

## Newsletter - May 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.  
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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#### ➤ Diary dates for May and June 2009

6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Archdeaconry Synod – St Jacut
11 <sup>th</sup> May	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French
	15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
12 <sup>th</sup> May	20.30 Report on the Ecumenical Conference at Jerusalem - Easter 2007
14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 Council Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> May	15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
20 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson
21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 Ascension Day
25 <sup>th</sup> May	15.00 Bible Study at Doreen Collier's
31 <sup>st</sup> May	11.00 Pentecost
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	19.00 Julian Meeting – Vivienne Gallier
8 <sup>th</sup> June	14.00 Ecumenical Bible Study in French
9 <sup>th</sup> June	17.00 AGM Groupement Oecuménique
17 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 Julian Meeting – George Dobinson

#### ➤ Prayer of the month

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

*Collect for Ascension Day*

#### ➤ Web site

Our thanks go to Charles Marshall, our Web Master, for upgrading our church's web site. Why not check it out and see how the site has been developed?

Dear Friends,

***Priest-in-charge***

I am pleased to have been offered a second three year contract to be your priest in this place. For many years, I have felt called to exercise my ministry in Dinard and I am grateful for your support and encouragement as I try to serve you here.

The message of Easter is of God who loves each one of us, our God who seeks a meaningful, personal relationship with us and like a good parent, God our Father knows us, His children, better than we might know ourselves. He knows our faults and our limitations, our potential and what we might become. He knows that we will be tripped up by life, that we will fall over and that we will get our hands and faces dirty. But He is a God who is ready to stretch out a helping hand to set us on our feet, to clean us up and to set us on our way again.

For me, Christianity is realistic. It starts where we are: people with faults and with potential. All of us, not least me, have limitations and are capable of getting it wrong, of being in the wrong and doing wrong. That's what St Paul means when he says, 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'. True enough but that doesn't stop God forgiving us and helping us to grow up in his grace - imperfect human beings striving to serve the perfect God.

Is this a recipe for disaster or the most wonderful truth? That in spite of everything, God loves me, sinner though I am.

***Father Gareth***



- **Holy Communion – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: *Cancelled*** because of Archdeaconry Synod at St Jacut
- **Tournebride Monthly Lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> May** 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](mailto:annebaber5050@aol.com)
- **Deadline** for submission of material for the June Newsletter is **midday on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Church Finances for March**  
Income: 3193€ Expenditure 3327€
- **Charitable giving** During Lent the following sums were raised: **Banque Alimentaire** 164€; **Lilies** 148€; **Brass Rubbing** 438€; **Concert** 350€

➤ Readings in church

**3<sup>rd</sup> May, Easter 4**

Acts 4 v 5 – 12	Psalm 23 p1120
1 John 3 v16 – 24	John 10 v 11 - 18

**10<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 5**

Acts 8 v 26 - 40	Psalm 22 v25 - 31 p1119
1 John 4 v 7 - 21	John 15 v1 - 8

**17<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 6**

Acts 10 v44 - 48	Psalm 98 p1221
1 John 5 v1 – 6	John 15 v 9 - 17

**24<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 7**

Acts 1 v15 – 17, 21 - 26	Psalm 1 p1096
1 John 5 v9 – 13	John 17 v6 - 19

**31<sup>st</sup> May, Pentecost**

Acts 2 v1 – 21	Psalm 104 v26 - 37 p1229
Romans 8 v22 – 27	John 15 v26 – 27, 16 v4b – 15

➤ **Rail Travel**

SNCF tickets “Permel” offer a carnet of 10 single tickets, valid until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 for use in either direction between two named local rail stations within Brittany, offering 20% discount. This may help those who do not qualify for other available discounts

*The Revd Mervyn Kingston*

➤ **Giving to Charity via UK Self-Assessment Tax Return**

The Diocese in Europe have alerted us to the above scheme run by HM Revenue & Customs which enables UK tax payers who complete a Self-Assessment Tax return to nominate a UK charity to benefit from all or part of any tax rebate due to the person concerned. The Diocese in Europe (UK Registered Charity No. 250186) is part of this scheme and the Diocese’s unique code is **UAT88TG** which becomes operational on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 when the HMRC website [www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities-search.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities-search.htm) is next updated. On this site we are known as The Diocese in Europe Board of Finance or ‘The Diocese in Europe (Church of England)’. Tax payers who wish St Bartholomew’s Dinard to benefit should let me know. NB Beware: *Diocese in Europe TFCC (UK Registered Charity no. 1112209) part of ‘The Holy Catholic Church – Western Rite’* is part of the scheme but is NOTHING TO DO WITH US!

*Doreen Collier, Treasurer*

➤ **For Sale**

4 wheel electric invalid buggy ‘Shoprider’ includes front basket, lights, charger, back shopper ... 20km radius. 200€. Telephone Victor on 02 93 99 14 or e mail [victorbarry@orange.fr](mailto:victorbarry@orange.fr).

**Notes from our Council Meeting**

**28<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**

Our Meeting as usual opened and closed in prayer as part of which we said together, ‘The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and for ever more. Amen.

As a Council, we are stewards of St Bartholomew’s and our purpose is to cement our Christian fellowship here through the presence of the Holy Spirit in what we do so that the love of God and the grace of his Son, Jesus, may be discerned in this place.

Financially, over the year, Doreen reported a largely encouraging picture which was reflected in Geoff’s final report from the Stewardship Campaign that had gone a long way to raise our income sufficiently almost to meet our increased expenditure. In the present financial climate, we are grateful to people’s real commitment to maintain our church and its witness.

Social functions were discussed including the Easter Meal/Concert and the Summer Garden Party. Peter Glanville, having resigned from the Council wef the April AGM, was formally thanked for all his work for our church.

The meeting ended with Julian confirming the Church Wardens’ decision to extend my contract as Priest-in-charge of St Bartholomew’s for a further three years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

*Father Gareth*



## ➤ Choral Harmony in Concert

Easter morning communion at St Bartholomew's saw a change from the norm when a choir from England offered a taste of their concert the following day at La Trauchandières. Our worship and devotion was thereby enhanced and the congregation broke into spontaneous applause which seemed entirely appropriate given the impact of their singing.

In the magnificent surroundings of Agnes and Claude's home, the choir thrilled those who were fortunate to have secured tickets for this sell-out event. With guest accompanist, Phil Elgie, they presented a balanced programme in two 45 minute halves encompassing a range of serious and amusing pieces to satisfy every taste. Each choir member contributed solo items yet when they sang together as a choir they produced a balanced sound in perfect harmony where no single voice stood out unless required by the music. The result was a team performance of distinction.

My personal favourite was Bob Chilcott's 'A Little Jazz Mass' in which the familiar words, sung with vigour in the jazz style, sent tingles down my spine. Every member of the audience seemed to find pieces that they loved from Rutter's arrangement of 'Amazing Grace' to 'Ill Wind' by Flanders and Swann via 'The Mountains of Morne', 'Orpheus in the Underground' (Offenbach – John Hudson), 'A Clare Benediction' (Rutter again) and 'An Irish Blessing not to mention many more.

St Bartholomew's team also came up trumps on this lovely sunny afternoon. Thoughtfully, Sheila had called to borrow cruets from Diana who was unable to be with us while the unequalled

generosity and boundless energy of both Agnes and Claude ensured that nothing was overlooked. Sharon's helpers sacrificed hearing the concert in order to brew the tea and coffee for the interval then plate the meal prepared by Val. Everyone played their part and a big thank you goes to all who made the occasion such a success.

The event raised 350€ for church funds. Let us hope this small success will be a pump priming exercise to get the machine on the road for our Garden Party scheduled there for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Are you part of the team?

A bientôt, Choral Harmony

*Geoff Carter*



## ➤ Quotation of the Month

A question of statistics:

'The Bible comprises 66 different books by 44 different authors. It has 1189 chapters and these are made up of 31,173 verses. Less than 500 of these verses refer to faith while 500 tell us about prayer but 2350 verses instruct us how to handle our money. In the New Testament there are 38 parables of Jesus, 16 of which relate to managing money.'

Taken from 'Your money counts – A step-by-step approach to discovering Biblical financial freedom' by Mark Lloydbottom