

## Newsletter - February 2009 St Bartholomew's Church, Dinard



### 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.

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### ➤ Diary dates for February and March 2009

4 <sup>th</sup> February	19.00 Julian Meeting – Vivienne Gallier
9 <sup>th</sup> February	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French
10 <sup>th</sup> February	20.30 L'Eglise Universelle St Jean L'Evangeliste at St Malo
18 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
25 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 Ash Wednesday
4 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Julian Meeting – Denise Peacock
5 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Start of Lenten Bible Study Group
9 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French
10 <sup>th</sup> March	20.30 Luther and Calvin – Yves Noyer Dinard salle paroissiale
12 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Bible Study
18 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
19 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Bible Study
26 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 Bible Study
28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 Council Meeting

### ➤ Prayer of the month

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have won for us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day.  
St Richard of Chichester (1197 - 1253)



February 2009

Dear Friends,

*May 'the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'*

*Philippians 4 v7*

As I write, the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is raging and famous names on the High Street are being closed by the financial crisis so making thousands of people redundant.

How odd but how necessary, then, to believe that we may experience an inner peace which defies understanding. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. To be at peace is to accept that God exists; that God loves us; that God is with us; that he has a purpose for our lives; and with our death, we will enjoy a new life in him.

Peace, then, for us as Christians is to know that, despite apparent evidence to the contrary, all will be well. Our peace is a quiet confidence at the centre of our lives from which we can draw inner strength and be encouraged. Our peace enables us to function even when the spiritual weather in our lives seems at its worst: freezing temperatures, reduced visibility, biting winds. We can know that ultimately spring is on its way and that summer will come again.

So when things appear at their blackest, we can still know that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. His power supply cannot be disrupted. The dark cannot last.

*Father Gareth*



## Lent Bible Course – 2009 Miracles

*Every Thursday at 11.00 following Holy Communion at 10.30 and followed by a bring-and-share lunch at 12.00*

Session 1 5<sup>th</sup> March

Water into wine

Text John 2 v1 - 12

Session 2 12<sup>th</sup> March

The pool of Bethesda

Text John 5 v1 - 18

Session 3 19<sup>th</sup> March

The feeding of the 5000

Text John 6 v1 - 15

Session 4 26<sup>th</sup> March

The Beautiful Gate

Text Acts 3 v1 – 10

Session 5 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Speaking in tongues

Text Acts 2 v 1 – 21

Session 6 9<sup>th</sup> April

The Resurrection

Text John 20 v 1 - 18



## *Notes from our Council Meeting*

*29<sup>th</sup> January, 2009*

The meeting, directly following on from our regular Thursday service of Holy Communion, opened and closed with prayer, asking that we might faithfully discharge our stewardship of our church.

Stewardship was very much on the agenda with Doreen expressing gratitude at the imminent receipt of the Moynihan legacy and concern for the very real expenses in running a thriving church. Clearly, the financial crisis affects us all and the Council considered ways to raise money and the profile of the church. The logistics of the Easter visit by a choir from the Royal Grammar School, Wolverhampton, were discussed and Corrie floated the idea about a possible Flower Festival in church linked to a performance by a visiting choir from Jersey.

Ecumenical links were maintained and developed during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the annual service at St Bartholomew's and a service of Vêpers at Rennes Cathedral to which we were invited. Work continues on the Library and the Elizabeth Hannay Room which by the summer hopefully will be refurbished to serve the growing Sunday School and to act as a church office.

*Father Gareth*

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### **RIP**

Marjorie Lambert  
died 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
aged 86

## Notices

- **Assistant to the Treasurer** Required URGENTLY, someone numerate to help Doreen who is retiring in 2010.
- **Church Finances for December**  
Income: **4484€** (+ talents to value of **1350€**) Expenditure **4668€**
- **Toy Box Advent Appeal** – final amount raised **508€**.  
Denise Peacock wants to thank all who gave so generously to benefit the children the charity helps.
- **Easter Lilies** – Donate a lily (**3€**) in memory of a loved one.  
Names and money to Father Gareth by 6<sup>th</sup> April
- **Reminder** that the Newsletter in is available by e mail simply by giving Father Gareth your e mail address. The format is larger, more colourful and may be saved for future reference.
- **Mistakes** – Sybil spotted two in January's Newsletter – her telephone number is in fact 02 99 48 39 23 and the dates for Ascension Day and Pentecost were reversed!
- **Deadline** for submission on material to the March Newsletter is **midday on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

### ➤ Readings in church

#### **1<sup>st</sup> February, Candlemas**

Malachi 3 v1 – 5                      Psalm 24 p1121  
Hebrews 2 v14 – 18                      Luke 2 v22 - 40

#### **8<sup>th</sup> February, Septuagesima**

Isaiah 40 v21 – 31                      Psalm 147 v1 - 11 p1286  
1 Corinthians 9 v16 – 33                      Mark 1 v29 - 39

#### **15<sup>th</sup> February, Sexagesima**

Proverbs 8 v1, 22 - 31                      Psalm 104 v26 - 37 p1229  
Colossians 1 v15 – 20                      John 1 v 1 - 14

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> February, Quinquagesima**

2 Kings 2 v1 - 12                      Psalm 50 v1 - 6 p1156  
2 Corinthians 4 v 3 - 6                      Mark 9 v2 - 9