



# CHRIST CHURCH BRITTANY

'To know Jesus Christ and make Him Known'  
Ploërmel + Huelgoat + Rostrenen

## Newsletter April 2009

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### **Prayer Focus April 2009**

- ❖ That those who have doubts or have not found Our Lord, may, in the Easter message, find hope and purpose for their lives.
- ❖ That we may continue to know Jesus Christ and make Him known.
- ❖ For all those who are sick, for the elderly and for those disabled in body mind or spirit.

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## SERVICES FOR APRIL 2009

### PLOERMEL

#### April

5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	11-00	H C Order 1
9 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	18.30	H C Order 1 and stripping of the altar
10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	10.30	Walk stations of the cross at Callac, followed by meditation at 12-00 in church
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	11-00	H C Order 1, followed by shared lunch.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2	11-00	H C Order 1
26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3	11-00	FAMILY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

### ROSTRENEN - Chapelle du Manoir de Campostal.

12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	10.30	H C Order 1
26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3	10-30	H C Order 1

### HUELGOAT - Parish Church in the town centre

12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	16-30	H C Order 1
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**For further information about any of these services please get in touch with The Rev'd Hazel Door, Churchwardens or the local contacts.**

## **OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Christ Church Brittany - Annual General Meeting 2009**

A final reminder as announced in previous Newsletters that the 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009, immediately following the service. Please try and attend.

Elections will take place before the AGM for the appointment of two Churchwardens. During the AGM itself elections will take place for Council members and an Independent Examiner and a number of Sidespersons will also be appointed. If you are interested and would like to take on one of these roles please see one of the Churchwardens or Hazel.

Please remember that to vote at the AGM or to serve as an elected member of Council you must be on the Electoral Roll.

### **Spring Concert – Final Reminder**

A final reminder that a charity concert has been organised for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009 commencing at 8.30pm and will be held in the new Amphithéâtre of the Lycée La Mennais, Ploërmel. The concert is to raise funds for Water Aid. We are still looking for helpers for the event, particularly for distributing publicity, and for providing cakes etc and raffle prizes all for raising extra funds. Please try and attend and bring your friends and neighbours, there is a real variety of performances taking place and it should be a most enjoyable and fun evening and will raise money for a very worthy cause. For further information please contact John or Helen Edge on 02 97 74 97 96.

### **Fellowship Meetings – April 2009**

#### **St Vran**

Fellowship meeting dates for April are the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> starting with a shared lunch. All are welcome. For further information please contact Joyce and Alex Fraser on 02 96 56 13 22 or e-mail [alex.fraser@wanadoo.fr](mailto:alex.fraser@wanadoo.fr).

#### **Redon Area**

The Home Group will be continuing with a Lent course which will be held alternatively at either Joy Morin's home in Redon or Maureen Wilson's at Glénac. For further information please contact Joy on 02 99 71 12 30 or Maureen on 02 99 08 21 94.

## **Rostrenen Area**

The Rostrenen Home Group will be continuing a Lent course on the following Wednesdays March 25 and April 1st, starting at 10.30 and followed by a shared lunch. We shall be following the book Lentwise by Paula Gooder. Further details from Robin & Laura Hillman, 02 97 51 74 26 or e-mail to [kermoran@wanadoo.fr](mailto:kermoran@wanadoo.fr).

## **Bannalec**

Meetings usually take place at the Chapel at David and Rebecca Pugh's on Tuesday evenings at 6.00pm. For further information and to check on dates beforehand please contact Rebecca or David on 02 98 35 46 59.

## **Prayers**

Please remember that at 10-30am on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month we can join in an hour of prayer, wherever we may happen to be. If you would like a particular topic for prayer please contact Hazel and we can include your suggestions in future issues of the Newsletter.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **A Thank You**

"I would like to thank the Church for all the prayers, messages and kind thoughts. They were very much appreciated and helped me through a difficult time.

I am now 'on the mend' and must learn to be patient. As I can now climb the church stairs I hope to be here more often.

Most of all, I want to give thanks to God for all his goodness and mercy."

Maureen Wilson – March 2009

### **Prayer Meeting**

Each Sunday at Ploërmel a group meets for quiet prayer time in one of the downstairs rooms at La Source. You may feel the need for special prayer for yourself or someone you know or you may just wish to sit quietly and listen. If you would like to know more have a word with Barbara Woodford or just come along for as long or as short a time as you would like. Prayers start at about 10.20am and last for approximately half an hour.

## **Book for Prayers**

For those who may not know there is a book for prayer requests that is kept on the top of the book shelves just outside the door to the Chapel at Ploërmel. If you would like prayers to be said for someone in need please leave their name in the book and they will normally be included in that weeks intercession prayers.

## **Notices**

In order to keep a sense of order, as they are usually announced before a service formally ends, it is preferred if all Notices are given by either a Churchwarden or the Minister presiding. Therefore if you have anything you would like to be included in the Notices please see one of the Churchwardens before the service commences.

## **Christian One Liners**

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

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Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

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It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

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The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

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When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

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People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

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Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

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If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.  
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God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

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Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.  
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Peace starts with a smile.

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I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?  
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A lot of church members who are singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises.

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We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.  
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Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

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Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.  
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Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

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Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.  
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Forbidden fruits create many jams.

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God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.  
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God grades on the cross, not the curve.

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God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.  
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He who angers you, controls you!

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If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!  
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Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

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The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.  
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The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.  
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We don't change the message, the message changes us.

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You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

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The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

### **Invocation for Lent**

Into a dark world  
a snowdrop comes  
a blessing  
of hope and peace  
carrying within it  
a green heart  
symbol of God's renewing love.

Come to inhabit our darkness  
Lord Christ,  
for dark and light  
are alike to you.

May nature's white candles of hope  
remind us of your birth  
and lighten our journey  
through Lent and beyond.

### **AND FINALLY**

There are many kinds of Christian around and about. Not only the many denominations, from far and near, high up or low down the candle. In 2005 it was calculated that 2.1 billion of the population of the earth claimed Christianity as their faith. That is approximately one third of the world's population.

On Easter Day you may well want to ask "what kind of Christian am I?"  
Actually it's a pretty good question for any day!

What is the significance of Easter to the Christian? For some people, Easter strictly belongs to the realm of the Easter bunny and family get-togethers. For others, Easter is primarily a time of celebrating Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. For many, Easter -- like Christmas -- is celebrated as a combination of the secular and the sacred. The celebration of Jesus' death,

burial, and resurrection from the dead is crucial for those who believe in Him. Without Him, there would be no Christianity and no Christian Easter.

Beyond that doctrine is the knowledge of the truth that Jesus died to pay the penalty of death that we deserve for our sin, was buried, and rose with a glorified body, gaining victory over death and the grave. When we put our faith in Him by believing through faith alone in Christ alone, we have the promise of one day having a body like our Lord's and reigning with Him in heaven.

Philippians 3:20-21 states, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

2 Timothy 2:11-12 says "Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him..."

This gives hope to the Christian at Easter time and throughout the year.

Easter is the reality of our Saviour Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection which transcends failed hopes in things that come up hollow and empty. Out of the pain, suffering, and shame Jesus experienced on our behalf, truth came. Life everlasting came. What a glorious hope you can share with all those who are looking expectantly for the Truth.

The traditional greeting on Easter Day is: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is risen. The response is: He is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let's all shout it out with joy this Eastertide.

May the blessings of the risen Christ light your lives this Easter.

Hazel.

***Christ Church Newsletter Contributions: For the May 2009 issue, please e-mail (or post) your contributions to Chris Wilson at [wilson.christopher@orange.fr](mailto:wilson.christopher@orange.fr) the deadline is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009.***