



CHRIST CHURCH, BRITTANY

To know Jesus Christ and make him known



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Prayer focus

- † For Alan Maxwell and all those being made deacon or ordained priest at Petertide.
- † For the General Synod meeting at York, that God's voice be heard in the debates.
- † For the Mums and Toddlers group that they may continue to flourish.

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Services for July

Ploërmel

June

29th Proper 8 11-00 Something different
Please hold in your Prayers Alan Maxwell and Aggie and Seth, as Alan is made Deacon today in Gosforth.

July

6th Proper 9 11-00 HC Order 1

13th Proper 10 10-00 HC Order 1
(NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME AND STYLE OF SERVICE)

11-00 Prayer and Praise

20th Proper 11 11-00 HC Order 1

27th Proper 12 11-00 HC Order 1

Rostrenen Chapelle du Manoir de Campostal.

June

27th Proper 12 10-30 HC - Order One

Huelgoat Parish Church in the town centre

July

13th Proper 10 18-30 HC Order 1

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

Alpha Course

We are hoping to announce a revised commencement date for the Alpha Course soon. If you would like to be involved in the course or require further information please contact Hazel Door, the Wardens or Val Smith.

Movers and Shakers Get Fit Class

The next Movers and Shakers session at La Source with Kath Elsdon will be held on Friday 20th June starting at 10.30am. There will be a further get-together on the 27th June followed by a short break with the classes then re-commencing on Friday 18th July. Remember, you don't need to be fit to join in, the exercises are as gentle as you want them and are adapted for all levels of fitness.

Autumn Fair

Following last years successful Autumn Fair plans are already under way to hold this years on 6th September. We have a number of stalls already planned including books, crafts, cakes, bottles and bric-a-brac. If you would like to donate to any of these stalls we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into La Source at any time it is open. Please note that items for the bric-a-brac stall should be small items only. Last year we were left with a number of larger items to dispose of at the end of the day which gave us quite a headache so we must unfortunately refuse such items this year. If you would like any further information please contact Barbara Dunford on 02 97 27 19 37 or Chris Wilson on 02 97 72 19 29

Coffee Mornings at La Source

From the first Friday in July there will be a regular coffee morning held at La Source from 10 o'clock onwards. So why not call in for a coffee and a chat and a piece of cake. Further information can be obtained from Penny Murray

on 02 97 22 71 85. Penny will also be organising a craft session on Friday mornings.

Fellowship Meetings – July 2008

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Fellowship meeting dates for July are 3rd, 17th and 31st of the month, 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.

Redon Area

There will be a Home Group meeting taking place at Joy Morin's home in Redon on Friday 27th June 2008 and thereafter fortnightly. If you would like further information please contact Joy Morin on 02 99 71 12 30 or Chris Wilson on 02 97 72 19 29 or e-mail wilson.christopher@orange.fr.

Rostrenen Area

The next meeting of this Home Group will be on June 26th at 11.00 am at the house of Julia Evans in Glomel. Further details from Robin or Laura Hillman - 02 97 51 74 26 or kermoran@wanadoo.fr.

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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.

Other Matters

Services on Second Sunday.

Those of you who are very observant will have of course noticed the change to the service and time of the communion on the second Sunday of each month.

Those of you who hadn't, have a quick look at the service list now!

Okay welcome back. This change has been talked about for some time, the Order 2 service was not getting the support that it merited, so sadly, I have made the decision to change it to an Order 1, and the time to 10.00 so that any who wish to share in Holy communion can do so before the Prayer and Praise service.

I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Forward planning:

Last Sunday I mentioned that the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven had been sung at our wedding. This year Martin and I will be celebrating a significant number of years, and will remake our vows. I wondered if other couples would like to join us, we might plan a Sunday service around that. The date proposed would be the 12th October, please contact me fairly soon if you would like to be included.

Hazel

Prayer Chain

Rose Lakeman has kindly offered to administer the Prayer Chain following Pat Taylor's return to the UK. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain or you are in need of prayers then Rose can be contacted on 02 97 74 47 68. or e-mail roselakeman@msn.com.

News from ICS

Forget work...life...everything!

Go on holiday! Leave all your cares behind...get 'away from it all'. The holiday brochures, web sites and travel supplements in our papers presuppose that the perfect destination will enable us to switch off from normal life as soon as we board the ferry or cross the threshold of our idyllic holiday cottage: a little necessary escapism! Many of us can switch off, but for some they can be very difficult times. We do, of course, always take ourselves (and thus our failings) with us on holiday and the pressures on our lives or our normal human struggles can seem worse when we have time to think. For some, holidays are poignant reminders of former, happier times. All human life is there.

Since 1844 ICS has been sending volunteer chaplains to work in summer holiday resorts, making themselves available people (locals, tourists and

holiday reps) in need; talking about the Lord to people who never normally give spiritual matters a thought but who may do so whilst away from home; and holding church services that are important opportunities for Christians to (we pray) encounter God afresh whilst on holiday. Find the full story, locations and guidance on how to *pray* for this important ministry on page 24 of June's *ICS News and Prayer Diary*, available in church or from the ICS office. If you could sponsor a week's outreach and enable chaplains to work in more resorts, donate on line via our web site (opt for the 'seasonal outreach' project on the payment page), call ICS or send in a donation*.

Please pray for

- This summer's seasonal outreach to bring many closer to Christ.
- The recruitment of new chaplains for Aquitaine, Corfu, Algiers and Cairo.
- Bill Musk, a new ICS mission partner who has just been appointed as new chaplain in Tunis and Area Bishop for North Africa. ICS will be part-funding this new appointment which will strengthen English-language ministry in a region with huge potential, and encourage the church along the Mediterranean rim.

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Time for Prayers

In the beginning, God made the world.
Let us give thanks for all that God has made.

Think of a time when you saw that the world is beautiful...
Think of a sunset over the hills,
or sunrise over a sleeping city.
Think of a running river,
or stars shining on a dark sea.
Think of light flashing on a puddle,
or of geraniums growing in a window-box.
Think of a time when you saw that the world is beautiful
- and give thanks.

Think of a time when you found pleasure in your body...
Think of walking in the wind, or digging a garden.
Think of dancing till dawn, or climbing a mountain.
Think of giving birth to a child,

or of holding someone you love.

Think of a time when you found pleasure in your body
- and give thanks.

Think of a time when you learned something new about life...

Think of understanding something that had always been a mystery
or of seeing someone else in a different light.

Think of discovering a talent you never knew you had,
or of listening to a good idea.

Think of knowing what is important to you,
or of believing that some things matter more than others.

Think of a time when you learned something new about life
- and give thanks.

Think of a time when your spirit was refreshed...

Think of a song that moved you to tears,
or of a prayer that inspired you to act.

Think of laughter shared with friends,
or the care of your family.

Think of a stranger who made you feel welcome,
or of someone who said "I love you".

Think of a time when your spirit was refreshed
- and give thanks.

Think of a time when you were in despair...

Think of feeling alone in a roomful of people
or of being unwanted by even one person.

Think of being ashamed because you've hurt someone.
or of being awkward because you misjudged a situation.

Think of being worn with worry or anxiety,
or of knowing that your life is a sorry, disgusting mess.

Think of a time when you were in despair

- then think of the suffering, forgiving, changing love of Jesus and give
thanks.

The world belongs to the Lord,

Think of the Maker - and give thanks.

(A prayer from the Iona Community Worship book.)

and finally...

When I was thinking about what to write this month, and reflecting on what has been a very busy week, I was struck by the underlying theme of events.

On Tuesday, I was all at sea, literally, as I was aboard the RLCV Arezzio to lead the prayers for the wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the sinking of HMT Lancastria; the largest single loss of life in the second war; estimates range from 4 to 6 thousand who died. The following day, I visited someone whose mother is slipping peacefully towards death, to make preliminary arrangements for the funeral. That evening I took part in a “table-ronde” to discuss the religious traditions and rituals surrounding death, according to the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim and Protestant customs. On Thursday, I recorded a radio commentary of Matthew 9: the raising of Jairus’ daughter. Finally, on Thursday evening I led a memorial service for a young man of 20 who committed suicide.

A survivor of the sinking was present, remembering those who did not return, preparation is made to say farewell to a loved parent, every person at that discussion, at some moment was remembering a loss, Jairus stricken by grief reaches out, as does the mother saying farewell to her son.

Our lives are changed by the death of others, whether we know them or not,

Where is the comfort, the reassurance, what are the words to say? Too often there are no words. My ministry is often the laying on of ears. Just listening, just being there, and sometimes just being, meeting all those diverse needs. Knowing that God is reaching out to them, and enfolding them; though they may not recognise it at the time. In John 14 v1 Jesus says “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me,” in verse 27 he says “I leave you my Peace”. We each of us go forward into that peace. We reach out to God, as He reaches out to us, then and only then can we find our peace in the meeting point of His Son our Saviour.

Blessings, Hazel

Christ Church Newsletter Contributions: For the August 2008 issue, please email your contributions to Chris Wilson at wilson.christopher@orange.fr the deadline is Monday 21st July 2008. Many thanks.