



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais
BOULOGNE CONGREGATION
November 2012 Newsletter

Dear All,

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander McCrae
(1872 –1918)
From: In Flanders Fields and Other Poems
(1918)

In Flanders fields

November is a month when we remember, above all those who died in the hostilities of the two great wars and numerous other, more recent, fields of conflict such as present day Afghanistan. In our corner of France the memories of battles past are everywhere. As with the poppies which adorn our countryside each summer, the landscape is shared with the rows of crosses in war cemeteries, bearing the names of young soldiers and airmen now lying forever 'in Flanders fields'.



It is recounted that the making and wearing of artificial poppies in November, as an act of remembrance, was inspired by the words contained in a poem written by Canadian physician and army officer: John Alexander McCrae. The words certainly had a lot of impact and became one of the most popular and often quoted verses of the First World War. The lines were scribbled down at Ypres when one of McCrae's friends and former students was killed in May 1915; the poem was first published later that year, anonymously, in the December issue of the magazine *Punch*. Lt-Col. McCrae never saw his native Canada again, he served his final years here in Boulogne in charge of a military hospital; unfortunately while still performing his duties as hospital commander he finally fell ill himself and died later of pneumonia, aged 45. He lies buried amongst comrades in a neat row of graves in the Commonwealth War Graves section of Wimereux cemetery – his own Flanders field.

Footnote: as a tribute, the town of Wimereux named the street running alongside the cemetery after the soldier poet, however don't look for Rue John McCrae, the authorities managed to misspell and render it on the signboard as 'Rue Mac CRAE' !

Our service of Remembrance this year will take place in the chapel on November 4th when poppies for the 2012 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be on sale.

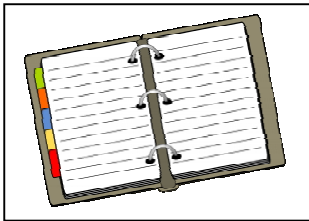
Presentation to the sisters

A big thank-you to all who brought produce to the Harvest Festival Eucharist on October 21st ; this was passed on to the sisters, together with a donation of €200 from our funds in gratitude for their hospitality and allowing us to share their lovely chapel for worship.



Our services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel, 2 rue du Denacre, Boulogne St Martin:

- ◆ **Sunday – November 4th 10h30 Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity** - Morning service of **Remembrance** for those who gave their lives in two world wars and other fields of conflict led by Canon Reg Humphriss
- ◆ **Sunday – November 18th 10h30 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity - Eucharist** service led by Canon Reg Humphriss
- ◆ **Sunday – December 2nd 10h30 Advent Sunday** Morning service of carols and hymns with readings to celebrate the **First Day of Advent** led by Paul and Lalage Glaister
- ◆ **Sunday – December 16th 10h30 Third Sunday in Advent... Christmas Carol Service** led by Canon Reg Humphriss



Dates for your diary

Saturday 1st December at 15h00 An Afternoon Tea and Quiz will take place at the home of Thierry and Jane Langlet, 23 Rue Jean-François de Rozier Pilâtre, Wimille. Further details from Jane – email: jtlanglet@club-internet.fr

Saturday 15th December in Estréelles village parish church there will be a joint Christmas service with the local congregation and members of Hesdin and Boulogne Anglican churches.

Ardres Christmas Market - Sunday 9th December starting at 11h00. To raise funds the Chaplaincy will be taking a stall and needs puddings, mince pies and any kind of Christmas fare to sell at the market. As it coincides with the morning service at Calais, volunteers are required to help set up prior to opening and during the morning. If you can help in any way, please contact Pat Page on: 03 21 35 07 65 or e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr



Ferry Free

If you fancy a day return from Calais to Dover for free, now is your chance. The new ferry company 'MyFerryLink' is offering day trips between Monday 5th and Friday 9th November for absolutely nothing! Reserve a car and up to 9 passengers via their web-site: <http://www.myferrylink.com/fr> using the code: **'GRATUIT'** - your bankcard will be debited with one centime, which will be reimbursed on embarkation. If you fail to return on the same day however, your card will be charged the full single fare.



◆ **Other Services in the Pas de Calais Chaplaincy**

2nd Sunday of each month: Calais** 10h30: Hesdin* 17h00.

4th Sunday of month: Hesdin* 10h30: Calais** 10h30.

*Services held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, 62140 Hesdin.

** Please note Calais services are now held in the chapel of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (enter by the main door, the chapel is above the cafeteria off the central hall.)

If you are aware of someone who is ill, in hospital or at home and would appreciate a visit or if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer please contact the secretary or church warden: Lalage Glaister can be contacted: - ☎03 21 81 47 65, e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr

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.