

➤ **Diary dates for March and April 2009**

4 th Mar	CANCELLED 11.00 Julian Meeting – Denise Peacock
5 th March	11.00 Start of Lenten Bible Study Group
9 th March	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French
10 th March	20.30 Luther and Calvin – Yves Noyer Dinard salle paroissiale
12 th March	11.00 Bible Study
18 th March	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
19 th March	11.00 Bible Study
26 th March	11.00 Bible Study
28 th March	10.30 Council Meeting
1 st April	19.00 Julian Meeting – Vivienne Gallier
2 nd April	11.00 Bible Study
9 th April	10.30 Maundy Thursday 11.00 Bible Study
10 th April	11.00 Good Friday
12 th April	11.00 Easter Day
13 th April	15.00 Concert – Les Trauchandières
14 th April	20.30 St Paul St Jean L'Evangeliste at St Malo
15 th April	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
19 th April	12.00 AGM

➤ **Prayer of the month**

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever.

Collect for the Annunciation

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Services

Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion (with hymns)
Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion (said)

A warm welcome to all who worship with us.
During the service there is a Sunday School.
After the service coffee is served.

Priest-in-charge: The Revd Gareth Randall

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➤ **Book of Remembrance**

Dear Friends,

A question of slogans?

An advertising slogan paid for by the British Humanist Association now appearing on London buses reads *'There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life'*.

It is fascinating to reflect that the opposite is true. Professor Richard Swinburne's Cumulative Argument shows that the balance of probability rests with the actual existence of God. It also follows from a believer's point of view that the existence of God allows us to stop worrying because we know that ultimately everything is in safe hands and that ultimately, despite the changes and chances of this life, all will be well. Thirdly, it follows that true religion is actually life-enhancing and that folk with a belief enjoy healthier and more fulfilled lives.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and our service of Holy Communion contained the symbolic act of ashing (optional!) as a mark of our regret for all we get wrong. The great thing about Lent is the chance over these 40 days (46 if you include the Sundays) to take a critical look at ourselves, an annual spiritual health check, and to move forward in the quiet confidence that God knows us better than we know ourselves and despite of everything, God loves us and wants us to be the people he intends us to be.

So let our slogan this Lent be *'Stop worrying; enjoy life: God really does love you.'*

Father Gareth



Our Book of Remembrance has found a new home on the wooden chest appropriately enough under several brass memorial plaques in the Transept Coffee area. Each week in church, we remember the anniversary of people's deaths and because we are in France on the Thursday service nearest to Toussaints, All Saints Day. If you would like a loved one who has died to be remembered in this way simply complete one of the pieces of paper and place it in the box designated.

Père Yves Jouanin

died 10th February 2009

Co-founder of Le Groupement Oecuménique de la Rance

RIP

➤ **Readings in church**

1st March, The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9 v8 – 17 Psalm 25 v1 - 10 p1121

1 Peter 3 v18 - 22 Mark 1 v9 - 15

8th March, The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17 v1 -7, 15 – 16 Psalm 22 v23 - 31 p1119

Romans 4 v13 - 25 Mark 8 v31 - 38

15th March, The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20 v1 - 17 Psalm 19 v7 - 14 p1115

1 Corinthians 1 v18 - 25 John 2 v13 - 22

22nd March, Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2 v1 - 10 Psalm 127 v1 – 4 p1267

Colossians 3 v12 - 17 John 19 v25b - 27

29th March, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31 v31 - 34 Psalm 51 v1 - 12 p1158

Hebrews 5 v5 – 10 John 12 v 20 – 33

➤ **Prayer Corner**

During the day each week, there is an opportunity for private prayer in the side chapel. Votive candles may be lit on the Channing altar and donations towards their cost can be placed in the box nearby

➤ **Thank you**

Madame Baudoin of La Banque Alimentaire again thanks us for our goodness in giving to people in need in Dinard. The present economic climate means that more people than ever are going without. You can help by donating such things as drinking chocolate, packets of soup, tins of fish, biscuits, tins of vegetables etc. These donations can be brought to church any Sunday as a practical expression of our concern.

Helen Morgan
Co-ordinator

➤ **Tournebride Monthly Lunch**

A monthly lunch is held on the first Saturday at the Relais de Tournebride. The price of 14€ includes an aperitif, a four course meal, wine and coffee. Contact **Mike or Ann Baber** on

02 99 73 56 06 or annebaber5050@aol.com.

Date for 2009. 7th March; 4th April; 2nd May; 6th June; 4th July; 8th August; 5th September; 3rd October; 7th November; 5th December
The Tournebride lunch is a good opportunity for British and French folk to meet in friendship and for support over a meal.

All are welcome

➤ **Notices**

- **Lent Appeal 2009.** This year we will be supporting a local charity, 'La Banque Alimentaire'. Money collected will be used to supplement the food you already generously give to help meet the needs of the poor of this town.
- **Easter Lilies** – Donate a lily (~~3€~~) in memory of a loved one. Names and money to Father Gareth by 6th April
- **Church Finances for January**
Income 1314€: Expenditure 4892€
- **Reminder** that the Newsletter is available by e mail simply by giving Father Gareth your e mail address.
- **SALE & WANTED** Suggestion from Lynette Jarvis that we include a new section in the Newsletter for goods you want to sell or acquire. Details please to me by the monthly deadline.
- **Deadline** for submission of material for the March Newsletter is *midday on Thursday 26th March*

➤ **Stewardship Scheme – Envelopes**

At the start of the Stewardship Scheme last April, we introduced *envelopes* as one way of making regular contributions to the running of St Bartholomew's. I have now issued fiscal receipts for envelopes received in 2008. These receipts entitle the donor to a reduction when making a French Tax return. If you would like more information about the scheme please contact me.

Doreen Collier
Treasurer

➤ Visiting Choir

We are now in the season of Lent, a prayerful time when we can look back over the past year to examine our lives and see if we can correct some of our shortcomings. Lent is a time of spiritual discipline which prepares us for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the ultimate triumph of life over death.

This Easter, we will be welcoming “Choral Harmony”, a choir from Shropshire, who will join us for our service on Easter Day to sing anthems during communion. It would be good to see you at St Bartholomew’s together with your friends and family on what is the highlight of the Christian calendar.

Choral Harmony will also be giving a concert at 3pm on Easter Monday (13th April) at Les Trauchandières, the home of Agnes and Claude François. The performance will be followed by a meal with wine so numbers are limited and you will need to book early. Admission is by Programme which will be available from the end of March.

Geoff Carter

➤ Flower arrangements made easy

Are you interested in learning the Art of Flower arranging? If you are, then speak to **Victor Pumfrett** either on victorbarry@orange.fr or in church. Easy step by step tuition.

➤ Quotation of the month

Re Remembrance Sunday, Sybil Fagg said, “There are a vast number of French words I know that I’ve forgotten (La gerbe =spray/ wreath)

➤ Julian Meetings

We are fortunate to have the possibility of attending two Julian Meetings each month. The times, dates and locations are published in our two-monthly diary in the Newsletter and further details can be found on the notice board in the church porch or in the January edition of our Newsletter. If you are not familiar with a Julian Meeting the following is a summary of aims from the Julian Meeting Magazine:

The Julian Meetings

- Foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition
- Encourage people to practice contemplative prayer in their daily lives and explore ways of doing this which are appropriate for them
- Support the individual ecumenical Julian Meetings – groups whose members meet regularly to practise Christian contemplative prayer together

If you are interested and would like further information, please see Sybil, Denise Vivienne or George.

The March meeting at Denise’s has been cancelled

➤ Sponsored Brass Clean for Lent

There are 40 brass memorial plaques in church. I propose to clean them for Lent. If you would like to sponsor me, the money you give for bringing a shine to church will go towards paying for the wreaths placed at the War memorial throughout the year.

Father Gareth