



CHRIST CHURCH, BRITTANY

To know Jesus Christ and make him known



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Ploërmel + Nantes + Huelgoat + Bonen

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September 2006 - Prayer focus:

- Pray for all those involved in the interviews for the new Priest-in-Charge (London, Sept 13), for our representatives, Barbara Dunford and Chris Wilson - and for the four candidates.
- Give thanks for the volunteers who are cleaning and decorating the new premises and pray that the move may go smoothly.
- Pray for schools and colleges as they return to work after the summer break.

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SERVICE DETAILS – Ploërmel (all services at 11am)

SEPTEMBER

3rd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: The Revd Michael Grainger
(James 1:17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

10th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity - HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: The Revd Dr John Marvell
(James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37)

17th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: The Revd Dr John Marvell
(James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38)

24th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity - ALL-AGE WORSHIP

(James 3:13-4, 3: 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37)

OCTOBER

1st HARVEST FESTIVAL (first service in new building)
HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: The Revd Michael Grainger
(1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33)

SERVICE DETAILS – other areas

BONEN (in village church)

September 24th, 10.30: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
MORNING PRAYER

NANTES (Communion service every 2nd Sunday at 18.30)

September 10th, HOLY COMMUNION

HUELGOAT (Fellowship meetings first Sunday of month, 11.00)

September 3rd, 11.00 at Parish Room, rue de Berrien

Tuesday September 12th, 18.30 in Huelgoat Church

HOLY COMMUNION, Celebrant: The Revd Michael Grainger

NOTE: There will be NO Fellowship meeting at Huelgoat on October 1st as it hoped everyone will go to the Harvest Festival at Ploërmel.

For further information about any of the services please get in touch with a Churchwarden, Reader, or contact as shown earlier in the newsletter.

Harvest Festival (October 1st)

Please bring flowers to decorate and gifts of fruit and vegetables for auction for Church funds which will take place after the shared lunch. We shall also be starting the annual collection of tinned and packeted goods for the Restos du Coeur. Please give generously.

WANTED

People who can play an instrument to accompany the worship at our different centres, either regularly or on an occasional basis. Keyboard players especially welcome.

If you can help please contact Joy Morin (02 99 71 12 30) or Laura Hillman (02 97 51 74 26).

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The fellowship groups meet at:

St Barthelemy, contact Barbara Dunford 02 97 27 15 58
Redon area, contact Greg & Edna Woodhouse 02 99 70 56 51
St Vran, contact Alex & Joyce Fraser 02 96 56 13 22.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS DURING THE INTERREGNUM

In the first instance, please contact Robin Hillman on 02 97 51 74 26 or by e-mail to: kermoran@wanadoo.fr

Newsletter Contributions

If you have contributions to the Christ Church newsletter please email them to Vicki and Andrew Lewer, Argoat Communications, andrew.lewer@libertysurf.fr. The deadline for contributions for the October issue is Friday 22nd September. Many thanks.

Annual Combined Denominations Service Carnac

Ten people from Christ Church attended this service which was hosted this year by the Eglise Réformée. The service was held outside on a beautiful summer's morning and was held in both English and French. During the service we were given time to study some posters around the Church each emphasising different aspects of faith. The posters were visually explicit but unfortunately for some there was no English translation of the words. There followed a discussion time in two groups, English and French speaking, with Laura leading the English group. Both groups reported back, Laura in French and unfortunately the French in French. Interestingly, both groups seemed to have taken different directions in their discussions. We sang several hymns, with the words available in English and French, finishing with 'Thine Be the Glory' sung simultaneously in both French and English. An enjoyable and uplifting service.

After the service approximately two dozen French and English joined together in a circle and shared introductions and fellowship followed by a picnic. The Christ Church contingent then had a lovely coastal walk led by Robin and Laura.

Judith and Bill McAlone

News from ICS

Starting over?

So you have arrived. For the first few weeks it seemed like a holiday, but you still have no bank account, and crossing the road is a new experience as you have to look twice the opposite way to what you are used to. English is fairly widely spoken, and you are beginning to be slightly more confident in the local language...but applying for a local driving licence was something else!

The adventure of living in a different country is no easy one; kilometres from home, culture, language, familiar processes and

loved ones it feels like a self- (or even employer) imposed exile. But exile is no new experience for the people of God. However terrifying Babylonian captivity might have been for the God-fearing Ezekiel, the vision of God that he saw in Ezekiel 1 had wheels, which symbolised that his God did not live in Jerusalem but was omnipresent. The god of the Bible travels with his people. ICS's mission has always been to people away from home; we pray that you will find fellowship and teaching to help you follow God and live for him in your new surroundings.

Chaplaincy profile

One of the international Anglican churches we partner is St Paul's Tervuren, for whom we are recruiting a new chaplain this autumn (as we are for Paris and Chantilly). Tervuren is on the outskirts of Brussels, near the heart of Europe's institutions, and was a church-plant from Holy Trinity Brussels in the late 1980s. Do pray for its growth and outreach.

David Healey, Communications Manager

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And finally...

In ecological terms, we talk about "one world" but this does not always seem to extend to theology. We believe that all of Creation came about through the work of One God (in seven days!) so we are all children of the One God. It is good to talk of the human race as members of one family. One of the ways that we can see this is to compare the 10 Commandments of the Jewish-Christian Bible (RSV) with The Islamic Code of Duties (surah 17. 22-38).

I am the Lord your God	In the Name of God, the merciful Lord of mercy.
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You shall have no other gods besides me	Set up no other deity alongside (the one) God.
You shall not make for yourselves any image of God. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	Your Lord has commanded that you serve no one but Him.
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.	
Honour your father and your mother.	Show kindness to your parents. Give to the kinsman his due and to the needy and the wayfarer.
You shall not kill.	Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. Do not kill any man - a deed God forbids.
You shall not commit adultery.	Do not come near to adultery.
You shall not steal.	Handle the property of the orphan with integrity.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.	Keep your bond. For you are accountable.
You shall not covet your neighbours house.	Give full measure when you measure and weigh with just scales. Do not pursue things of which you have no knowledge.
You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant. Or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbour's.	Do not strut proudly on the earth.

This table is reproduced from the book "Judaism" by Hans Kung published by SCM Press. The translation from the Koran is by Kenneth Cragg.

We can see the common ancestry of these three traditions which acknowledge Abraham as father. We might pray that Muslims, Jews and Christians, particularly those living in the Middle East, recognise that we are all children of the One God.

MICHAEL GRAINGER

The Watoto Children's Choir

- live in concert -

Friday, 15 September 2006 - 20.30 hrs

***La Chapelle de la Communauté Des Frères
(opposite la place de Lamennais, Ploërmel)***

***An event for all the family
Org: Christ Church, Brittany***

Free Admission

***Products of the Choir and refreshments
for sale after the concert***

Since 1994 the Watoto Choir have toured internationally spreading a message of hope for the orphans of Uganda. They raise awareness and funding for the holistic care programme that provides for the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of the orphans of Uganda.

***For further information regarding the Watoto Children's Choir visit their website:-
www.watoto.com***

Your support at this event would be very much appreciated.