

➤ **Diary dates for June and July 2009**

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	CANCELLED 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 Occuménique
17 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 Julian Meeting - George Dobinson
1 <sup>st</sup> July	11.00 Julian Meeting - Denise Peacock
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Flower Festival
15 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 Julian Meeting - George Dobinson
16 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 Council Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00 Friends AGM

**1<sup>st</sup> August 14.00 Garden Party**

Tickets (5€ : under 12s admission free) will be on sale from July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Boxes for contributions to stalls will be in the coffee area thereafter.  
We need: paperbacks; in-date English groceries; home-made produce;  
toiletries; jewellery; raffle/tombola prizes; bric-a-brac.

Lucy Gay, Victor Pumfrett and David Morgan will be in charge respectively of cakes, garden produce and plants and will be happy to know what you plan to contribute. If you prefer, you can make a financial contribution to the cost of ingredients

The Garden Party is our most important fund-raising event as well as a lot of fun. Please join in.

*Doreen Collier*

➤ **Prayer of the month**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Collect for Pentecost* 12

## Newsletter - June 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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June 2009

Dear Friends,

***Growing our church***

In May, it was refreshing to spend three days at St Jacut de la mer with Denise and Geoff and 100 plus clergy and lay representatives of the Anglican Church in France. One key-note speaker was Michael Hervey who spoke enthusiastically about ‘Back-to-Church-Sunday’ and I saw the key to why St Bartholomew’s is growing and could grow further.

The key’s not hard to find. It’s a willingness and readiness to invite a friend to church and the warmth of our welcome when they come through the doors. Believe it or not, coming to church for the first time can be hard. To bring someone through our doors helps to overcome the ‘fear factor’. Once inside, what do they find? People at the door to welcome them with a smile and to give them their books. People who will speak to them when they sit down. A service that can speak to them of God who loves them. After the service coffee and a chance to chat and again people ready to talk to them.

The formula is effective and one we do already. But what of you? Is there someone you feel you could or should invite? To share what’s precious to you is the act of a true friend.

***Father Gareth***

**Notes for the May Council**

At our May meeting, I was pleased to welcome Claude François and Chris Hughes to their first meeting but I was very sad to learn that Denise Peacock, one of our Readers and licensed to us in January 2008, will be returning to England at the end of July. I shall be writing more of her contribution to our church but I am sure you will join with me in wishing her success in the future and holding her in your prayers.

***Father Gareth***

➤ **Notices**

- **Tournebride Monthly Lunch 6<sup>th</sup> June** 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 July Newsletter is **midday on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Church Finances for April**  
Income: 2838€ Expenditure 3663€
- **Vide Grenier – Porte ouvertes - Garage Sale**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00 – 16.00**  
at Denise Peacock  
Le Paillé à St Père de Plesguen 02 99 73 97 11

➤ **Readings in church**

**7<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6 v1 - 8	Psalm 29 p1126
Romans 8 v12 - 17	John 3 v 1 – 17

**14<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 1**

Ezekiel 17 v 22 - 24	Psalm 92 v1 – 8 p1215
2 Corinthians 5 v 6 – 10, 14 – 17	Mark 4 v 26 – 34

**21<sup>st</sup> June, Trinity 2**

Job 38 v1 - 11	Psalm 107 v23 - 32 p1238
2 Corinthians 6 v1 – 13	Mark4 v35 – 41

**28<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 3**

Wisdom 1 v13 – 15, 2 v23-24	Psalm 30 p1127
2 Corinthians 8 v 7 - 15	Mark 5 v 21 - 43

**RIP**

Robin Tchertoff  
died 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009  
aged 80

➤ **The Friends of St Bartholomew**

Until St Bartholomew's became a Chaplaincy of the Diocese in Europe in 2002, the running of the church was the responsibility of the Association of the British American Church. The name changed in 2003 to become the Association of the Friends of St Bartholomew Dinard. The aim is to maintain the church property and to support the work of the church. Most importantly the Association is the owner of the church building and grounds and the chaplaincy flat.

Membership is open all. The annual subscription is a minimum of 16€ or £12 per annum, allowing you to vote at the AGM (July 19<sup>th</sup> 2009) as well as helping with the work of the Association.

➤ **Banque Alimentaire**

Many folk in Dinard benefit from your contribution the Banque Alimentaire: 400 families with children; the elderly living alone; single unemployed people. **Required:** Tins of vegetables, fruit & soup. Cereals, salads, fish, meat. Tea, jars of coffee, sugar & biscuits. **Not required** Pasta, rice and ground coffee.

*Helen Morgan*

➤ **Disabled Parking in Dinard**

Vivienne Gallier has been in touch with Le Commissariat to uncover the following useful information. If you have a handicapped badge, you can park for free in Dinard. You should first try to find a designated handicapped parking bay but if they are all taken, you may park in a normal spot but make sure you place a note on the car indicating that at the time of parking there were none available.

*Vivienne Gallier*

➤ **Quotation of the month**

'The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close to each other as possible.'

*George Burns*

➤ **Report on the Archdeaconry Synod for France  
6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

You would go a long way to find a more idyllic setting for the Archdeaconry Synod than the Abbaye de Saint Jacut de la Mer: tranquillity to provide spiritual food; effortless, well-organised hospitality to give creature comforts and sustenance; an oasis in which to be refreshed. Added to which is the joy of meeting fellow delegates from all over France and to feel part of a larger whole - the Diocese in Europe.

Bishop David Hamid shared his memory of a banner above a church exit which stated 'You are now entering the Mission Field' and this statement sums up the theme and tone of this Synod. We were gathered together to celebrate, share relaxed freedom and the joy of laughter but then to 'go quickly and tell.'

Business matters take up a small percentage of our time and it is a necessary part of all Christian organizations.

Worship is the thread which runs through the Synod and brings with it a regular heart beat and a refilling of tired minds and hearts.

Mission is our way of witnessing to God's love and to that end we need to pour a spirit filled church into the world.

Varied subjects and speakers plus a dramatic presentation of St Mark's gospel all combined to make time at Synod inspiring and worthwhile. A feeling that we have been at a feast.

'One shall tell another' of the love Christ has for each of us – who will you tell?

*Denise Peacock, Reader and Synod Rep*

## Saint of the Month: St. Antony of Padua:

Feast day June 13<sup>th</sup>. A Franciscan friar and gifted preacher. Doctor of the Church. Patron saint of sailors, travellers, fishermen, lost articles. Symbols in art: book, bread, infant Jesus, lily.

He was born in Lisbon in 1195 into a noble family. He denied his noble Portuguese heritage to take vows of poverty. Hearing how some Franciscan missionaries had been murdered in Morocco for their faith, he was so filled with zeal for Christian martyrdom that he decided to follow their example and evangelise among the Muslims. Illness forced him to abandon his mission and he had to return home.

The ship he was travelling in was blown off course and he landed in Sicily. For a while he lived as a hermit near Forli. One day some Franciscans arrived for an ordination ceremony but no one had prepared a sermon, so Antony was told to fill in and utter whatever words the Holy Spirit should provide. His eloquence amazed all present and he became renowned for his preaching.

The text of many of his sermons has survived and because of these and his reputation as a biblical scholar, he is recognised as a Doctor of the Church. His popularity in intercession for lost articles stems from an occasion when his book of psalms was stolen by a novice who had left the community. Antony prayed that it would be found and the thief was moved to return the psalter to him and to return to the order.

He died at Padua in 1231 and was canonised within a year. His body was enshrined at Padua and a great basilican church built in 1232. Fittingly, the building has domes and a bell-tower built like an Arab minaret. Today it remains a popular place of pilgrimage and many miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

*Jackie Twin, Reader, St Barnabas Church, Colchester*

## ➤ Faith through movement

This summer, we have an exciting opportunity to benefit from the expert services of Cecile Gentil-Vuillaume, an experienced and enthusiastic teacher of ‘Gymnastique Ehrenfried,’ who is running two courses this summer at Maison St Francois at La Vicomté in Dinard.

The aim of the sessions is to deepen our spirituality and to increase our awareness of God through movement and posture. Combining a focus of key verses from the Bible in conjunction with the way we stand, move and breathe, the course is designed to help us to be more aware of God not only intellectually but physically.

The course is suitable for everyone, men or women, regardless of age. Appropriate dress would be something in which you feel comfortable and which allows ease of movement: for example, loose fitting tops, slacks or trousers.

Cecile has kindly offered to put on two afternoon sessions especially for us at Maison St Francois from **2.00 – 4.00pm** on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** and **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** for which there is a single token charge of **7 euro**.

I hope you will take advantage of this new and interesting opportunity to explore and practice our faith. If you are, then please let me have your name and the money as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

*Father Gareth*



➤ **The Garden Party**

Early in the year 1999, Carole and Tony Rogers invited Sybil, John and Wendy to join them for dinner at their home in Trans la Forêt. They had come up with an idea for raising funds for St Bartholomew's. "How about a garden party?" they said. They had the perfect location consisting of a large area near the house and an adjoining field which could be used as a car park. And so the first garden party committee was formed, meeting and planning and enjoying meals together.

The first garden party took place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. and was opened by Ron Frankel, the former British Consul. It was an extremely hot day and the stall holders struggled to find whatever shade could be found from the trees bordering the garden. We had very few gazebos available in those days and it was decided to place them so that visitors could have a little shade. Simone arrived later than the other stall holders and it caused amusement when she claimed a gazebo to display her array of skirt lengths.

How many folks remember paying a franc to pat Dilly the dog and how many still use a Joyce Wright tea cosy? Julian was in good voice when he auctioned some books kindly donated by Thora Hird. The enthusiastic band of helpers included the committee, Julian & Audrey Thompson, Clifford & Joyce Wright, John & Pat Farrington, John & Lucy Gay & Lucy's parents, Michael & Diana Wilson, Vic & Anne Briggs, Peter & Pam Campbell, Irene Bishop & Simone Dufayet.

Whatever happened to Brenda, surely the best tea pourer and washing up expert ever known to St Bartholomew's? A great time was had by all and it was good to sit sipping red wine in the heat of the evening, totally oblivious to the gentle rain drops which so kindly waited until every thing was cleared away. And now garden party number 10 is approaching. May it be as successful as garden party number 1, when 13,340 francs was raised.

*Wendy Marshall*

➤ **Memory Lane**

John Marshall has kindly supplied me with a series of humorous anecdotes about the life of our church of which the following is the first. If you have any fond memories of St Bartholomew's that you would like to share and record for posterity, then please let me know and I'll try to include in the newsletter in due course.



➤ **One up on the occupying troops**

Elizabeth Hannay was very sad to not have much information of our church during the Nazi occupation and the following anecdote is the only incident she had been able to glean.

Before America entered the conflict, Sunday mornings saw our church shared: the Americans had their service first followed by the German army with a service for their protestant soldiers. It appears that the Americans have a hymn which is sung to the same tune as 'God Save the King'. Elizabeth was highly amused to learn that up until the time that the Americans had to withdraw, (after Pearl Harbour), they made a point of opening the church doors for the singing of the last hymn and each Sunday, this would be the one above. What added to her delight, was the fact that the German troops were at this time standing to attention, ready to parade into church.

*John Marshall*



## CHURCH-GOING St Anne's, Woodplumpton

"Where is it you want to go?" My mother's purse wouldn't open automatically.

"St Anne's, Woodplumpton. It's a church."

"It's Saturday - "

"It's medieval. We want to see the wall."

"Most lads your age are - "

My mum knew what I *should* be doing. 'Watching the match... Making something out of balsa wood... Brylcreeming my quiff...' After all, later on it would be Saturday Night - in September 1959. Time to bop.

"There's a sundial. Still working..." As if, like any boy of fifteen, I was heading for the action.

"Who's we? Not that Derek." She'd never really taken to Derek. He was big but he liked brass rubbing.

"And Nigel."

Nigel. The combination to my mum's purse. His voice had broken, unlike Derek's, and his dad was teaching him golf.

"All right then." The purse opened - not joyfully wide, but wide enough.

"Now just look round." Derek had told her he was contemplating the ministry. Nigel had more sense. "Don't get involved."

Three shillings. The return bus fare (half) to Woodplumpton. Two and sixpence. And sixpence for something else. Something special. Something secular.

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Derek was the front man. He stood tall at the counter in Woodplumpton's Village Shoppe, and tendered our one and six... But it was Nigel who spoke - for obvious reasons. I stood behind them. I had a lot of growing up to do.

But that was about to start. Within minutes.

One minute to the lych gate, well-roofed against the north country wind, as the *Guide to Old Lancashire Churches* had promised.

Ten minutes inside the church. On the north aisle wall, dating from the 1300s, a window of two lights with pointed trefoils and a rounded trefoil above. And much more. Our heads (and history essays) were full of it for weeks.

Then back to the lych gate.

Derek opened the packet and gave us one Woodbine each, retaining the two remaining. We trusted him.

Nigel lit them.

With my (mum's) matches.

I breathed in – and was sick.

Nigel claims he inhaled. (He became a psychiatrist and lived on *Gaulloise*; so I believe him.)

Derek announced solemnly that his Woodbine was "*an experience*" – which Nigel couldn't deny and I couldn't hear.

But when he became a priest Derek smoked *Churchman's No. 1's* – though only recreationally, and never on Sundays.