

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

Dear All,

*All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.*

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844 - 1889
From '*The May Magnificat*'

Hopkins was a 'high Anglican' who converted to Catholicism whilst in his 20s and was received into the Catholic faith by another convert John Henry Newman; he later became a Jesuit priest. In his poem, 'The May Magnificat' he sings the praises of the Virgin Mary and the month of May, which symbolizes perhaps more than any other, new life. In Boulogne we are very fortunate to have the privilege of worshiping in the lovely chapel attached to the Carmelite monastery in Saint Martin Boulogne, so kindly provided by the sisters. Following the age-old tradition in the Catholic community, floral decoration plays an even greater role during May in celebration of the hope brought into the world through Mary, the Mother of Jesus and all of God's creation. Needless to say, the sisters unreservedly excel themselves every service by their splendid use of flowers and plants, offering a true *magnificat* of all things bright and beautiful, for which we pay tribute. Undeniably yet another good reason to attend one of the Sunday services in the chapel at 2, rue du Denacre, Boulogne St Martin, listed below:



Details of our forthcoming services:

- ❖ **Sunday – May 6th 10h30 Fourth Sunday of Easter** - Morning worship, a lay-led service with members of the congregation
 - ❖ **Sunday – May 20th 10h30 Sunday after Ascension Day** - Eucharist service led by Canon Gordon Manley former vicar of Faversham in Kent, now Canon Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral
 - ❖ **Sunday – June 17th 10h30 Second Sunday after Trinity – Fathers' Day** Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss
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Social events: Some dates for your diary

Time to add these fund raising events to your diaries...



► **Saturday 16th May: Cheese and Wine Party 19h00:**

Hannah France has very kindly offered us the use of her beautiful house at 119 rue Pierre Ledent, Montreuil sur Mer for this event. If you would like a ticket, just telephone Lalage on 03 21 81 47 65, or e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr the cost is 10€ per person; the proceeds will go to church funds. *Venez nombreux!*

- **Weekend of Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June:** There will be two afternoons when you can enjoy a delicious Strawberry Tea at Paul and Lalage Glaister's house in Estréelles, further details in next month's newsletter.
- **Sunday 1st July:** Graham and Jean Hughes have kindly agreed to host a Barbecue Lunch at their house in Merlimont, once again details nearer the time.
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Monastère du Carmel - Boulogne St Martin

The chapel, in which we hold our Sunday services, was completed and dedicated in November 1956 to replace the original building destroyed during a disastrous bombing raid, along with the rest of the monastery, in September 1944. The Carmelites first came to Boulogne in 1914 fleeing Belgium at the outbreak of WW1 and were established on the rue du Denacre site in 1916. The Order takes its name from Mont Carmel, in Israel, where it was founded in the 12th century. Over the years numerous reforms have taken place but the most significant was in the 16th century by Saint Teresa of Ávila. Conceivably the best known Carmelite nun, of relatively recent times who brought the order to a wider public, was Sainte Thérèse de Lisieux (Thérèse Martin), whose portrait hangs in the chapel. After her death she became a very popular and inspiration figure through the publication of her spiritual autobiography: "*Histoire d'une âme*" (Story of a Soul). She was canonized in 1925, by Pope Pius XI.

There are ninety Carmelite monasteries in France and many others worldwide. At present in Boulogne, there are eight sisters and two novices and the basis of their lives is one of both solitude and sharing; when not going about their religious duties, they manufacture greetings cards and clothes especially for babies and young children. The chapel is open to the public during the day for private prayer or to attend mass.

The essential thing is to keep this newsletter lively so please if you have any news, short articles – jokes or puzzles even for inclusion, please send them to the secretary Malcolm Gale: malcolm.gale@dbmail.com - ☎03 21 31 83 57 or by post to 76, rue de la Paix, 62200 Boulogne sur Mer.

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