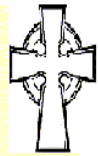


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June 2007 - Prayer focus:

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.
- The Council Meeting on the 18th
- Those who do not yet know of the redeeming love of Jesus that they may find Him.

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SERVICE DETAILS – Ploërmel

JUNE

- 3rd (Trinity Sunday) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15
- 10th (1st after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: I Kings 17: 17-24; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17
- 17th (2nd after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 GAL. 2: 15-21; Luke 7: 36 - 8:3
- 24th (Birth of John the Baptist) 11.00 Holy Communion
Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Acts 13:14b-26 or GAL. 3:23-29; Luke 1: 57-66, 80
- 1st July (4th after Trinity) 11.00 Holy Communion

SERVICE DETAILS – Other areas

BONEN

Sunday June 24th 10.30 - Holy Communion

HUELGOAT

Tuesday June 12th 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 – June 2007

Ploërmel

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

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

PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is to be held on Monday June 18th. The PCC decided at the last meeting that if anyone has an item they would like to be discussed at the meeting they should notify the PCC Secretary, Elaine Wilson, in writing no later than 48 hours before the meeting. This is to ensure that sufficient time can be given to researching an item in advance of the meeting.

Watch this space...

In the autumn: an introductory and refresher course for those who wish to lead our worship in any way. Whether as service leader, as intercessor, or reader, any who wish to offer their time and talents will be most welcome. Further details later. Also anyone who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic assistant or Sacristan please

contact Hazel or one of the Churchwardens.

Autumn Fayre

We are planning to hold an Autumn Fayre in September at Maison Mere. We will confirm a date shortly and if you would like to be involved by manning a stall or you have some ideas for the event please contact Mary Beswetherick or Val Smith.

Guy Fawkes party

We are also planning to hold a Guy Fawkes party on 4th November 2007. The venue will be the home of Barbara and Terry Woodford and we are very grateful to them for offering their house as the venue. We will be getting together a working party in due course to help with the arrangements and hope as many people as possible will help. Further details will follow in due course.

A Personal Note...As you settle down to read this edition of the Newsletter, I shall be in hospital in Poitiers. Having struggled with a partially blocked colon for some months now, the time has come for surgical intervention. I don't know how long I shall be away, but I'm prayerfully hopeful that I shall be able to take my holiday as planned at the end of June and be back among you, fully restored to health, in the first week of July. Both Michael Grainger and John Marvell have kindly offered to cover for my absence, please contact them through either Barbara or Chris. Please may I ask you to find time to pray for both Martin and I, and for those who will be standing in for me during this time.

Blessings, Hazel

Visiting Ordinand

During the month of July we are to have an ordinand in training placed with us. His name is Alan Maxwell, and he is training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He is married with a 19 month old son, and his wife and child will be accompanying him. During the four weeks that he will be "in the parish", I hope he will be able to meet as many

of you as possible. He will be taking part in some services, and participating fully in all our activities, those of a pastoral nature as well as our social activities. If anyone would like to spend some time with him, offer him/them hospitality, I should be delighted. Perhaps you would contact me, or the Wardens in my absence, so that we can arrange dates and so on.

Hazel

News from ICS

A heart for mission

One feature of April's ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference was a seminar on church planting. It drew some twenty-five chaplains and co-leaders who reflected together on the how and why of starting new services, congregations and, even, churches. At what size is a congregation so large that it needs to divide? Should we try just another service, or become a café-church, a cell church or become a meta church? These questions were considered, debated and reflected upon, but all the conversations demonstrated one thing: that mission - proclaiming the good news by word and deed - was the agenda of all present. As Bishop Geoffrey observed in one of the main Conference addresses, "You cannot understand yourself as a church without mission..."

This year ICS is supporting several existing and new church growth projects, as we have done since our birth as a mission agency in the 1820s. Pick up a copy of June's ICS News and Prayer Diary (now available in your chaplaincy) to learn more, and do support us if you can, so that we can help more churches like yours come into being and communicate the gospel.

Please pray for

- The ICS London Lecture on Mission on 27 June: topic - the influences on Christian belief and unbelief in Europe.
- The Ibiza chaplaincy's new outreach to Thomson holidaymakers this summer, funded and enabled by ICS.
- The 150th Anniversary Service of the Alpine Club of Great

Britain on Sunday 24th June in Zermatt, organised by ICS.

- A new café-church initiative in Poitou-Charentes, being launched this month.

For more details of ICS's work go to www.churchesabroad.org or pick up a copy of ICS News and Prayer Diary in church.

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And finally...

There are three 'mega-festivals' commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it is possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would mean nothing to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us faith. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe and trust in Christ as our Saviour. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third 'mega-festival' of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

Pentecost is the season in the Church year which is recognised as the birthday of the Church; the start of the church's mission to the world.

The word Pentecost is derived from the Greek word for 50, and as recorded in Acts 2 occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus' and 10 days following His ascension. It is the time we celebrate one of the most misunderstood of birthday presents; the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit descends on the apostles as they gather to commemorate the second most important festival in the Jewish year, which is why so many of them were gathered in Jerusalem.

Pentecost represents God's gracious, enabling presence actively at work among His people, calling and enabling them to live out in dynamic ways the witness of being His people. For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the

knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them. Recently, we have been shown yet again, how God uses the Spirit to encourage and support us, this time through the power of prayer during illness. God uses US to do His work, by enabling us through the Spirit. The outpouring of love and care for others is only made possible in us through the work of the Spirit. Truly a gift beyond measure, this gift of faith leads to our greater understanding of the immense love that God has, not only for us, but for those whom He reaches out to through us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen

Hazel