



CHRIST CHURCH, BRITTANY

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Ploërmel + Nantes + Huelgoat + Bonen
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July 2007 - Prayer focus:

We pray for...

- All those trapped in the nightmare of Dafur.
- All those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them.
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- The Council Meeting on the 9th.
- Those who do not yet know of the redeeming love of Jesus that they may find Him.

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Christ Church Newsletter Contributions: For the August issue, please email your contributions to Christopher Wilson at wilson.christopher@wanadoo.fr

The deadline for contributions is Friday 20th July 2007. Many thanks.

SERVICE DETAILS – Ploërmel

JULY

- 1st (Fourth after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end; Galatians 5:1, 13-25;
Luke 9:51-end
- 8th (5th after Trinity) 11.00 Prayer and Praise
An informal style service consisting of hymns, prayers and readings.
- 15th (6th after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Deuteronomy 7:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
- 22nd (7th after Trinity, Mary Magdalene) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Songs of Solomon 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;
John 20:1-2, 11-18
- 29th (8th after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

SERVICE DETAILS – Other areas

BONEN

Sunday July 22nd 10.30 - Holy Communion

HUELGOAT

Tuesday July 10th 18.30 - Holy Communion

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 – July 2007

Ploërmel

There will be a summer pause in the Fellowship Meetings at Ploërmel. They will recommence in the autumn and the date for re-starting will be announced in a later Newsletter. If anyone would be interested in an Alpha Course in the autumn please contact Hazel or one of the Churchwardens.

St Vran

Fellowship meeting dates for July are 5th and 19th commencing with a shared lunch. All welcome. For further information contact Joyce and Alex Fraser on 02 96 56 13 22.

PCC Meeting

The previously announced meeting of the PCC was postponed and will now be held on Monday July 9th. Please remember that any items that anyone would like to be raised under Any Other Business should be notified to the PCC Secretary, Elaine Wilson, in writing no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Guy Fawkes party

We are holding a Guy Fawkes party on 4th November 2007, all will be welcome whether a churchgoer or not. We particularly wish to have children attending so please tell your friends about this social event. The venue will be the home of Barbara and Terry Woodford,

which is near Pontivy, and we are very grateful to them for making this available. We will be getting together a working party in due course to help with the arrangements so if you are interested

please tell one of the Churchwardens in the first instance. We hope as many people as possible will join in to support this event.

Watch this space...

In the autumn there will be an introductory and refresher course for those who wish to be to lead our worship in any way whether as service leader, intercessor or reader. If you are interested and would like to be considered then please speak to Hazel or one of the Churchwardens.

Autumn Fayre

We are planning to hold an Autumn Fayre on 22nd September at Maison Mere, Ploërmel. If you would like to be involved by manning a stall, providing refreshments or you have some ideas for the event please contact Mary Beswetherick or Val Smith or add your name to the list that is on the wall in the coffee room at Ploërmel.

From Hazel & Martin

May I express our deep gratitude for all the many cards and messages that you have sent me during my time in hospital. The sense of being supported on waves of prayer was very real, and for the first time in my life I felt no anxiety or fear as I was anaesthetised, just a lovely warm feeling of comfort and security. I am now well on the way to recovery and will be back in action from July 5th. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

News from ICS

On holiday, with Christ

If you go to church 'regularly' does that mean once a week, twice on a Sunday, once a month or once a year without fail? Church attendance is a difficult statistic to measure. Any competent researcher will of course frame their question to obtain as accurate an answer as possible. However, statisticians will agree that regular church attendance in many countries in Europe has declined consistently since World War II, although humans' desire for spiritual meaning is as strong as ever. Often infrequent or non-churchgoers, away from home and out of their usual cultural milieu, are more likely to go to church and talk of spiritual things. Some in your chaplaincy may have only started going to church when they had left their country of origin. ICS's guide to *Church Services For Holidaymakers leaflet helps many people find a church when they go abroad. Pray that this summer the services for tourists that we hold on French campsites and in Ibiza and Switzerland will attract many who do not normally attend church, so that they might hear of God's love for them. And if you are on holiday this summer, why not search out a church and go? The writer to the Hebrews (10: 25) reminds us not to neglect to meet together. May we grow deeper in our knowledge of him this summer.

Please pray for

- New chaplains settling in or moving in shortly in Voorschoten (Andrew Ison), Falkland Islands (Richard Hines), Chantilly (Nick Clarke) and Lille (Debbie Flach).
- The new café-church initiative in Poitou-Charentes to attract many English-speakers.
- Holidaymakers' hearts and minds to be receptive to the good

news.

- The recruitment of a new international student worker for the Leipzig chaplaincy for this September.

*Available from your chaplaincy, from the centre section of June's ICS News and Prayer Diary, direct from ICS on +44 1926 – 430 347 or as a download from www.ics-uk.org

David Healey, Communications Manager, ICS.

And finally...

A very deeply heartfelt thank you from Martin and I, for all the love and support whilst I have been in hospital. Martin claims that it is always dangerous to give me time to think, however...several ideas have occurred to me during my enforced rest, which I shall be sharing with the council at their next meeting: no doubt you will hear all in due course!

We are having to look at some health and safety issues, for practical reasons and partly to conform with legal requirements, so watch out for things like fire drills and a first aid course. Remember Robin setting fire to himself on the heater at Bonen? Have any of you checked out the fire exits at Ploërmel? Where are the extinguishers at Huelgoat? All the sort of things that are useful to know, so no one really bothers...well we are now.

Council will also be looking at planning for the future of Christ Church, Brittany. Your views are important, your needs are important too. Have we got the style of worship that satisfies you, are the worship centres in the right places? If not where should they be? Are any of you willing to lead worship, through music, or through words. Does our mission statement still accurately reflect our views? We need to have our foundations right, to be able to grow. This is a joint venture, not just me, not just the Council, not just you, but all of us,

with God at the heart of all we do and are, as we seek to do his will.