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Ploërmel + Huelgoat + Rostrenen

# **Newsletter November 2008**

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### **Prayer Focus November 2008**

- ❖ For those requiring full time care and their carers
- ❖ For those planning new outreach and that we will be blessed with the resources we need to be able to serve all God's children in this region.
- ❖ For the bilingual carol services being planned in three new locations, that the "good news" may be shared and heard.

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**Services for November 2008.**

**Ploërmel**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Saints Sunday	11-00	H C Order 1
9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday (Note earlier start time).	10-45	H C Order 1 with act of remembrance
16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	11-00	H C Order 1
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christ the King	11-00	H C Order 1 Chaplaincy Service Patronal Festival
30 <sup>th</sup>	1st Sunday of Advent	11-00	H C Order 1

**Rostrenen - Chapelle de Manoir du Campostal.**

**NB NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO ENABLE EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE CHAPLAINCY SERVICE AT PLOERMEL ON 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER**

30 <sup>th</sup>	1st Sunday of Advent	10-30	HC order 1
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**Huelgoat - Parish Church in the town centre**

**NB NOTE CHANGE TO WINTER TIMES.**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday	16-30	HC Order one
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**Forward Notice,**

There will be a new service at Rostrenen starting on the second Sunday of December at 10-30am, this will be a communion service and it will be in addition to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. Venez nombreuse!!!!!!

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



### **Christmas Coffee Morning.**

La Source

Sat. 8th November

10.30—12.00

Christmas cards, gifts, books,  
mince pies and more!

### **Alpha Course**

Val Smith is leading an Alpha Course, which started on 7<sup>th</sup> October. The course is being held at Val and Dave Smith's house at La Née, which is just a few minutes drive south of Ploermel. If you would like to be involved in the course or require further information please contact Hazel Door, the Wardens or Val Smith.

### **Ecumenical Meeting at Gouarec.**

An Ecumenical meeting is to take place at Gouarec on Wednesday November 12th from 16.30-18.00 and is to be hosted by the community of

Sisters. A short service will be followed by a discussion and refreshments to which all will be most welcome. The address where the meeting is to take place is:

Chez les Soeurs Augustines  
2 rue St Gilles,  
22570 Gouarec

For further information and directions please contact Robin and Laura Hillman – Telephone 02 97 51 74 26 or e-mail to [kermoran@wanadoo.fr](mailto:kermoran@wanadoo.fr).

### **Carol Services**

This year Christ Church are arranging and/or participating in Carol Services in various places, including new locations. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us at one or more of these services and the dates and locations are as follows:

Locarn – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Guingamp – 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (to be confirmed shortly)

Huelgoat – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Ploërmel – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008

St Gildas de Rhuys – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Redon – It is hoped there will also be a Carol Service arranged for Redon, the date to be confirmed.

### **Fellowship Meetings – November 2008**

#### **St Vran**

Fellowship meeting dates for November are 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:alex.fraser@wanadoo.fr).

#### **Redon Area**

The next Home Group meeting will take place at Joy Morin's home in Redon in November. If you would like further information about the Group 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](mailto:wilson.christopher@orange.fr).

### **Rostrenen Area**

A further meeting of the Home Group in the Rostrenen area is being planned for November. All are welcome and for confirmation of the date or for further information please telephone Robin or Laura Hillman - 02 97 51 74 26 or e-mail to [kemorran@wanadoo.fr](mailto:kemorran@wanadoo.fr).

### **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.

## **Other Matters**

### **Harvest Festival, Ploërmel**

The auction following the Harvest Festival service at Ploërmel raised 100 Euros, which will be donated to charity. Thank you for all those who provided goods and participated in the auction.

### **Old Spectacles.**

Wanted - all your old unwanted spectacles. YES, even the bent, battered and broken ones.

All will be repaired and sent on to Third World Countries. A very worthy cause. The Lions Organisation in France at Bordeaux are organising this.

A Box for the Specs will be in the office in the church building at Ploermel. For Rostrenen and Huelgoat, please just pass them on when you see either me or Hazel.

Martin Door

## **Shared Lunch at Ploërmel**

There has sadly been a decline in the numbers staying for shared lunch after the Sunday service at Ploërmel, to the extent that on some recent Sundays this has not taken place. In order to give encouragement and to ensure the lunches do continue we will be arranging a special shared lunch after the service on every second Sunday of the month. Other shared lunches will also be arranged as appropriate for special days, such as the recent Celebration and Thanksgiving for Marriage service. In the meantime, on other Sundays, anyone who wishes to stay for lunch will be more than welcome to use the facilities available and just needs to speak to one of the Churchwardens regarding security of the building afterwards.

## **Electoral Roll Members - Data Protection.**

At present all personal details of those on the Electoral Roll are held in paper form. It would help if we could transfer this and store the information in electronic format. If anyone on the Electoral Roll objects to their details being stored in such a way please contact the Council Secretary, Elaine Wilson, or one of the Churchwardens to register your objection.

## **A Note from Barbara Woodford**

Hello everyone; from time to time I get a 'little low' but receive encouragement and renewed strength from the following reading, I pray it will do the same for you:

'Lov

e must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do

not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."  
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'

**Romans 12:9-22**

### **Prayer Chain**

Rose Lakeman is now administering the Prayer Chain. 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](mailto:roselakeman@msn.com).

### **Fund Raising**

As has been explained on many occasions as a church we are self-financing and as such we receive no financial support from the Diocese. Fund raising events are therefore important, not only for fellowship and socialising, but for the raising of monies essential for the upkeep and running of the church. It would help if we had a sub-committee to oversee the planning and organising of these events and to give encouragement to all those involved. **Is there anyone in our congregation who would be willing to take on the task of Chairman of such a sub-committee, and help make a difference to our Church.** If so, please speak to Hazel, Churchwardens or a Council Member.

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

While holidaying recently in Madeira, the tour programme prevented us from reaching a church on Sunday. Instead we joined about 20 others for the Wednesday morning Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Funchal. Although off the North African coast, Madeira is part of the Diocese in Europe. We met the Chaplain briefly before the service and really felt part of the Diocesan family when he included the church in Brittany in his intercessions. Conversation over the post-service coffee included discussion on how few of their congregations were actually Anglican, something we, of course, are also familiar with in Christ Church. It is important, however, to be part of a structure which has authority over its congregations (an important safeguard of Christian orthodoxy) and one whose authority is recognized internationally. The Diocese in Europe provides these roles. The Church of England has, traditionally, been a broad church and in extending its ministry to

Anglophones in general, there is an overall gain in fellowship and experience for all.

It is important not to equate unity with uniformity. We rejoice that God in his infinite wisdom has made us all different. So some will find sacramental worship more to their taste, others will want to stress the preaching ministry. Some will mourn the loss of the 1662 Prayer Book and the Authorized Version; others will rejoice in the use of modern words and a greater freedom within worship. Some service styles appeal more to some than others, some may yearn for a different church building or layout. Christ Church has to maintain a balance to satisfy the spiritual needs of as many as possible. But if we are honest these matters are, largely, peripheral. The essence of Christianity is love. No other religion can claim this. Love is portrayed above all in our Lord's life and teaching and our duty is to reflect that love to others. Remember the words of St Teresa of Avila:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
yours are the only hands with which he can do his work,  
yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,  
yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon  
a troubled world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

We were reminded of the wonderful words of 1 Corinthians 13 on 'Love' in the recent 'Thanksgiving for Marriage' service held at Ploërmel. Do reread them.

Judging others can be so much easier than loving them. Let us leave judgement to God: remember Matthew 7 v 1: '*Do not judge, or you too will be judged*'. Those holding too rigidly to fixed views on peripheral matters they see as essential to worship are in danger of judging others who do not give those 'essentials' the same regard. Some within the Church of England and the Anglican Communion have perhaps forgotten this as its representative's stagger from one crisis to another. Let love take centre-stage. Had it done so it might have prevented one branch of the church making a unilateral decision to appoint a 'gay' Bishop without fully considering its impact on others. Had it done so, it might have prevented the setting-up of the GAFCON Conference of Bishops in competition with the Lambeth Conference so rendering the latter the poorer for their non-attendance.

Love never fails.

*'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'* 1 Cor 13: 13.

***Christ Church Newsletter Contributions: For the December 2008 issue, please email your contributions to Chris Wilson at [wilson.christopher@orange.fr](mailto:wilson.christopher@orange.fr) the deadline is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Many thanks.***