he consoled himself with the fact that, although the days were growing shorter, the weather was more settled and less fickle than the earlier holiday months - the 'last of the summer wine' theory - not that it was much good for late family holidays by the seaside, as I was already back at school.

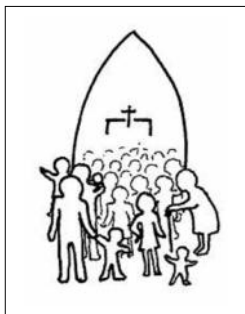
September is alluring, nostalgic, romantic and clouded with a hint of melancholy; the temperatures begin to drop, the colours of the summer foliage turn to the autumn browns and ambers, and leaves cover the ground with a carpet of gold. The horse chestnut trees in the nearby park are already heavy with 'conkers' and elsewhere harvest is in full swing. We can still grasp the chance for a few more meals out-of-doors and, who knows, the fine weather might last until October. Memories of summer holidays melt into the reminiscences of going back to school, ready to learn or unlearn, moments laced with excitement and nervousness. I can remember only too well the first day back singing, in the school hall, the lines: *'Lord, behold us with Thy blessing, Once again assembled here'*.

But leaving flashbacks aside, in September we are truly on the threshold of wrapping up the year once more, as the sun dips below the horizon earlier every day, many have seen it as a metaphor for the onset of our own ageing. In the well-known standard 'September Song', Maxwell Anderson's lyrics, together with Kurt Weill's music, catch the mood perfectly. A man recalls his youthful days and then: *'the days grow short when you reach September'* so he continues: *'the days dwindle down to a precious few'*. Shakespeare said the same thing in his Sonnet 73, yet more bluntly: *'That time of year thou may'st in me behold, when yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang'*. Fortunately Anderson is more upbeat; he sees the positive side of ageing and if any thing smacks of impatience: *'one hasn't got time for the waiting game'* - he sees it as a matter of taking advantage of each of these *'precious days'* - in other words - use your time to the full and don't allow the autumn leaves to pile up around you. Life is rich, complex and mystifying, but not for nothing- every day is precious so - *'carpe diem'* - seize the day the Lord has given us. MG



Illustration for September from *Les Très Riches Heures du duc de Berry* (folio 9) 1411-1416

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 -New Living Translation)



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

- **Sunday 7th September 2014 10h30 / Twelfth Sunday after Trinity** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Jean Karsen and Jane Langlet
- **Sunday 21st September 2014 10h30 / Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity** - Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss. Readings: Proverbs 3, 13-18; Psalm 119, 65-72; 2 Corinthians 4, 1-6; Matthew 9, 9-13

- **Sunday 5th October 2014 10h30 / Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival Eucharist** – service led by Rev Peter Brown of Thanet and followed by a ‘Bring and Share Lunch’. Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46
- **Sunday 19th October 2014 10h30 / Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity** Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss. Readings: Exodus 33, 12-end; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1-18; Matthew 22, 15-22

News and dates for your diary:

We look forward on **Sunday 5th October** to welcoming Rev Peter Brown of Thanet to celebrate our **Harvest Festival and Eucharist**. The service will be followed by a ‘bring and share lunch’ held, as before, in the meeting room behind the chapel. Lalage ☎03 21 81 47 65, e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr 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 what you can bring before **Tuesday 30th September**, plus any contributions of produce you can make to decorate the altar, which will be donated to the sisters afterwards. All assistance in making this service and lunch a success will be greatly appreciated. Another ‘bring and share’ lunch will be held on 16th November, which will be Rev Reg Humphriss’s last service with us.

Rev Peter Brown tells us that during his years as an ordained minister in the Church of England, he feels he has been conferred a privilege, comparable with the story in Exodus Ch 2:vv 1-10 when Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses in the rushes and engaged his own mother to care for him. In other words he was employed in a job that has been such a wonderful blessing. After two curacies in the Oxford Diocese (1971- 74) he spent the next 35 years in two rewarding incumbencies in London. He is married to Meg, who will be accompanying him, as she has done through life’s up and downs, on this trip to the Pas de Calais. They have been blessed with 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Although now retired, he helps out at local churches in East Kent, notably in Ramsgate and Westgate on Sea.

?? ? Mary Jean Bartlett ...

reports on our QUIZ NIGHT, which took place on 11th JULY

Did you know that Paul and Lalage Glaister hosted a fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday July 11th at the Salle Communale in Estréelles? If you weren't there, then let me tell you as a newcomer to these events, that you missed a treat!

Perhaps like me you were somewhat apprehensive about having enough general knowledge to answer the questions you were going to be challenged with by quizmaster Graham Hughes. But the way the evening was organised was both novel and great fun! And, moreover, a wonderful way to meet people you might not have met before. Every two rounds you were moved to a different partner or different table to share your knowledge in trying to answer some challenging questions.

What kind of questions? Let me tell you some of the rounds: local knowledge, maps and flags of the world, what do you know about France? and 'double trouble'.

There was a prize for the winner and even a gift for the person with the lowest score, and to crown the evening a wonderful table of baguettes, cheese, pate and pickles accompanied by refreshing wine or *kir royale*. Would I go again? Most definitely! Thank you Paul, Lalage, Graham and Jean for a very enjoyable evening.

GRAHAM HUGHES CONTINUES HIS JOURNEY THROUGH BELGIAN FLANDERS

Discovering Passchendaele and Hill 60 ...



Tyne Cot Cemetery

The Cloth Hall in the Grand Place has been totally refurbished of late and today houses a most impressive interactive museum of remembrance of WW1. We found we could only spend so much time there before becoming overwhelmed with the enormity of the war before driving out to the Tyne Cot Memorial. This records and commemorates 34,887 names of men from the United Kingdom and New Zealand Forces who died from the date of 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave, as well as the graves of a further 11,954 soldiers of the Commonwealth Forces of whom over 8000 are unidentified. This is the largest number of burials contained in any Commonwealth cemetery of either the First or Second World War. It is the largest Commonwealth military cemetery in the world. The cemetery first

came into being in October 1917 when the ridge where the cemetery is now located was captured by the British Army. After a number of skirmishes when first one side and then the other occupied the ground, the cemetery settled in allied hands only in October 1918. After the Armistice of 11th November 1918 the cemetery was enlarged. Over 11,500 graves of British soldiers from the nearby battlefields of and Langemarck were located and brought into this cemetery. The graves from nine small burial grounds in the area were also brought to this site. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

Hill 60 on the other side of town had been preserved in something like its original lay-out as one of the strategic points in the Ypres battlefield. This high ground was man-made in the 1850s, having been created by the spoil from the cutting for the railway line. It is now a leafy site but was the scene of desperate fighting in April and May 1915 between the British and German armies. The launch of a British attack on 17th April 1915 began with the exploding of three mines, which literally blew the top off the hill. Thereafter, French, British, Australian and German soldiers carried tunnelling and mining operations out here. If tunnels caved in or were blown in by the enemy, the soldiers who died underground were usually left where they lay because of the difficulty of retrieving them. The remains of many soldiers, therefore, still rest in this site. The Hill 60 Restaurant opposite the site serves a pleasant lunch – especially if you speak a smattering of Flemish.

You can only see a fraction of the battlefields in a day, so we finished by making a quick stop at the so-called Yorkshire Trench named after the 49th West Riding Division who originally dug it and which is situated near to the Yser Canal at Boesinge. This is an excellent recent addition to the sites available on the Ypres Salient, since there are not too many with preserved or recreated trenches. This one is based on the careful excavation of a site threatened with destruction, and the eventual saving of at least a portion of it for public view is laudable. In its modern preserved form it cannot give more than an impression of the reality of trench warfare- no gunfire, no mud, no rats, no disease and no blood. Its being sited in the middle of an industrial estate adds to its otherworldliness and incongruity

One of the lasting impressions is the care that has been, and is being, taken over the maintenance of the memorials and cemeteries – just as in the Somme. The museums paid homage to all the soldiers who fought in that part of Belgium very well and it was good to see the respect shown by the many school parties we came across. Young and old alike looked on in disbelief at the appalling conditions endured by troops and the local populations. The world was so different for many of the visitors' grandfathers and great grandfathers and it is good that modern generations can at least glimpse what life must have been like. If you have the emotional stamina you could spend weeks in the area seeing memorials, museums and cemeteries. Our two days had given us lessons both in history and humility, while we are still wondering why 42 years had elapsed before our return, which was so thought provoking and worthwhile.



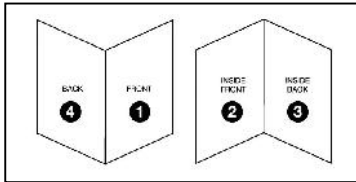
Other services in the Chaplaincy

Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The normal place of worship is 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 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, 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>

And just for the fun of it ...

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DIANA WAS STILL ALIVE HOURS BEFORE SHE DIED

A SERIES of previously un-seen CCTV images have revealed that Diana was alive and well before she was tragically killed in Paris ten years ago.

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With thanks to editors from around the English speaking world for brightening our day...

Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

The Toronto Star 06/14/96

Hospitals resort to hiring doctors

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE PROMPTING MOVE, ADMINISTRATORS SAY

Bugs flying around with wings are flying bugs

By Wayne Hansen Redwood Co. Extension Educator

Anthracnose continues to develop on many green ash, oak, maple, and other species.

Parents keep kids home to protest school closure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Parents kept 200 elementary school students home from school for an entire day in a parent-organized protest of the district's plans to close the school.

up even though most of the students didn't, and that it was largely business as usual for the remaining students who studied in small classes.

"I know I'm the principal," she said. "That's not my job."

Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

Store Owner Arrested Previously

By Brian Barber

On July 2, undercover agents raided a weapons store in a suburb of Chicago, finding a cache of guns and other weapons.

Statistics show that Teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

Mary Anne Tiedens, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs (contributed by Harry F. Punter)

Meeting on open meetings is closed

Total lunar eclipse will be broadcast live on Northwoods Public Radio

If you're a stargazer, join KAXE 91.7 FM for a special skywatch on Sunday evening, Nov. 28. A spectacular view of the total lunar eclipse is predicted for northern Minnesota. KAXE and Itasca Community College physics professor Aaron Wenger will

If it's cloudy, call the station first for more information. KAXE will broadcast the stargazing, and Wenger's comments about the lunar eclipse, live on 91.7 FM, beginning around midnight. KAXE 91.7 FM is Northwoods Public Radio, a 17-

Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

By The Associated Press

A 28-year-old woman who had been an experimental drug trial as a result of her illness, died after taking the drug.

"The death of this woman is a tragedy," the FDA said in a statement.

17 REMAIN DEAD IN MORGUE SHOOTING SPREE

Microsoft breakup won't be pursued

ON TEENAGERS, ADULTS:

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Trial on hold 3 years