



CHRIST CHURCH, BRITTANY

To know Jesus Christ and make him known



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Prayer focus

- ❖ For all those travelling to be with loved ones this Eastertide.
- ❖ For the new Mum's and toddlers group as it starts on the 3rd.
- ❖ For those involved in the prayer chain, that their ministry may be blessed...

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Services for February/March

Ploërmel

February

24th 11.00 Holy Communion - Order One

March

2nd 11.00 Holy Communion - Order One

9th 09-30 Holy Communion – Order Two
11-00 Prayer and Praise

16th 11.00 Holy Communion - Order One Palm Sunday and AGM

20th 18-30 Holy Communion-Order One Maundy Thursday
with foot washing

21st 12-00 Meditation and prayer Good Friday

23rd 11-00 Holy Communion - Order One Easter Day

30th 11-00 A Service of the Word. Summer Time
begins.

Rostrenen (formerly Bonen) - Chapelle du Manoir de Campostal.

March

23rd 10-30 Holy Communion - Order One Easter Day

Huelgoat (NB SERVICE on Sunday, time remains at 16-30)

March

9th 16.30 Holy Communion - Order One

For further information about any of these services please get in touch with The Revd Hazel Door, Churchwardens or the local contacts.

Other dates for your diary

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This year we are again using one of the York courses. "The Lord's Prayer: praying it, meaning it, living it." Contributors to the course include Bishop Kenneth Stevenson, Canon Margaret Sentamu, and it is introduced by the former Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope. The course covers a number of individual sessions and is taking place in several different locations. These are in the Bonen area, Bannalec area, at St Vran and at Redon. It is not too late to join in so if you are interested and would like to know more please contact Rev. Hazel for further details: 02 97 22 31 38 or e-mail rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

We will again this year be walking the Stations of the Cross at Callac, which is situated between Sérent and Plumelec south of Ploermel. During the walk prayers will be said and there will be time for meditation as well. This is a particularly moving experience on this day so if you would like to join in please contact Rev Hazel, Robin and Laura or one of the Churchwardens. The walk will commence at 10.00am and will be followed by a service at 14 Rue Général Dubreton, Ploermel at midday.

Alpha Course

Following the postponement of the Alpha Course a revised commencement date for the course will be announced as soon as possible. If you require further information in respect of the Alpha Course please contact Hazel Door, the Wardens or Val Smith.

Fellowship Meeting – March 2008

St Vran

Fellowship meeting dates are 13th and 27th March starting with a shared lunch. All welcome. For further information please contact Joyce and Alex Fraser on 02 96 56 13 22.

Organ Concert

An organ concert is being arranged for the evening of 10th May 2008 commencing at 8.30pm and will be held in the large chapel at Maison Mere. More information will follow in due course.

Joy Morin in Concert

On 9th March 2008 Joy will be performing a piano duet at the music school in Redon. The concert commences at 5.00pm and admission is entirely free.

Other Matters

Roman Catholic Bishop of Quimper

Further evidence of the wonderful relationship that exists between the French Roman Catholic church and the Anglican Church was recently seen when the Rev Hazel was invited to attend the Installation of the new Bishop of Quimper and Léon, Monsieigneur Jean-Marie Le Vert. The Installation ceremony took place on 3rd February 2008 in the wonderful setting of Cathédrale Saint Corentin in Quimper. The invitation was extended to include Hazel's husband Martin and two other representatives of Christ Church, Brittany and also included an invite to attend the vin d'honneur, which took place immediately after the Installation. The ceremony itself was very formal, attended by a large number of people thought to be in the region of 1000 in total, and the only dampener on the occasion was the fact that the heavens opened after the service and as the car was parked some 15 minutes away led to a rather wet end to the day.

Marquee Sayings for Lent:

Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.

It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.

What part of "Thou Shalt Not"
don't you understand?

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.

The wages of sin is death.
Repent before payday.

Never give the devil a ride.
He will always want to drive.

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

Christians, keep the faith...but not from others!

Satan subtracts and divides.
God adds and multiplies.

To belittle is to be little.

Don't let the littleness in others
bring out the littleness in you.

God answers knee-mail.

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him,
the devil will always take you back.

A little boy came home from Sunday school and went into his room to change his clothes. When he emerged he asked his mother, "Is it true we come from dust?" "Yes dear," replied mother. "Is it true that when we die we go back to the dust?" "Yes dear, that's right." The little boy ran into his room and came out all excited, "Mom, I just looked under my bed and there's someone either coming or going!"

Psalm 23 in Cyberspace Language: by Marko Jauhiainen

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash.

He installed His software on the hard disk of my heart,
All of His commands are user friendly,
His directory moves me to the right choices for His name's sake.
Even though I scroll through the problems of life,
I will fear no bugs, for You are my backup;
Your password protects me;
You prepare a menu before me in the presence of my enemies;
Your help is only a key away.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And my file will be merged with His and saved forever.

Annual General Meeting 2008 and Electoral Roll Revision.

The following is very much a repeat of an earlier announcement but the Annual Meeting is a very important day in the life of the church as reports are given on the state of the church and it is also the opportunity for the congregation to elect their representatives on the Church Council.

So please note that the 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 16th March 2008, immediately following the service, at 14 Rue Général Dubreton, Ploërmel.

Elections will take place at the AGM for the following:

1. Two Churchwardens – A Churchwarden's term of office is for 1 year only. The election of the Churchwardens takes place before the commencement of the AGM and only if there are more than two Churchwardens nominated will a vote be necessary. The nominee, proposer and seconder, must all be members of the electoral roll and nominations must be received no later than the day before the meeting.

2. Elected Council members - Last year it was agreed at the AGM that all Elected Members terms of office would be for 1 year only and each must therefore apply for re-election. The number of members to be elected depends on the size of the Electoral Roll and on present numbers 9 members can be elected. Nominations can be accepted up to the start of the meeting. The nominee, proposer and seconder, must all be members of the electoral roll, and nominations must be received before the meeting. If nine or less are nominated no voting will take place. If more than a vote will take place.
3. Archdeaconry Synod Representatives – We wish to elect two Representatives and their term of office is for three years. Those elected will take office in June 2008. The two Representatives become ex-officio members of the Council.
4. Independent Examiner – We will wish to elect an independent examiner, whose term of office lasts for one year and who audits the accounts and financial statements. The Independent Examiner is not a member of Council.
5. Sidesmen – This year the Council would like to appoint a number of Sidesmen (male or female) to be elected at the AGM. Sidesmen will not be members of the Church Council.

Nomination forms are now available for the office of Churchwarden, Council Member and Archdeaconry Synod Representative. If you interested in any of these please see Chris or Elaine Wilson to obtain the appropriate nomination form.

The Electoral Roll is mentioned in a number of places above and it is emphasised again that only those whose names are on the Roll will be entitled to vote. A new Electoral Roll was produced for the 2007 AGM and you need do nothing more if your name is on there; you will be entitled to vote at the AGM. If you are uncertain if you are on the Roll please check with Don Dykes (Electoral Roll Officer).

If you are not on the Roll and you would like to be so; then please ask Don Dykes for the appropriate form. The criteria for applying to be on the Roll are as follows:

1. You are aged over 16 years and have been baptized.
2. You have signed an application form (obtainable from Don Dykes).

3. You are a member of the Church of England or of any church in communion with the Church of England and you have attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to application for enrolment.

The Council will revise the current Electoral Roll with a closing date on 25th February 2008, so if you need to apply you must do so before this date if you wish to vote at the 2008 AGM.

And finally....

Spring, I can't think of a time of year that seems to provoke more silliness! Maybe it's something to do with the sap rising? During spring there are the two great festivals of the commercial variety, St Valentine's Day and Easter. Not to mention the looming celebration of Poisson rouge. Somewhere in the midst of all that, our Saviour stretched out his arms in love on the cross and died for our sins. Almost unnoticed in the world at large? Christianity is the main religion in Great Britain, according to the 2001 census. There were 41 million people who described themselves as Christians in that year, making up almost three quarters of the population (72 per cent). This group included the Church of England, Church of Scotland, and Church in Wales, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations.

One recent estimate stated that there were over 80 million Anglicans worldwide, and over 1 billion Roman Catholics, before adding any of the members of Protestant churches into the equation. Yet the commemoration of His death and resurrection seems to be lost in the annual gorging on chocolate eggs and the feeding frenzy that accompanies a bank holiday in these times. Almost unnoticed in the world at large? Any excuse rather than face the momentous truth?

This quote comes from the Tim Hughes song: Here I am to Worship, "I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon the cross."

Investigate the historical record, and then examine your heart. Jesus gave Himself willingly for you and me. Jesus suffered a horrible death for you and me. Jesus loved us so much that He willingly died in utter shame and pain for our sins. In fact, the Bible teaches us that He who was without sin was literally "made sin" for us. God, in human form, allowed himself to be made sin to save us. On the cross, he bore all the world's sin because of His love. The only way to complete His story of love is to love Him in return. To tell His story, tell of His resurrection and continuing love. To show by word thought and deed, inwardly and outwardly that we are his disciples. Make

the Easter message the centre of our lives, proclaim that Jesus Christ is Risen, alleluia, alleluia!!!!

A Blessed and Holy Easter to you all.

Hazel

Christ Church Newsletter Contributions: For the April 2008 issue, please email your contributions to Chris Wilson at wilson.christopher@orange.fr the deadline is Monday 17th March 2008. Many thanks.