

Newsletter - August 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.

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➤ Diary dates for August and September 2009

1 st August	14.00 Garden Party
4 th August	20.30 Ecumenical Bible Study in French (Temple Protestant, Dinard)
11 th August	20.30 Ecumenical Bible Study in French (Temple Protestant, Dinard)
18 th August	20.30 Ecumenical Bible Study in French (Temple Protestant, Dinard)
23 rd August	11.00 Patronal Festival
25 th August	20.30 Ecumenical Bible Study in French (Temple Protestant, Dinard)

2nd September CANCELLED 19.00 Julian Meeting Vivienne Gallier

3 rd September	10.30 Council Meeting
17 th September	11.00 Julian Meeting George Dobinson
27 th September	11.00 Harvest Festival

➤ Prayer of the month

God be in my head,
and in my understanding;
God be in myne eyes
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking
God be at my end
And at my departing.

Sarum Primers

RIP

Mary Callander
died 22nd July 2009

August 2009

Dear Friends,

Denise Peacock

When I was in my last year at East Ham Grammar School, I co-edited our School Magazine. One section was the 'Valette' – farewells to pupils leaving that year. It is hard to say goodbye, to see someone go, to sense the absence left behind as they leave us for somewhere new. How true of Denise leaving us.

Denise will be missed. She will be missed for her gentle calm. She will be missed for being someone you could talk to. She will be missed for her wise counsel, spoken from experience and from understanding.

Denise came to us as a fully trained Reader. Her sermons were valued not only for the quality of their content but also for the quality of her voice. There was a deep, rich resonance when she read the Gospel and real conviction when she led the intercessions.

A Member of our Council, Denise was one of our Synod Reps. She had a sense of the wider church making friends in and around St Pierre de Plesguen and reading the lessons in the Catholic church there.

She loved the quiet of a Julian Meeting and with Vivienne established a second monthly meeting for people wishing to experience God in silence. Her time with us has been all too short but I am minded of the underlying truth of parable of the Labourers at the Vineyard.

We shall miss her; I shall miss her; but we wish her well where God calls her now to be.

Father Gareth



➤ Notices

- **Tournebride Monthly Lunch 8th August** 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 September Newsletter is *midday on Thursday 27th August*
- **Banque Alimentaire** Helen Morgan delivered 3 boxes of groceries to Madame Boudain on our behalf. Much thanks to all who support this invaluable work.
- **Flower Festival** – Total amount raised 288€
- **Church Finances for June**
Income: 3196€ Expenditure: 1926€

➤ Readings in church

2nd August, Trinity 8

Exodus 16 v2 – 4, 9 - 15 Psalm 78 v22 – 28 p1194
Ephesians 4 v 1 - 16 John 6 v 24 - 35

9th August, Trinity 9

1 Kings 19 v4 - 8 Psalm 34 v 1 – 8 p1133
Ephesians 4 v 25 - 5 v 2 John 6 v 35, 41 - 51

16th August, Trinity 10

Proverbs 9 v1 - 6 Psalm 34 v 9 – 14 p1133
Ephesians 5 v 15 - 20 John 6 v 51 – 58

23rd August, St Bartholomew

Acts 5 v 12 -16 Psalm 145 v 1 - 7 p 1283
1 Corinthians 4 v9 - 15 Luke 22 v 24 - 30

30th August, Trinity 12

Deuteronomy 4 v1 – 2, 6 - 9 Psalm 15 p 1108
James 1 v 17 - end Mark 7 v1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 – 23

French Proverb of the Month

This month's proverb from 'Almanach du Marin Breton 2008' is
La beauté est partout. Ce n'est pas elle qui manque à nos yeux, ce sont nos yeux qui manquent à l'apercevoir.

Last month's might be paraphrased as follows:
Friends are like angels who get you going again when you've lost the knack of flying.

Sometimes sparks fly – or do they?

The Rt. Revd Clifford Wright, retired bishop of Monmouth and a very good friend of St. Bartholomew's, was the locum chaplain. During the service, one or two of us noticed a rather ominous flashing of sparks in angle on the right side of the front wall more or less where the Sunday School Banner now hangs.

Must be a short in the wiring, maybe the insulation has failed, was the reaction. By this time, Cliff was in the pulpit delivering his sermon. Peter Campbell and Frank Deffains went out, one to the library and the other by the church steps. The power was switched off and on, section by section with a relay from church to steps to library to report if each attempt had cured the problem. Of course, those who had not noticed the 'sparking' were blissfully unaware of the reason for the lighting entertainment, Clifford though someone was trying to get a message to him. As nothing cured the problem, it was deemed best to cut the power until the end of the service. Before coffee, those concerned headed straight to the front to try to cure the problem, before the church went up in flames.

The cure wasn't needed, all we saw was a small piece of tinsel, left behind from the Christmas decorations, and this was catching a draught and glinting in the sunlight!!

John Marshall

Notes from the Council Meeting – July 16th

Two days on from Bastille Day; three days before the AGM of the Friends, our Council Meeting agenda looked both back and forwards.

We looked back to the Festival of Flowers and Music and forward to the Garden Party. The Festival was judged a success with money pledged to cover its costs and money collected during the two and half days it ran. All were thanked for what was judged a real success and the possibility of a second Festival would be considered at the September Council Meeting. Arrangements for the Garden Party are well in hand and it remains the principal event to raise much needed additional funds for St Barts.

We looked back with thanks for Denise Peacock's time with us as one of our Readers and we looked forward to licensing two new communion ministers. David was asked to write on behalf of the Council to express all our thanks for the many positive ways Denise has contributed to the growth of St Barts. Jackie and Stan are both servers at their church in Nottingham and Jackie is already licensed to take the chalice at communion. The Council approved requesting that both of them be licensed to us.

The fabric is in the capable hands of a team of handy-man co-ordinated by our Assistant Church Warden, Bill Hughes, and David Norris's work in the Library remains much appreciated. The Elizabeth Hannay Room is now completely refurbished and the Sunday School that meets there is a vital part of the work at St Barts.

Thanks to your continued generosity, even in these difficult times, our finances continue to be in good heart.

Father Gareth

Flower and Music Festival

July this year may go down as one of the most colourful months our church has ever known. For the first time in its more than 100 year history, St. Bartholomew's held a Festival of Flowers and Music, in aid of its flower fund. For three days on July 10, 11 and 12, visitors to the church were able to enjoy the peace of the building while contemplating more than 20 beautiful flower arrangements in a magnificent show of colours and listening to both live and recorded music

The displays included roses, gladioli, freesias, lilies, carnations, chrysanthemums, delphiniums, sunflowers, montecassinos and thistles. Dozens of people, both from our own congregation and from the general public visited the festival to enjoy the displays, listen to the music and take a cup of tea or coffee.

The live music came from two visiting pipers from the Jersey Caledonian Pipe Band, former pipe-major Iain MacLeod and his son Alasdair, accompanied on the side drum by Barry Jordan, one of our own congregation. The trio played both in the church and in the gardens on each of the three days, ending with a particularly moving rendition of Amazing Grace at the close of morning service on July 12.

The recorded music included hymns and other sacred music such as 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing', 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', and 'Love Divine'; as well as popular hits from shows such as 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', 'Jesus Christ Superstar', and 'Phantom of the Opera'; all of which reflected the themes of the largest flower arrangements.

The flowers were distributed around the church in seven large, free-standing arrangements, each with its own musical theme; seven



Saint of the Month: St. Helena

c. 250 - 330 AD. Feast Day August 18th (Western Church) May 21st (Eastern Church) Symbols in art: cross. Patronage: divorcees, difficult marriages, archaeologists, Colchester.

Facts about Helena's early life are uncertain. Geoffrey of Monmouth claimed she was born in York, the daughter of the legendary British King Cole. More likely, she was an innkeeper's daughter from Bithynia in Asia Minor and married the Roman general, Constantius Chlorus, by whom she had a son, Constantine. In 293 AD, after a marriage of twenty years, Constantius was proclaimed Caesar and renounced Helena to marry the step-daughter of the Emperor Maximian.

After his death in 306, Constantine became Emperor, in 312 was baptised and proclaimed that Christianity should be tolerated in the Empire. At 60, she converted to Christianity spending time and money promoting Christian values, building churches and giving alms to prisoners and the poor. When Constantine became master of the Eastern Empire in 324, Helena felt it was safe to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to venerate the sacred places of Jesus' life.

At the time of Constantine's conversion, Jerusalem was no longer a Jewish city. A temple to the goddess Venus had been built on the site of Jesus' tomb on Mount Calvary. Constantine's instruction to have the site excavated and to build the church of the Holy Sepulchre gave Helena a reason to visit Palestine at nearly 80 years of age. Whilst there, she is credited with finding three crosses in a rock cistern. To ascertain the True Cross, a woman with an incurable disease touched each in turn. Her instant recovery on touching one identified it. Part of the cross was kept in Jerusalem, another part was sent to Rome.

Jackie Twin, Reader, St Barnabas Church, Colchester

Poem of the Month

The following anonymous poem was suggested for inclusion by Val Carter. If you would like a poem to appear in our Newsletter then please let me have a copy.

A Smile

A smile costs nothing but gives much.
It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment, but the memory sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it.
None is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business and is the countersign of friendship.
It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen for it is something that is no value to anyone until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile.
Gove them one of yours as none needs a smile as much as he who has no more to give.

Anon

Quotation of the Month

The following was one sent to me by a former colleague of mine, Maria Rossi, just after this year's Wimbledon:

'To Andy Murray, 'Love' is nothing. To God, Love is everything.'

attached to pillars and around the altar; and seven small compositions on the window ledges.

The festival could not have been more successful, both in terms of the number of interested visitors and in contributions to the flower fund. But none of it would have taken place without two groups of wonderful people to whom we must give thanks:

First, Corrie Stein and her dedicated group of flower arrangers, including Marjorie Mitchell, Diana Wilson, Agnes Francois, Vivienne Gallier, Jean Mansell and Victor Pumfrett who also taught a popular series of flower arrangement classes for the ladies. Not to forget the refreshment team led by Helen and Peter Usmar.

And secondly, all those kind sponsors who supported the festival with contributions, including our major sponsor, Condor Ferries, several local businesses, and over a dozen generous individuals.

Philip Jordan

Faith through Movement

In July, members of the congregation had the opportunity to participate in 2x 2hour sessions for just 7€ at Maison St François in the beautiful area of la Vicomté in Dinard. What better a place to blend gentle gymnastics with mindful consciousness of our body's relationship to the spirit? Cecile Gentil Villaume's course was as relaxing as it was invigorating combining movement, breathing and interactional exchanges from the Bible notably from the Gospels. I can sincerely recommend the sessions to all who wish to acknowledge the link between mind and body and I do hope Cecile will renew her offer in the future.

Vivienne Gallier

CHURCH-GOING
Sky Harbor Chapel, Phoenix, Arizona

...This must be the hottest place on earth – or beyond. A warm-up for Things To Come, perhaps. So on the day of rest from a farewell tour of Arizona, I was delighted to see a highway sign: *‘LOOKING FOR THE COOLEST CHURCH IN PHOENIX? OK, DRIVE RIGHT IN.’*

OK.

Inside was a semi-circle of seats facing a small, railed podium. Swelting and wilting – I could hardly think... I just made the front row. On the seat to my left was a large Stetson, and next to the hat, its owner, presumably – a small (hatless) cowboy.

No congregation – yet.

And no air-conditioning. I almost loosened my tie.

‘Hi!’

“Good morning.”

It’s obvious who said what to whom. I always did say too much.

The small cowboy looked me over, chewing - or saying something I couldn’t quite catch.

“Nice weather,” I managed, trying not to be controversial.

He chewed this over, too. *“Ya don’t say,”* And I wished I hadn’t.

The hat just sat there.

Then I must have nodded off, because next thing I was *surrounded* by people. My new neighbour, right, was someone much better dressed than me: shorts, flip-flops and T-shirt. With his back to me, I could read it. *‘GOT GOD? ENQUIRE WITHIN.’*

When he turned round, I read his chest: *‘FIGHT TRUTH DECAY. BRUSH UP YOUR BIBLE.’* The Second Lesson.

By now there was a full house, including a rather tough-looking chap: black scowl, black driving-gloves, black tank-top with *‘GOD SQUAD. CONSCRIPT.’* He seemed to be arm-wrestling a nice girl whose top said *‘HEAVENLY BODY.’* Right on. Was this hand-to-hand the Sky Harbor Peace? Or just a bit of pentecostal high-fiving?

I twisted round to see a back row packed with inspirational vests. *‘EX-SINNER’* hanging loosely on and off a sweet old lady... *‘NON-CONFORMISTS AREN’T ALL ALIKE’* sported by quite a few members... *‘HALLELUIA!’* in purple on green... next to *‘GIVE US PEACE’* in pale grey... next to *‘WAKE UP’* printed over a demon-faced alarm clock...

The service was fun, too. My neighbour, the little cowboy, turned out to be the pastor. Like a miniature John Wayne he strode to his podium. And the first thing he did was make everybody lean over to me – *“our friend”* - and say *‘Hi, Dave’*.

Oddly, it was all very warm and welcoming. A *‘Hi’* church, you might say, but really cool.

David Norris