

### Diary dates for June and July 2010

16 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 Julian Meeting George Dobinson
27 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 Peterstide & the celebration of the ordination to the priesthood of The Revd Mark Vidal Hall 45 years ago
9 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> July	Flower Festival
15 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30 Council Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> July	12.00 Friends AGM
21 <sup>st</sup> July	11.00 Julian Meeting George Dobinson

### Prayers of the month Two football world cup prayers

God of the nations, who has always called his people to be a blessing for the world, bless all who take part in the World Cup. Smile on South Africa in her hosting, on the nations represented in competition and on those who travel to join in the party.

Lord, as all around are gripped with World Cup fever, bless us with understanding, strengthen us with patience and grant us the gift of sympathy if needed.

### Prayer focus

For our outreach to the folk in our area through events like the Flower festival and Garden Party

### Sermon focus

The sermons on the second Sundays in July, August and September will focus on the theme of Stewardship.

## Newsletter - June 2010 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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Dear Friends,

***'Onion-eyed'***

***'The tears live in an onion that should have water'd this grief'***

I decided to make onion soup. The recipe is easy enough if time-consuming and it starts with peeling and slicing at least a dozen onions. The result, unsurprisingly, left me in tears. And as I wiped my eyes on a piece of kitchen paper-towelling, I thought of this quotation from Shakespeare's tragedy, 'Antony and Cleopatra': Enobarbus cynically counsels Antony how he should view the unexpected death of his wife, Fulvia.

Part of Shakespeare's mastery lies in his skill in using an image from everyday life to make a character or situation vivid to his audience. Not only were they watching his play with their eyes but they were hearing what was said and seeing in their mind's eye the truth of the image Shakespeare was conjuring before them.

Oddly enough, I think Jesus was employing the same principle in his parables: to take the ordinary, everyday experience of his hearers and to make it vivid to them. During Lent this year as the focus of our Bible Studies, we looked at seven parables unique to Luke and I was struck by the ordinary situations that Jesus uses to make spiritual points: a mugging; a widow seeking justice; a rich fool; a dishonest manager; a wilfully silly teenager; a religious hypocrite v a humble sinner; a rich man with a beggar at his gate. Jesus started from where people were and made points they could, with a little effort, understand.

Cooking, as Victor Pumfrett demonstrates in his monthly recipe, can be fun and like Jesus' teaching, it can be food for thought.

***Father Gareth***

- **Tournebride Monthly Lunch 5<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)
- **Accommodation available:** 2 bedroom house for rental nr. Dolo, Jugon les Lacs - 20 mins from Dinan. Large living-dining area with kitchen; stairs to bedrooms with shower and WC; patio to the front with garden at the rear. Available now on long or short lets. For details: contact **Elaine Dunstan** 02 96 83 39 35 /06 83 51 98 57 Email [elainedunstan@yahoo.fr](mailto:elainedunstan@yahoo.fr)
- **Castles, Mountains, Swimming, Riding, Rafting, Walking, Paragliding! & bags of sunshine.** Enjoy a stay in the **OLD FORGE, Le Vivier**, one of the original houses in this small wine growing village in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Ground floor: enclosed courtyard & the old forge sitting rm  
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2<sup>nd</sup> floor: 3 bedrooms, playroom, bathroom with shower  
Sleeps maximum 9 but ground + 1<sup>st</sup> floor ideal for 2/4 people  
See [www.vidalhall.co.uk](http://www.vidalhall.co.uk) the old forge. Ring **Mark** on 02 96 88 16 34 & quote St Barts Newsletter for special prices
- **Website** – reminder that you can access the **Newsletter** in a printable version from our website from the Newsletter archive. You can also access an archive of my **sermons** for the past 14 months – an excellent cure for insomnia!
- **Deadline** for submission of material for the July Newsletter is **midday on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Church Finances for April**  
Income: 3571€ Expenditure: 6159€

## Readings in church

### *June 6<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Trinity*

1 Kings 17 v17 - end                      Psalm 30 p1127  
Galatians 1 v11 - end                      Luke 7 v11 - 17

### *June 13<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Trinity*

2 Samuel 11 v26 - 12 v10, v13 - 15      Psalm 32 p1130  
Galatians 2 v15 - end                      Luke 7 v36 – 8 v3

### *June 20<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday after Trinity*

Isaiah 65 v1 - 9                              Psalm 22 v20 – 29 p1118  
Galatians 3 v23 - end                      Luke 8 v26 - 39

### *June 27<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

1 Kings 19 v15 - 16, 19 – end              Psalm 16 p1109  
Galatians 5 v1, 13 – 25                      Luke 9 v51 - end

### *Sybil Fagg*



#### **Message for Ascension in election times:**

In an e mail Father Peter Bevan wrote:

Politicians promise the earth;  
for Christians the sky's the limit!!



#### **Church Notice Board**

Adam blamed Eve

Eve blamed the snake

And the snake didn't have a leg to stand on

*Marjorie and Stafford Crane*

## Notes from the Council

**13th May 2010**

There was an air of constructive gaiety about the meeting: shared enthusiasm and good humour as the new Council met for the first time this year.

Bill Hughes and David Morgan were welcomed as our new Church Warden and Treasurer respectively. Our Standing Committee, the former Bureau, consisting of our two Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer Reader and Priest was identified as having the remit to meet in between Council Meetings to address urgent business on behalf of the Council.

Matters arising, among other things, addressed the on-going question of the Moynihan legacy; the on-going protection of the stained glass by metal grilles; the imminent delivery of the new Go-Pack tables. Future events discussed included the Flower Festival masterminded by Corrie Stein on 8th – 10th July and the Annual Garden Party on 7th August at Claude and Agnes François home, La Trauchandière.

One of our Archdeaconry Synod reps, Geoff Carter, gave an informative report on the three day synod held at St Jacut in April and a written report by Paddy Vidal Hall, our other rep, can be read elsewhere in our June Newsletter.

Our Child Protection procedure was endorsed for the following year with Val Carter taking on the role of Child Protection Officer from Doreen Collier. All our Sunday School Teachers have completed the CRB checks as well as our Reader and Priests. The proposed new service of Holy Communion to be introduced at the start of Advent was approved.

The meeting closed, as it opened, in prayer. May our church continue to thrive through the good offices of your Council.

*Father Gareth*

## Reflections of a new Church Warden

I write to thank all concerned for their confidence in electing me Churchwarden on the retirement of Julian Thompson. For many years, Julian, supported by his wife Audrey, has done a great deal of work for our church, far in excess of the duties required of a Churchwarden and although resigning from the post, he will still take an active part in church life as Churchwarden Emeritus.

In the early days, long before my time, Julian and Audrey together with Elizabeth Hannay, Ida Beau, Sybil Fagg and Doreen Collier kept our church going. Without their combined efforts, it is unlikely that we would be enjoying the thriving church we have here in Dinard today.

I am sure that everyone involved in St Bartholomew's will want to join with me in expressing our thanks to Julian and of course to Audrey, for what they and he have done (and still is doing) for the church we love.

*Bill Hughes*



### Soup lunch

Last month on 15<sup>th</sup> May, over 60 folk came to La Tamara, the home of Diana Wilson near St Lunaire to share a soup lunch together with a glass of wine and a desert in what was intended as a joint fund-raising event for our church and for the SPA. We are grateful for all who helped to make it so enjoyable a social occasion and to raise 626€!



## Flower Festival

This year's Flower Festival featuring Icons 'written' by Karen Blampied will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July (14.00 – 18.00), 10<sup>th</sup> July (10.00 – 18.00) and 11<sup>th</sup> July (12.00 – 18.00). In addition to the beautiful arrangements and icons, music will again be provided by pipers from Jersey and there will be tea available in the Church garden. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement please contact Corrie Stein ([g.stein@wannadoo.fr](mailto:g.stein@wannadoo.fr)) for details.

### Garden Party - 7<sup>th</sup> August

Cakes to Order - Lucy Gay has offered to make cakes to order for delivery at church on 15th August. Contact Helen Morgan: 02 99 73 80 14 or [dmorgan16@aol.com](mailto:dmorgan16@aol.com)

Volunteers are needed to assist with various stalls and side shows including: Hoopla; Splat the Rat; Bottle Stall; Umbrella Stall; Apple Bobbing; Tossing the Welly; Fishing Game. Contact Helen Morgan (details see above).

From the beginning of July there will be boxes in the coffee area for your contributions to the various Garden Party stalls: paper-backs, tombola prizes, desirable bric-à-brac, jewellery, toiletries, etc. etc.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

#### Ecumenical day at the Sanctuary of Notre Dame de Toute Aide Le Prénessaye.

10.30 arrival; 11.00 service.

Packed lunch (you bring)

Afternoon lecture on the history of the sanctuary/DVD presentation

17.00 Day ends with Evening Prayer

*If you come to the centre of **Querrien**, folk will be there to guide you to the shrine itself - 5/6 minutes further on.*

*Father John-Francis Keys*

**Recipe of the month**  
***'Date and Walnut Loaf'***

I've been making this loaf for many years now and it's always proved to be a 'firm' favourite.

- ✓ 250 gms dates, stoned and cut up in a bowl
- ✓ 125 gms sugar
- ✓ 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- ✓ Pinch of salt
- ✓ 1 teacup of boiling water
- ✓ 50 gms chopped walnuts



- Add the sugar to the dates in the bowl.
- Add the bicarbonate of soda.
- Pour in the cup of boiling water.
- Mix together well.
- Add self-raising flour and walnuts.
- Again mix together
- Divide into 2 loaf tins
  
- Bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes
- 180°C - 350°F - Gas Mark 4

***Victor Pumfrett***

**Food for thought**

The following observation on the tenth commandment was sent to me in an e mail by Lynette Jarvis:  
'Envy is a vice of the inadequate.'

**Film Review of the month**  
***'The History Boys' – Alan Bennett 2006***

If you like School stories, this might appeal. 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' it's not but if you went to a Boys' Grammar School after the War, it may be familiar territory especially if you did a third year sixth to try to get into Oxbridge - I tried but Jesus rejected me !

These lads at Cutlers' Grammar (it's set in Sheffield!) are bright, the brightest: articulate, confident, full of the joys of adolescence. The verbal sparring is razor sharp (Gillette Fusion quality) and there are some wonderful impromptu pastiche including an authentic snatch from 'Brief Encounter' where the diction and timing are immaculate.

The atmosphere is full of angst: sexual desire without sex; desire to achieve academically; relationships between teacher and taught; inspirational teaching at odds with a target-driven establishment. Like most of what Bennett writes, the film is very funny whilst being very serious. There's real passion in the intellectual debate and the value of thought and education is celebrated. There's an enviable joie de vivre, a delight in being young, being with the young, the satisfaction inherent in teaching. We are invited to ask the question 'What is truth?' and to reflect on how lies may underpin adult life. The story is not without surprise (of which I must necessarily remain silent). Fairy stories are supposed to end happily ever after: here, the end is realistically sober and life-affirming.

If you want something different but reassuringly familiar, something that might make you laugh and cry, then 'The History Boys' might be just the film to watch. It will certainly make you think.

***Gareth Randall***

**Saint of the Month**  
**St Malo (Maclou) – 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Across the estuary of the Rance from Dinard lies the modern city of St Malo but, according to my source, St Malo was born in Raux, close to the ancient city of Aleth, now St Servan. His parents were Welsh nobles, newly arrived in Armorica: his father was the Count of Gwent.

Malo was sent back to Wales for his education to the school at Lancarvan Abbey under the direction of St Brandon, his father-in-God, where the boy, Malo, quickly excelled as the most promising of pupils, an example to all by his piety and learning. A phrase in the French captures his deeply attractive nature: ‘gagnant tous les cœurs par des prévenances’. ‘Prévenances’ means ‘kindness’, ‘thoughtfulness’, ‘consideration’ and embodies the fundamental Christian principle of loving God by loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. Because the life of a saint is not a fairy story but a record of a real life, we learn that such piety won not only the favour of his spiritual mentor, St Brandon, but the resentment of some of his fellows who envied his standing with the Abbot! Malo was to accompany Brandon on a successful missionary journey to the north which ended in the Orkney Islands.

On their return, Malo was made Bishop of Castel Gwent to spread locally the fruit of what he had learnt as a missionary. But the impulse to bring the light of Christ to pagans caused Malo again to leave Wales with St Brandon despite the obstacles his father put in his way to prevent his departure. Initially, he made landfall on the island of Cézembre then joined a nearby missionary community led by their Abbot, Aaron. Enfeebled by age, he deputed Malo to direct the work so on Easter Day, Malo went to preach in a small oratory in Aleth where the power of his preaching was so great that the people of the town clamoured to hear him for themselves obliging Malo to go out into the square with the result that many were baptised.

**French Proverb of the Month**

This month’s proverb from ‘Almanach du Marin Breton 2008’ may well appeal Anglicans:

*Mange ton poisson pendant qu’il est frais*

Last month’s might be paraphrased as follows:

*Experience is not a nice teacher: you need to pass the exam before learning your lesson*



**Quotation of the Month**

Written on a chocolate bar given to me by my friend Father Peter Bevan of St Mary’s Potters Bar is the following: ‘Middle age is when a narrow waist and a broad mind begin to change places.’



**Sprouts**

A young boy was in trouble with mum because he refused to eat his vegetables. "If you don't eat them up, God will be very cross," tried mum. "After all, he puts a lot into making sure we have good food to eat". Even this had no effect, nor did the threat to be sent straight to bed. So, upstairs he went, no TV etc. Later that evening, there began a very violent thunderstorm. After a while of listening to the loud thunder, and watching the lightening, the young lad looked up to the sky, and shouted, "You're making a blooming lot of fuss over a few sprouts!"

*John Marshall*



### Poem of the month

The sixth in a series exploring the nature of the incarnation through the humanity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*'He was in the stern asleep on a cushion'*  
*Mark 4 v38*

Tired? Jesus must have been dead tired, exhausted.  
It had been another busy day with crowds of people  
Flocking to see him, to hear him, to be with him.  
He was still young, physically fit, spiritually alive  
But it took real energy to do what he did,  
Not easy to do even if it were his true vocation.  
At the end of the day, towards nightfall, they set out  
Intending to cross the Lake to the other side.  
His disciples were experienced fishermen;  
They knew the Lake and how to handle a boat  
So he left them to it; sinking down in the stern.  
With his head resting on a pillow, he fell asleep.  
It was a deep sleep, nothing could wake him,  
Not even the sound of the wind or the waves,  
Till the insistent shouts of his terrified friends  
Stirred him and immediately he took charge,  
Stood up, told wind and waves to calm down  
And they did, like children caught misbehaving,  
Shamed into silence, quelled into obedience.  
The Lake may well be calm and quiet now  
But the disciples were all-at-sea, seeing  
Just who and what Jesus claimed to be.  
True he needed sleep but even asleep,  
He was ready to do what needed doing.

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The bishop's seat was moved to Aleth in 541 and the work prospered: miracles of healing and spreading the light of the gospel throughout his diocese. Again, however, his success among the people and in building up the Church caused jealousy with opposition from secular authority, first from Haeloch, Count of Aleth, who understandably changed his mind on the loss of eyesight, then some time later orchestrated by his successor, Canao. Eventually, Malo was to leave Aleth which, as a result, fell into bad times so the people clamoured for the saint's return. This Malo did for a time before appointing his successor St Gurval and retiring to Archembray where he died on 16<sup>th</sup> November 621. He was found in death as in life: covered by a hair shirt, lying on a bed of ashes, his eyes uplifted to heaven.

St Malo is honoured as one of the seven saints responsible for the foundation of Brittany. His name is derived from old Breton: 'mach' meaning hostage and 'luh' meaning light. Malo or Maclou then is 'hostage to the light', an appropriate name, do you think, for a servant of Jesus Christ, the light of the world?

*Gareth Randall*

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### Grace of the month

The seventh of a baker's dozen from a former chaplain:

For the food that we eat  
And for those who prepare it,  
For health to enjoy it  
And friends to share it,  
We thank you O Lord.

*The Revd Donald Pankhurst*

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## Archdeaconry Synod Report

The Synod for the Anglican churches in France was again held at L'Abbaye de St Jacut de la Mer. The wisteria was out, the sea blue, the delegates in high spirits. Bishop Geoffrey Rowell introduced the theme of a 'multiplicity' of gifts. As Christians, by sharing our different experiences, we can better understand our ministry. Like a net, we are connected, inspiring and supporting each other.

Bishop Geoffrey touched on the episcopacy, describing his job as being open to all, knowing and listening to each individual voice while preserving the vision of the whole people of God in Europe. He was pastor, teacher, judge, always informing his action through prayer

The Dean spoke about the focal point of our diocese, our cathedral in Gibraltar. He saw it as a centre of prayer and teaching for the diocese and of support for our Bishop. Interestingly, he cited Canon Law as a model for a Rule of Life.

Ecumenism was addressed by the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. He emphasised that to be whole we need each other, discerning the true nature of love and unity by the image of 'circling doves' flying free yet retaining their essential relationship.

A man and woman shared their different experiences of the priesthood: one of a caring, sustaining ministry; the other beset with challenge and work overload. The question for each was how to go with Christ into the future.

Two deacons explored their particular distinctive ministry, not as apprentice priests but as living signs of humble service, open to all, doing what needed to be done.

Readers saw themselves not as substitute clergy but with a recognised licensed ministry of preaching, teaching, listening and visiting for which they were trained.

Finally, two lay people gave two excellent but very different accounts of long lay involvement in the Church which 'chimed' with many people's experience. They felt that God knew what he intends each of us to do. Witness to what we believe is for everybody, translating our faith into our everyday lives and with this essential advice: 'Don't forget to pray'!

The Archdeacon through some moving personal anecdotes of his pastoral ministry in Nice reminded of the need to be there for the Poor. We had a surprise visit from the Archbishop of Rennes who considered himself as a 'prophète de l'unité' and stressed what we shared in our common search.

In conclusion, the Bishop shared his vision of our diocese-in-Europe with Archdeacons who, freed from the responsibility of running an individual chaplaincy, would be able to devote more time to develop the work of an expanding diocese. Clearly, however, there would be financial implications for chaplaincies as a whole.

All the above was enhanced by regular shared times of worship including a Eucharist in the parish church at which two priests were licensed to their new chaplaincies.

I think I learnt a lot, enjoyed the sessions and the fellowship. It was a time for growth, recuperation and, as all the speakers reminded us, for prayer.

*Paddy Vidal Hall*