



On Sunday 2nd June from 1030 Chris and Rodney will be demonstrating outside the Church of England Church in Ploermel. It is situated at 14 Rue Général Dubreton 56800 Ploërmel

Chris Wilkinson, and his partner Rodney Logan have been barred from going to Church by ex-American Episcopalian priest Robin Adams because they are gay.

When Chris learnt that a new priest had arrived promising to establish an Anglican Church in Redon 5kms from his home in St Jacut Les Pins he wrote welcoming him and promising to help.

In response Chris and Rodney got barred from any contact with the church because they are gay. They were told you are unnatural and unhealthy and that being gay is a life style choice but the power of Jesus can cure you.

Chris said "I was really shocked and deeply upset by the hatred and homophobia from Robin Adams. He had never even met us. It certainly doesn't feel very Christian."

Robin Adams spent time in the USA at Gainesville, Virginia until 2017 and took his Church of the Word out of the Protestant Church and into the hands of a crank Bishop in Nigeria who preaches that it is ok to criminalise, imprison, torture and stone to death gay men.

Chris, and his partner Rodney have tried to communicate with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Europe and the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Europe but in the 10 months since Chris wrote to Robin Adams, nothing has been resolved. "We have been met with delays in replies, sometimes taking 4 months. At other times we are simply met with either silence or untruths about our situation. Nothing has been done by anyone to resolve the horror of Robin Adams and what he believes".

Chris said "The Bishop of Europe has written to us saying that we are all welcome at

God's table but how can we be welcome when we are barred?" He added "If he had said the same thing about the Jews Robin Adams would have rightfully appeared in court for anti-Semitism, but he seems to think he can get away with abuse just because we are gay.

Rodney said "this wall of silence from the Church in the face of homophobic abuse is not acceptable. Homophobia is a crime in France and could attract a fine of up to 45,000 Euro and or a year in Prison and in view of the rise last year in Homophobic Abuse in France President Macron has promised to make the penalties even tougher. What Robin Adams has said is offensive and deeply hurtful."

Rodney went on to say "this is all very similar to the children who were abused and harmed by priests over the years and when they complained they were met with a wall of silence. Will the church ever learn that abuse needs to be tackled early to prevent homophobic priests teaching their prejudice, hate and discrimination."

As a teenager Chris went through the harrowing experience of having his boyfriend commit suicide by hanging because of the intolerance of the time and for most of his life has lived a lie about his sexuality. Once in France he was able to relax and eventually came out to his friends and family and is now proud to identify as gay. Chris said "Where my sexuality has been concerned life has been a struggle but here in France I can now be the person I really am. What I didn't expect was to be faced with hatred and intolerance by the Church of England."

Rodney, born in Northern Ireland fled the troubles and the ubiquitous homophobia to live safely in France.

The Church of England has 4 churches in Brittany. As Chris and Rodney are barred from attending Christ Church in Brittany, the next nearest Churches are more than 200 kms away.

Web Links of information to support the above:

Nigeria

https://churchoftheword.net/wr09/windsor_rpt_vol_nigeria-acna.html

Church of the Word Virginia

<https://www.churchoftheword.net/>

Out of court settlement Church of the Word

<https://www.virtueonline.org/northern-virginia-anglican-church-settles-out-court-episcopal-church>
(Note this page has been taken down)

BBC Report:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ni/2006/12/anglicanism_the_split_has_begu.html

Email from Chris to Robin Adams 30th May 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc1.pdf>

Email from Robin Adams to Chris 12th July 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc2.pdf>

Transcript of what Chris said to the meeting to form a church in Redon 14th July 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc3.pdf>

Letter from The Venerable Meurig Williams, Archdeacon of France dated 18th September 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc6.pdf>

Invitation by Chris 28th November 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc4.pdf>

Response by Robin Adams 30th November 2018

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/doc5.pdf>

Photos of Robin Adams

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/Pastor-Robin-Adams.JPG>

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/Pastor-Robin-Adams1.JPG>

Photos of Chris

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/chris.jpg>

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/chris1.jpg>

Photos of Rodney

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/rodney.jpg>

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/rodney1.jpg>

Our Campaign Leaflet

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/campleaf.pdf>

Posters

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/postersa4.pdf>

T Shirts

<http://lgbtstruggles.org/downloads/TShirts.pdf>

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We will both be free to speak to you from 1200 EST on Friday 31st May to 1800 on Monday 3rd June on the above telephone numbers

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