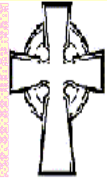


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**April 2007 - Prayer focus:**

We pray for...

- The AGM, those standing for election and all who travel to attend.
- Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, those who care for them.
- Those who mourn.
- All those suffering injustice and persecution, wherever they may be.

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## News from ICS

### **A comforting word for a difficult time**

A mere three chapters long, the Old Testament book of Habakkuk finds a servant of God examining the difficult spiritual situation he sees around him, turning to God, and hearing God's reassuring message that he has indeed provided a Saviour, and that the wicked in the world will not ultimately triumph, even if they appear to do so now.

A rather odd book, you might think, as the basis for the main talks at ICS's Chaplains and Families' Conference which runs from 23rd to 27th April. The conference - an annual event - draws together chaplains, some co-leaders, and families from across Europe and the Mediterranean for five days of refreshment, prayer and Biblical stimulus. The aim is always to better equip them, and the churches they serve, to spread the gospel in countries where (often) church attendance has dropped markedly since World War II, and where there are many who know nothing of the Christian story. Some work in places like Lebanon - where there are forces working to destroy the country - and others who face difficult pastoral circumstances daily. Conference is a welcome chance to step back and reflect. The Bible is a sufficient written revelation of God and of his truth to enable us to know him and serve him: may Habakkuk speak to all at the ICS Conference and, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, take chaplains deeper into God's truth so that they may help you, and people like you, live for Christ in the world.

Please pray for

- The Conference's main speakers (Jonathan Lamb, Bishop Geoffrey), seminar and worship leaders, the staff and ICS Council members attending - may all that is said and done glorify God.
- The recruitment of new chaplains for the Falkland Islands, The Hague and Casablanca which is under way at the moment.
- The message of the cross to be clearly proclaimed in the tourist services in Zermatt and Wengen this Easter.

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## SERVICE DETAILS - Ploërmel

### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup>     **(Palm Sunday)** 11.00 Holy Communion  
Zachariah 9: 9-12, 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, Matthew 21:1-11  
President and Preacher: The Revd Dr John Marvell  
Leader: The Revd Hazel Door
- 5<sup>th</sup>     **(Maundy Thursday)** 18.30  
Holy Communion with Foot Washing\*\*  
Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10), 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, John  
13: 1-17, 31b-35  
President and Leader: The Revd Hazel Door  
Preacher: Mr Robin Hillman
- 6<sup>th</sup>     **(Good Friday)**  
10.00 Pilgrimage walk - Stations of the Cross at Callac (56)  
12.00-15.00 Vigil in the chapel - come and go  
as you please
- 8<sup>th</sup>     **(EASTER DAY)** 11.00 (see also Bonen) Holy Communion  
Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25, Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18  
President, Preacher and Leader: The Revd Hazel Door
- 15<sup>th</sup>    **(2nd Sunday of Easter )** 11.00 Holy Communion  
Revelation 1: 4-8 (or Exodus 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21), Acts 5:  
27-32 (or Rev. 1: 4-8), John 20: 19-31  
President: The Revd Michael Grainger  
Leader and Preacher: The Revd Hazel Door
- 22<sup>nd</sup>    **(3rd Sunday of Easter)** 11.00 (see also Bonen)

Holy Communion

Revelation 5: 11-14 (or Zephaniah 3: 14-20), Acts 9: 1-6 (or Rev. 5: 11-14), John 21: 1-19

President and Preacher: The Revd Hazel Door

Leader: Lay Minister

29<sup>th</sup> **(4th Sunday of Easter)** 11.00 Prayer and Praise

Leader: The Revd Hazel Door

\*\* For the Maundy Thursday service at Ploërmel, would volunteers for foot washing please contact Hazel on 02 97 22 31 38.

## **SERVICE DETAILS - Other areas**

### **BONEN**

Sunday April 8th (EASTER DAY)

10.30 - Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Grainger

Leader: Mr Robin Hillman

(Readings as above for Ploërmel)

Sunday April 22nd (3rd Sunday of Easter)

10.30 - Holy Communion

President, Preacher and Leader: The Revd Michael Grainger

(Readings as above for Ploërmel)

### **HUELGOAT**

Tuesday April 10th

18.30 - Holy Communion for EASTER

President: The Revd Hazel Door

Preacher: Mr Robin Hillman

Leader: Mrs Laura Hillman

(Readings as above for Easter Sunday at Ploërmel)

**For further information about any of the services please get in touch with The Revd Hazel Door, Churchwarden or Reader.**

## **Other Dates for your Diary**

### **Fellowship Meetings**

Ploërmel - Meet every Wednesday commencing at 11.30am followed by shared lunch.

St Vran - Fellowship meeting dates for April are 12th and 26th commencing with a shared lunch. All welcome. For further information contact Joyce and Alex Fraser - 02 96 56 13 22.

## **Sunday 29th April 2007 - Pardon of St Georges at Lanvénege**

We have been invited by the people of the village of St Georges at Lanvénege to participate in the Pardon of England's patron saint on Sunday April 29th (a few days late because of the Presidential election on April 22nd, the nearest Sunday to St George's Day, April 23rd). The programme for the day is:

**11.00 Mass in the Chapel of St Georges** followed by a demonstration of Breton dancing

**12.30 Lunch in the Salle municipale (10 euros)**

**15.00 Anglo-Breton festivities including a magic show, singing, dancing, music, poetry and a slide show of the history of the Pardon.**

We hope that those of you who live near Lanvénegen will feel able to support this event. To find the chapel turn left off the main road between Le Faouët and Scaër (D782), taking the D177 signposted Lanvénegen and the chapel is about 500 metres along on the right. There will be direction markers posted on the day.

It is not necessary to book in advance but the organisers would appreciate some idea of numbers expected for the lunch so it would help if you could let Robin or Laura Hillman know if you intend to come (tel: 02 97 51 74 26).

**Don't forget...**

### **2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The 2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Ploërmel on Sunday 15th April immediately after the usual morning service.

**Coming up...**

We are hoping to hold an evening with a difference, some time in early June .... watch this space; John Edge will undertake a 100:1 challenge.

**Watch this space...**

We hope to have other items of interest for summer fundraising. Further details to be announced soon.

*If you have anything to add to 'Don't forget', 'Coming up' or 'Watch this space', please email them to Vicki Lewer at the usual email address. Thank you*

**and finally.....**

Most of you will be reading this during Holy Week, a time of prayerful preparation leading to Good Friday and to Easter Day. During the Lent course this year we have been looking back to equip ourselves for looking forward. We have been following one of the York courses, this one taking the actions of William Wilberforce and seeking to relate them to our lives and culture in the 21st century. It has been an interesting and enlightening journey. A journey which does have relevance for us today, when racism in all its forms is still evident, when people are still enslaved, exploited and denied even the most basic human rights.

Jesus spoke for the underprivileged, the outcast, the slaves, the captives and for sinners, (I think we all belong in one or other of those categories!). He spoke out in love for us. He spoke of God's love for all creation. Out of His love for us He stretched out His arms on the cross and redeemed our sins. By His death he paid our debt and set us free. He commanded us to love God and to love our

neighbour. We fail to do this when we see injustices and do not speak out against them; when we fail to support those who are persecuted, when we cease serving Christ in one another.

We celebrate Easter, our rebirth with the resurrected Christ; but do we honour Christ in each other? Can we truthfully claim that we love as He loves us? Of course not, we fail as we must. We shall never be worthy of His love, but we must never stop trying, we must never stop loving Him and seeking to serve Him in one another,

May the Blessing of the Risen Christ be with you this Eastertide.

**Hazel**