



# CHRIST CHURCH BRITTANY

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

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### PRAYER FOCUS

- ❖ That people will feel enabled to contribute to worship
- ❖ That in our busy lives we make time for those who are on the margins.
- ❖ For all those who are sick in mind body and spirit and for those who care for them.

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PART OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE (CHURCH OF ENGLAND)**

## SERVICES FOR JUNE 2009

### PLOERMEL

#### May

|                  |           |       |                                    |
|------------------|-----------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Easter 7  | 11-00 | Family service with Holy Communion |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Pentecost | 11-00 | Something different?               |

#### June

|                  |                |       |  |
|------------------|----------------|-------|--|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Trinity Sunday | 11-00 | H C Order 1                                |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity 1      | 11-00 | Prayer and Praise followed by shared lunch |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Trinity 2      | 11-00 | H C Order 1                                |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity 3      | 11-00 | Family Service with Holy Communion         |

### ROSTRENEN - Chapelle du Manoir de Campostal.

|                  |           |       |             |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity 1 | 10.30 | H C Order 1 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity 3 | 10-30 | H C Order 1 |

### HUELGOAT - Parish Church in the town centre

|                  |           |       |             |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity 1 | 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, Churchwarden or the local contacts.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Fellowship Meetings – June 2009

#### St Vran

Fellowship meeting dates for June are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</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 meets regularly at either Joy Morin's home in Redon or at Maureen Wilson's in Glénac. If you would like further information about the Group and the date of the next meeting please contact Joy on 02 99 71 12 30 or Maureen on 02 99 08 21 94.

## **Rostrenen Home Group**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 2nd from 14.30 - 16.00 ending with afternoon tea. We shall meet at the home of Julia Evans, Kertanguellou, Glomel (phone Julia on 02 96 24 22 53 for directions).

We are studying the book of Revelation and have reached chapter 2. All are welcome: for further information phone Robin or Laura Hillman (02 97 51 74 26).

## **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.

## **Malestroit Area**

This Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday 2nd and 16th June at the home of Val and Dave Smith at La Nee. It will start at 12 noon with a Bring and Share Lunch. All are welcome. For further information please ring Val on 02 97 75 25 32.

## **Late June/early July.**

A quiz night, to be held at Christ Church Ploermel.

Get together a team of four and come along, or join up with others on the night, Numbers will be limited so book early, there will be a supper break, and the entry fee person will be 10€. Should be a lot of fun.

## **August**

A party in the vicarage garden is in the planning stages for late August.

## **Autumn Fete.**

We are in the early stages of planning a fete to take place in October, in the salles de fete in Ploermel. We urgently need someone to coordinate all the arrangements. Please contact Hazel in the first instance.

## **Social Evenings at Ploërmel**

Subsequent to canvassing various members of the congregation during the last two weeks and having had an encouraging response, we plan to hold a monthly social evening on the first Friday of each month, commencing Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open 7.00pm, for a 7.30pm start, finishing at 10.00pm. The evening will consist of live music, monologues, poetry, story-telling etc. People are invited to come either as performers or spectators and please feel free to invite your friends. This may be a good opportunity to exchange ideas, gather material and practice for the next concert, to be held during the first half of September to raise funds for Christ Church (date and venue to be decided). The aim of the evenings is to have fun and they will be held on an informal basis. A collection will be taken during the evening to cover overheads. Refreshments will be available during the evening. For further information contact John & Helen Edge. Tel: 02 07 74 97 96.

## **STOP PRESS Diocese of Morbihan**

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31st 2009, we are invited to the Grande Fête of the Diocese of Morbihan, which will be held at the great pilgrimage centre of Ste Anne d'Auray from 9.00 - 17.30. The theme is 'Communion pour la Mission' and there will be lots of activities for all ages throughout the day, especially between 13.30 and 16.30. Why not take a picnic and join in the fun? For further details contact Hazel Door or Laura Hillman or see the Diocesan blog at [pentecote2009.over-blog.com](http://pentecote2009.over-blog.com).

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Archdeaconry Synod 6th-9th May 2009 – L'Abbaye de Saint-Jacut-de-la-Mer**

This year's Synod was held again at the Abbey of St Jacut-de-la-Mer on the coast, very close to Dinard. This is an added bonus for us, as it is in our region. It is becoming very difficult to find places that can accommodate up to 100 people which have conference facilities, and this is really good, and it's so beautiful

After arrival and booking in we started with our business meeting. Following an amendment from the Diocese in Europe, a motion from Newcastle and Winchester Diocesan Synods on the Evil of Human Trafficking, was carried by General Synod.

On Thursday following Morning Prayer the business meeting started with a talk by our Suffragen Bishop, Bishop David on Mission- The Lifeblood of the Church. Strangely the word mission is not in the Bible. Just to give you an idea of how it went, Mission - Gods way of saving the world. Mission- Is what

God has undertaken, from all eternity. It is not an option; it is part of being in Christ. The mission of the Diocese is to serve Anglicans and English speaking people throughout Europe.

Later we had two sessions on BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. These were given by Michael Harvey who had the idea in 2004, when just one church had a Back to Church Sunday, by 2007 over 2000 churches took part in Back to Church Sunday. It is a very simple idea. You invite someone you know, a friend, to accompany you to church on a Sunday. So the invite is on a personal basis, not only that, you go and pick them up, go to church and stay with them, introduce them to other people and explain what goes on during the service and answer any questions. This was one of the best presentations I have experienced. As a result, a number of people start coming back to church services again. I am sure you will hear more of this later.

We had a session on Insurance from the Mutuelle Saint Christophe, the French company who seem to insure most Catholic churches (Ideal info for Church Wardens). Then further sessions on Friday from the Chaplain of Lyon Chris Martin, entitled the Idea of Mission. This was followed by Eucharist led by Bishop David. In the afternoon further sessions by the Chaplain of Poitou-Charentes, Michael Hepper on Café Church: Mission in the Market Place. A café has been opened there, where people can go, not only for food and drink, but also to talk and learn about Christ if they are so interested. A further session from the Chaplain of Toulouse, Charles Howard, was entitled Mission and the Tangle of Our Minds. This was about a home group package and of interest to a number of people. The last session was question time with Bishop David, followed by Evening prayer and Supper. A time to chat and be together, followed by bed and an early Eucharist at 8am Saturday morning. After breakfast together we said our farewells and look forward to next year.

Synod for the past three years has had a collection at the end, our way of offering help to someone in the Diocese of Europe. We collected 800 Euros. This year it goes to an Anglican priest Engin Yildirim in Istanbul, Turkey, who was brought up a Moslem.

Martin Door

### **News from ICS**

#### ***'It was the presence...***

...of the ICS seasonal chaplain and his Christian friends in Zermatt, Switzerland, that led me to find new life in Christ.' Sometimes small events

lead to big changes. Roger, whom I quote, is now an Anglican minister but began his journey to faith in Christ through a 'chance' encounter with an ICS volunteer holiday chaplain many years ago. Roger is not alone: he is one of countless people in the last 165 years whose lives have been touched by the Holy Spirit through ICS's seasonal chaplaincies. Christians are encouraged: those who have yet to follow Christ shown something of the love of Christ, visited in hospital, or offered a listening ear. You can check this summer's venues at [www.churchesabroad.org](http://www.churchesabroad.org) or in July 2009's *ICS News* which will arrive in your chaplaincy shortly.

According to our national statistical service, Britons undertook a breathtaking 45.4 million holidays abroad in 2007. We anticipate lower numbers in 2009, but volunteer chaplains and their teams will still have plenty of holidaymakers to invite to church this summer, and numerous opportunities to talk with others who do not usually go to church. If the stranger next to you on a plane enters into conversation with you, they might share a surprising amount of detail about their lives...but once you reach the baggage hall, the normal reserve returns. People out of context can talk to strangers about the most profound issues: Roger never expected to be discussing Christianity when he holidayed in Zermatt...

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To help your family find a church whilst on holiday, order June 2009's *Directory of English-speaking Churches Abroad* (price €6.00 incl. postage) on line at [www.ics-uk.org](http://www.ics-uk.org) or by calling +44 1926 – 438 721 with your credit card to hand; e-mail [mawinham@ics-uk.org](mailto:mawinham@ics-uk.org) to receive our monthly *News and Prayer Update* by e-mail.

## **MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE**

### **NICKNAMES**

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla and Four-eyes.

### **EATING OUT**

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in £20, even though it's only for £32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

## MONEY

A man will pay £2 for a £1 item he needs.

A woman will pay £1 for a £2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

## BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

## ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

## FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

## SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

## MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

## DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the bin, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

## NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

## OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes.

There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

## **AND FINALLY.....**

At Archdeaconry synod recently, there was a presentation about Back to Church Sunday, a movement to reach people who have stopped attending church or who have never attended church. It works by personal invitation, and time has shown that of those invited back, around 15% continue to attend. So invitation certainly works.

How many times have you started a job, to hear the immortal words, 'I would have done that' Some find it very difficult to ask for help, I used to assume that others could see the task and would do it, but people like to be asked!

It's another example of Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Our worship, is not simply the actual liturgy, it is the time before, during **and** afterwards, when there are a multitude of tasks to be done, none of which is onerous or burdensome (1John 5 1-6), but there for us all to be able to carry them out in a sense of loving service. They are part of worship. Perhaps you feel you would like to read or lead the prayers, but are reluctant to push yourself forward; perhaps you are waiting to be asked. Perhaps you feel that it's always been Somebody else's job, and that you would not be good enough. God calls all of us, and He equips those who answer his call, to carry it out. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Why not start small and begin by reading one of the lessons, or dive straight in at the deep end and go for the really important job of enabling fellowship by making the coffee one Sunday? This is your invitation to serve Jesus, by serving others out of love for Him. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a Spirit of power. (2 Timothy 1:7) So go on, let go and let God, what have you got to lose?

Blessings

Hazel

As an aide memoire:

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done

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