

➤ **Diary dates for 2009**

7 th January	11.00 Julian Meeting – Denise Peacock
20 th January	20.30 Service for Christian Unity
21 st January	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
29 th January	10.30 Council Meeting
25 th February	10.00 Ash Wednesday
5 th March	11.00 Start of Lenten Study Group
28 th March	10.30 Council Meeting
9 th April	10.30 Maundy Thursday
10 th April	11.00 Good Friday
12 th April	11.00 Easter Day
19 th April	12.00 AGM
14 th May	10.30 Council Meeting
21 st May	10.00 Ascension Day
31 st May	11.00 Pentecost
16 th July	10.30 Council Meeting
19 th July	12.00 Friends AGM
1 st August	14.00 Garden Party
23 rd August	11.00 Patronal Festival
3 rd September	10.30 Council Meeting
27 th September	11.00 Harvest Festival
19 th November	10.30 Council Meeting
19 th December	17.00 Carol Service
24 th December	17.00 Crib Service
25 th December	11.00 Christmas Day

➤ **Prayer of the month**

Teach us, good Lord,

To serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.

St Ignatius Loyola 1491 - 1556

St Bartholomew's Church, Dinard
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Services

Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion (with hymns)

Thursday 10.00 Holy Communion (said)

A warm welcome to all who worship with us.
There is a Sunday School during the service
after which coffee is served.

Priest-in-charge: The Revd Gareth Randall

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marriages or funerals:

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January 2009

Dear Friends

New Beginnings

The New Year can be an opportunity for a new start. For a start, it's simply remembering to put a new date for the year when writing a cheque. But more significantly, it is a reminder of the chance to put the past behind us and to begin again.

In his hymn, 'New ev'ry morning is the love', John Keble develops the idea found in Lamentations 3 v 22 & 23:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning,
great is your faithfulness.

What I find encouraging in both the hymn and the verses to which Keble alludes is the fact that God's grace is inexhaustible, does not have a sell-by date and is available fresh to us each morning. But the danger is we can be so preoccupied by the darkness of our day that we fail to open our eyes to the light of a new dawn.

Christianity is based on the possibility of forgiveness. It is also based on the acceptance of our humanity and that though we can fail, God does not give up on us. Though God is perfect, he does not expect perfection in us but only desires us to try.

So at the start of the New Year, my resolution is to try, to try to accept that each day I have the possibility of a new start. What a wonderful thought!

Father Gareth



➤ Notices

- **Toy Box Advent Appeal raised 503€**
- **Banque Alimentaire** Helen Morgan thanks everyone for their generous support particularly this Christmas.
- **Diana Wilson** would like to thank everyone particularly Doreen Collier, for their practical help and prayerful support enabling her to look after Michael at home.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** takes place from 18th – 25th January. There will be a service here **at St Barts** at **20.30** on **Tuesday 20th January** and St Jean L'Evangeliste at St Malo at 20.30 on Friday 23rd.
- **Church Finances for November**
Income 2249€ : Expenditure 2999€
- **Newsletter by e mail.** 82 people have signed up to receive for our monthly newsletter electronically. If you would like to be added to the list simply e mail me at the address on the front page.
- **Comments or suggestions** re our Newsletter, to Fr Gareth.
- **Deadline** for submission on material to the February Newsletter is **midday on Thursday 29th January**

➤ Readings in church

4th January, The Epiphany

Isaiah 60 v1 - 6 Psalm 72 v10 - 15 p1184
Ephesians 3 v1 – 12; Matthew 2v 1 - 12

11th January, The Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1 v1 – 5; Psalm 29 p 1126
Acts 19 v1 – 7 ; Mark 1 v4 – 11

18th January, Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3 v1 – 10; Psalm 139 v1 – 9 p 1277
Revelation 5 v1 – 10; John 1 v43 – end

25th January, The Conversion of Paul

Acts 9 v1 – 22; Psalm 67 p 1174
Galatians 1 v11 – 16a Matthew 19 v27 – end

**Julian Meetings
Calendar of Meetings for 2009**

We are fortunate to have two Julian Meeting each month. Julian Meetings aim to 'foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition'. Essentially, it is a chance to be still and silent for about half an hour in the presence of God and the company of others after which there is an opportunity for talk and to enjoy fellowship over a shared meal.

The original meeting is held on the third Wednesday of the month at 11.00 at the home of

George and Ann Dobinson,
Le Châtaignier, 23 rue Maréchal Leclerc, 35870 Le Minihic sur Rance.
The first meeting in January will be 21st January at 11.00am

Further details from George Dobinson 02 99 88 50 77
or Sybil Fagg 02 99 48 39 23

The second meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month alternating between the homes of

Denise Peacock
La petite Maison des Rêves 35720 St Pierre de Plesguen
&
Vivienne Gallier.
Les Epinettes 35370 Pleurtuit

Jan 7th; Mar 4th; July 1st; Oct 7th; Dec 2nd at 11.00 at Denise's followed by lunch.

Feb 4th; Apr 1st; Jun 3rd; Sep 2nd; Nov 4th at 19.00 at Vivienne's followed by supper.

Further details from Denise Peacock 02 99 73 97 11
or Vivienne Gallier 02 99 88 67 55

Notes from our Council Meeting

11th December, 2008

Christmas is traditionally a time of peace and good will and the atmosphere at the December Council Meeting reflected that of the season.

Dr David Norris, our Honorary Secretary, produces the minutes with skill and sensitivity and to him we owe a debt of gratitude not only for accurately recording our Meetings but also for the many other tasks associated with the smooth running of the our church. Doreen Collier presented the accounts and was as ever optimistic about the overall health of our finances but Julian Thompson rightly warned of the impact of the global credit crisis was having on people's personal income from England.

We looked ahead to the Garden Party planned for the 1st August and the visit of a choir at Easter. Space in the side chapel has been enhanced by the removal of a bench pew and after Candlemas (2nd February) we hope to have the facility of burning candles on the altar as part of the private devotion of those who worship with us and those who visit our church - a small charge will be made for each candle to help raise funds for the upkeep of the building.

We are looking for a new Council member. He/she could also act as one of our two representatives on the Archdeaconry Synod. If you are interested please or want to know more please approach Doreen or Julian.

Father Gareth

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