



CHRIST CHURCH, BRITTANY

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Ploërmel + Nantes + Huelgoat + Bonen  
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### **March 2007 - Prayer focus:**

We pray for ...

- All those who are sick or dying; and those who care for them.
- Lay leaders to come forward to help lead our worship, especially that we may find more musicians at each of our centres.
- The Bishop's Lent Appeal, that our hearts may be inspired to help others.
- Ourselves that we may see Christ's purpose for our lives.

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## **News from ICS**

In 1999 ICS was invited by the Bishop to recruit and fund the first Anglican chaplain in Ukraine. Since then Ukraine and its 'orange revolution' has been much in the news. Its first chaplain has moved on, but the church he helped plant is still there. Its new chaplain is James Howson who told me 'Christ Church is unique. We are the only Anglican church in the whole of the Ukraine. We have a real mixture of diplomats, missionaries and locals coming from America, Britain, India, China, Germany, Russia and Ukraine. Leading a protestant church in a post-communist and overwhelmingly Orthodox country is a real challenge, but one that I am rising to. I have had my first three weddings and I have had the privilege of baptising a Ukrainian believer who was unable to be baptised during the communist era. We have freedom to worship now and for this we are grateful.

One big difference I find here is that people are so much more open to the gospel than in the UK. Sometimes people simply phone to enquire about our church and I am surprised by the faith of those from a country where Christianity had been so oppressed for so long. We also provide a very necessary support to the international community who are often doing important diplomatic work here.

Kiev can be a lonely place and their faith needs to be sustained when the going is tough.' Do pray for James, and those whose lives are touched through Christ Church's outreach and care.

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## **Supporting ICS**

- To help ICS fund James' appointment you can donate online at [www.ics-uk.org](http://www.ics-uk.org) and click on 'make a donation'.
- To pray, pick up the latest ICS News and Prayer Diary from your chaplaincy, which includes a three page article by James.
- Pray also for suitable chaplains for the Hague and the Falkland Islands, to be advertised shortly.

## **Poppy Appeal – Amendment**

With regard to the proceeds of the Poppy Appeal, the Church raised £50 not 50 Euros and the whole Poppy Appeal raised over £1,200, which is a record for Brittany.

**Christ Church Newsletter Contributions:** Please email your contributions to Vicki and Andrew Lewer, Argoat Communications, [andrew.lewer@libertysurf.fr](mailto:andrew.lewer@libertysurf.fr). Deadline for the April 2007 issue: March 20<sup>th</sup> 2007. Thank you.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **SERVICE DETAILS – Ploërmel (all services at 11am)**

#### **MARCH**

- 4<sup>th</sup> The First Sunday of Lent – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-end, 4:1; Luke 13:31-end  
**Holy Communion – Presiding The Revd Hazel Door  
Leader Churchwarden**
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Lent – Isaiah 55:1-9.  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9  
**Holy Communion- Presiding The Revd Michael Grainger  
Leader Robin Hillman**
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday –  
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 2:5-end; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end  
**Holy Communion – Presiding The Revd Hazel Door**
- 25<sup>th</sup> The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8  
**Morning Worship – Leader Churchwarden**

### **OTHER SERVICE DETAILS – March 2007**

**BONEN** (in the Parish Church)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Holy Communion – Presiding The Revd Michael Grainger  
Leader and Preacher The Revd Hazel Door**

## **HUELGOAT**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Holy Communion – Presiding The Revd Hazel Door**

Commencing at 4.30pm

**NANTES** (Communion service every 2nd Sunday at 18.30)

**For further information about any of the services please get in touch with The Revd Hazel Door Churchwarden or Reader.**

## **Fellowship Meetings**

Ploërmel – Meet every Wednesday commencing at 11.30am followed by shared lunch. The Fellowship is currently undertaking a Lent Course and anyone may join at any time.

St Vran – Fellowship will be meeting on the 1st, 15th and 29th of March commencing with lunch at noon. All are welcome. For further information contact Joyce and Alex Fraser - 02 96 56 13 22.

## **Foreign Language Week 5-9 March 2007**

From the 5th to 9th March the Lycee at Redon is holding a foreign language week. It is looking for English speakers to give a short talk to students and also answer questions all in English. Any subject may be chosen, a hobby, work or other interest. If you would like to help please contact Chris Wilson.

## **Mothering Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Please bring a small posy of flowers to the service on this Sunday.

## **2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The 2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Ploërmel on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April immediately after the usual morning service. A formal notice will be issued in due course, which will give more information about the meeting.

If you want to have a say or wish to vote on any matters raised at the meeting then you must be on the Electoral Roll.

In 2007 there is a requirement to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll and anyone, including those included on the old Electoral Roll, who wish to be on the new Electoral Roll must complete and submit the appropriate form to the Electoral Roll Officer (Don Dykes). We will be sending out forms either by e-mail or post and copies will also be available in Church. You can also obtain a copy directly from Don Dykes. If you have not yet received a Form and you wish to do so please telephone Don Dykes on 02 97 27 10 41 or Elaine Wilson on 02 97 72 19 29 and a copy will be sent to you forthwith. Please do not delay as the closing date for applications for inclusion on the new Roll is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

## **Elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

As a new Electoral Roll is being prepared it is not clear at this stage how many vacancies there will be for PCC Members. The number of PCC Members is dependant upon the numbers on the Electoral Roll and therefore as soon as this is known we will announce the number of vacancies there are.

## **Election of Churchwardens**

Immediately prior to the Annual Parochial Meeting there is a separate meeting to elect the Churchwardens. A Churchwarden's term of office is for twelve months at a time for a total of six consecutive years so they need to stand for election each year if he/she wishes to be re-elected. A person wishing to be a Churchwarden must be nominated and seconded and must be on the Electoral Roll. The person nominated must also signify their willingness to be appointed a Churchwarden. Nominations must be submitted in writing before the meeting on the appropriate form which is now available from Elaine Wilson (02 97 72 19 29). All persons entitled to attend the meeting of parishoners other than the Minister shall be entitled to nominate and vote at such elections of Churchwardens. There are two Churchwardens required and if the number nominated is no more than two the nominees will be appointed without a vote. If there are more than two nominations there will be a vote taken at the meeting to decide the two to be elected.

## **Prayer and Praise Service**

For those who would like to attend a less formal type of service arrangements are being made to hold a Prayer and Praise service in Ploërmel on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. There will be the normal Holy Communion at 11.00am in the morning followed by shared lunch and the Prayer and Praise service will then follow in the afternoon. You can choose to attend either or both services of course, all will be welcome.

## **And finally .....**

This is the Lenten season, we should use this time to reflect on our lives and our relationship with Him. We should repent of our sins in preparation for Easter. To repent means to turn away from what we have been doing. We need to amend what we are, as we are called to approach Him in penitence and faith. We each of us need to put ourselves right with our Saviour. Only then can we begin to know Him who is our creator, Saviour and Lord.

With this in mind, I would like to commend the Bishop's Lent Appeal to you, full details are to be found in Church, as the diocese seeks funds to support a project in partnership with Christian Aid.

Items in the January and February issues of this newsletter from Robin Hillman and Colin Bessant seem to have sparked off quite a debate. It's not for me to take sides, indeed I find myself in agreement with some of the things they each have to say. Being the "new-girl" is quite advantageous, as I am starting with a clean sheet at Christ Church Brittany, as are all of you!

However, in the hope that this debate does not become a disagreement, I would like to offer the following comments: the purpose of all our worship is to glorify God; to give Him the best we can offer. Worship comes in many forms, from the High Mass of my early Anglo-Catholic Christian life to the more Evangelical format of my recent past. Along my journey I have savoured worship in the Iona and Celtic styles and from the charismatic to the silent. Each and every form of worship has something wonderful to offer. One thing I am very clear about is that we are the English speaking church in Brittany (not simply the Church of England abroad); with a rich heritage of worship from many denominations.

As time goes on I hope that we can introduce different styles to our worship, whilst retaining the more customary services we presently have. With this in mind we shall be starting an informal "Prayer and Praise" worship on the fifth Sunday in April (29<sup>th</sup>) at 11.00am. I hope that as we grow used to one another we shall develop relationships which allow all of us room to grow in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, who loves us so much that he died for our salvation.

**Blessings**  
**Hazel**