

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

1 st April	19.00 Julian Meeting – Vivienne Gallier
2 nd April	10.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Bible Study
9 th April	10.30 Maundy Thursday Communion 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
11 th May	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French 15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
12 th May	Report on the Ecumenical Conference at Jerusalem - Easter 2007
14 th May	10.30 Council Meeting
18 th May	15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
20 th May	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
21 st May	10.00 Ascension Day
25 th May	15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
31 st May	11.00 Pentecost

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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.
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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April 2009

➤ **Readings in church**

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter

I appreciate I'm being a little premature in wishing you well for Easter when you could be reading my greeting up to two weeks before the event but to paraphrase a cliché, better early than never! Besides every Sunday at the Eucharist, we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This morning, I was sitting in the kitchen eating boiled eggs and toast neatly cut into soldiers, sipping tea and listening to the Sunday service on Radio 4 (I could easily have been home in England rather than here in Dinard). Cardinal Cormack Murphy-O'Connor was preaching and he quoted Mother Theresa who said, 'God does not want me to be successful; he wants me to be faithful'. Nice one! In a culture of target-setting and performance related pay (not necessarily so for Bankers) it is refreshing to note that it is more important who and what we are than what we might achieve.

Of course, Easter Day was a resounding success but our part in that success is our faith that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead and that through his death and resurrection, we believe the cross to be his bridge between ourselves and God the Father who loves us so much he is willing to die for us in the person of his Son.

So my Easter wish is that we may prove faithful and when we die, we may hear the words of approbation, 'Well done good and faithful servant.'

Father Gareth



5th April, Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50 v4 – 9a

Philippians 2 v5 - 11

Psalm 31 v9 - 18 p1129

Mark 15 1 – 39

12th April, Easter Day

Isaiah 25 v6 – 9

Acts 10 v34 - 43

Psalm 118 v14 - 24 p1250

John 20 v1 – 18

19th April, Easter 2

Acts 4 v32 - 35

1 John 1 v1 – 2 v2

Psalm 133 p1271

John 20 v 19 – end

26th April, Easter 3

Acts 3 v12 – 19

1 John 3 v1 – 7

Psalm 4 p1098

Luke 24 36b – 48

➤ **Prayer of the month**

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ
may reign with him in glory:
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might
now and in all eternity.

Collect for Easter Day

➤ **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*.
- **Tournebride Monthly Lunch 4th April** at the Relais de Tournebride - a good opportunity for British and French folk to meet. 14€ includes an aperitif, a four course meal, wine and coffee. *Mike Baber* 02 99 73 56 06/annebaber5050@aol.com
- **Deadline** for submission of material for the May Newsletter is *midday on Thursday 30th April*.
- **Church Finances for February**
Income 1981€: Expenditure 1810€
- **Garden Party Committee** meets in church after coffee on *Sunday 26th April* in please bring sandwiches.
- **Flower Arranging Classes** start *21 4 09* at *14.30* in church. First class 'The Use of Five Flowers + Foliage'. Contact **Victor** re requirements on 02 99 73 99 14 / victorbarry@orange.fr
- **Notes from the Council** (28th March 2008) will appear in the Newsletter for May.

➤ **May Bible Study**

Pauline Eyre will be leading three Bible Studies at the home of Doreen Collier (La Mare, 35430 St Père) on May 11th, 18th and 25th at 3.00pm. The theme is God's teaching through humour in Old and New Testaments. This is a good opportunity to discover something of the nature and purpose of God in an amusing and instructive way.

➤ **Concert**

15.00 - Monday 13th April at 15.00 La Trauchandières, the home of Claude and Agnes François. Admission by programme from Val Carter. 12 € will cover the cost of the meal.

➤ **Cleanliness next to Godliness?**

John and Wendy Marshall recently spent the weekend before John's 75th birthday steam cleaning the carpets in St Bartholomew's. We wish them both many happy returns.

➤ **France Telecom**

If you are landed with a telephone or computer on-line problem and need to speak to someone at France Telecom, John Holden has discovered a number you can phone where the operator helpfully speaks English. The number is **08 00 36 47 75**. Thanks John! If you have any other useful contact numbers you would like to share with folk, let me know.

➤ **Osteopath**

If you have need of an English-speaking osteopath, you might care to try the services of **Thomas COLIN** who has recently opened premises at 32 boulevard Féart, Dinard ☎ 02 99 46 43 45.

➤ **Quotation of the month**

One notice sheet for Services in March contained the following curious juxtaposition:

Thursday 19th March, 2009

10.30 Holy Communion – said

11.00 Bible Study 'The feeding of the five thousand' (John 6 v1 – 15)

12.00 Bring and share lunch

➤ **Book of Remembrance**

It is our practice to pray for those whose names are recorded in our Book of Remembrance on the Sunday of the week which precedes the date of their death. If you come to church on the Sunday after, let us know so we can add your loved ones name to that week's prayers.