

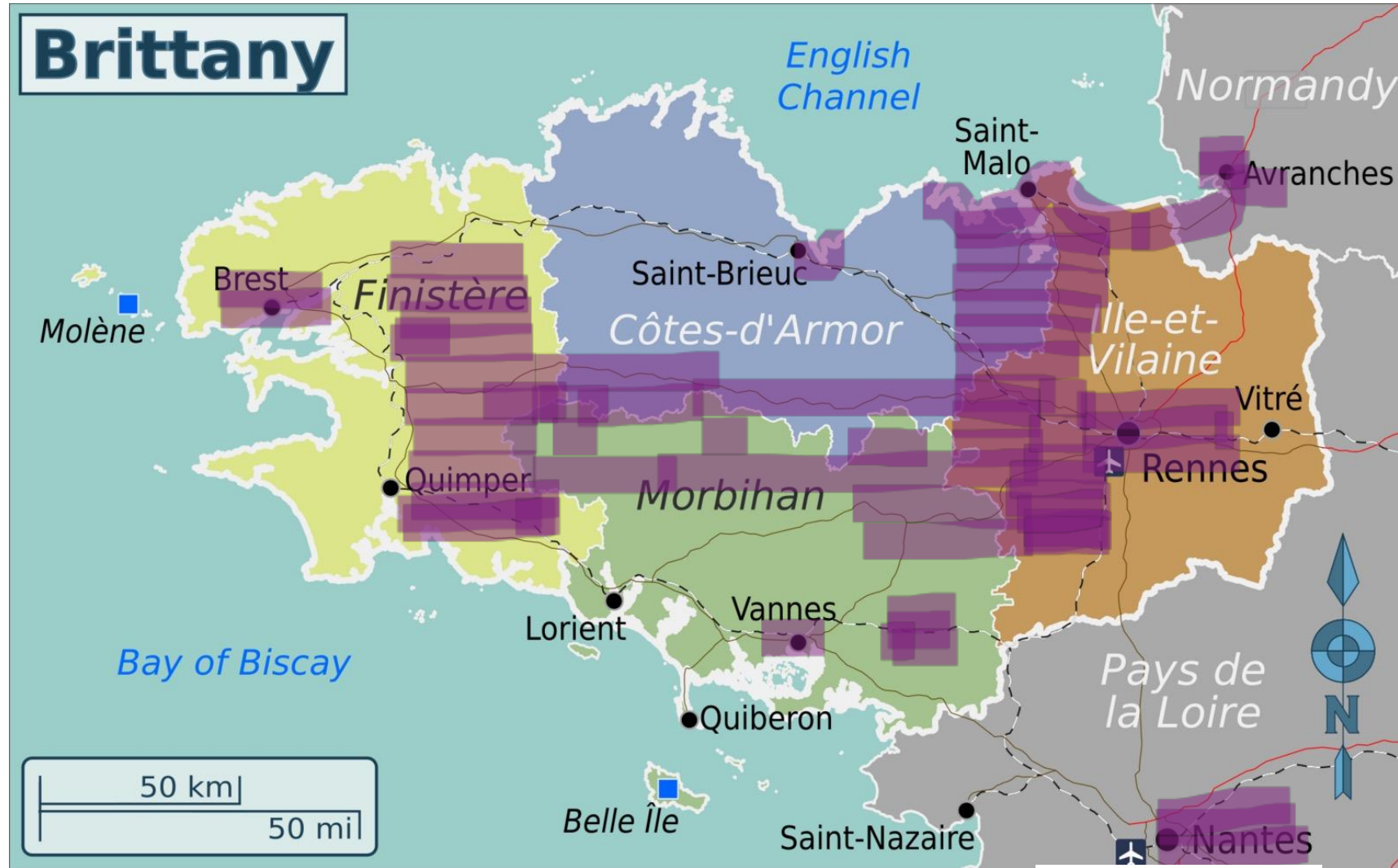
Church Planting: a time of sowing?

Experiences of planting and growing chaplaincies in North West France

Context – Brittany



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Anglophones



Chaplaincies in Brittany

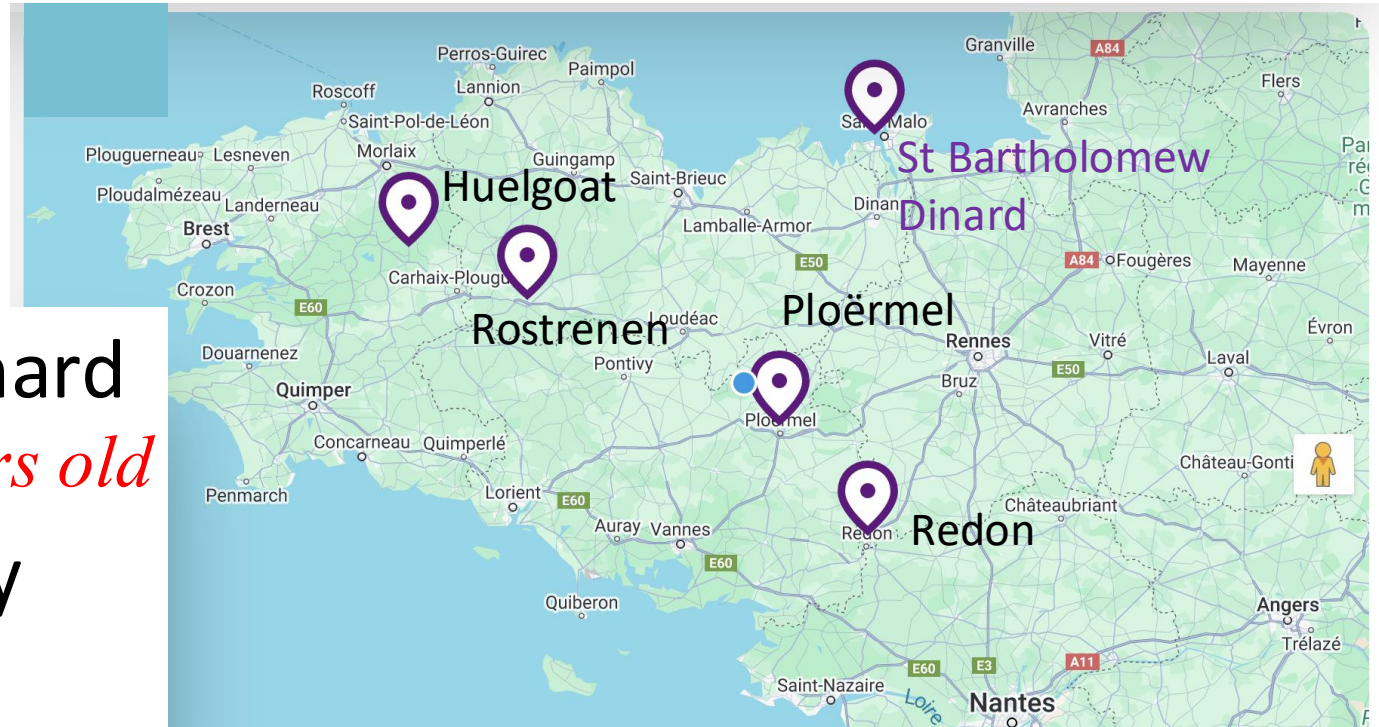
- St Bartholomew's Dinard
153 years old

- Christ Church Brittany

1. Ploërmel
2. Huelgoat
3. Rostrenen
4. Redon

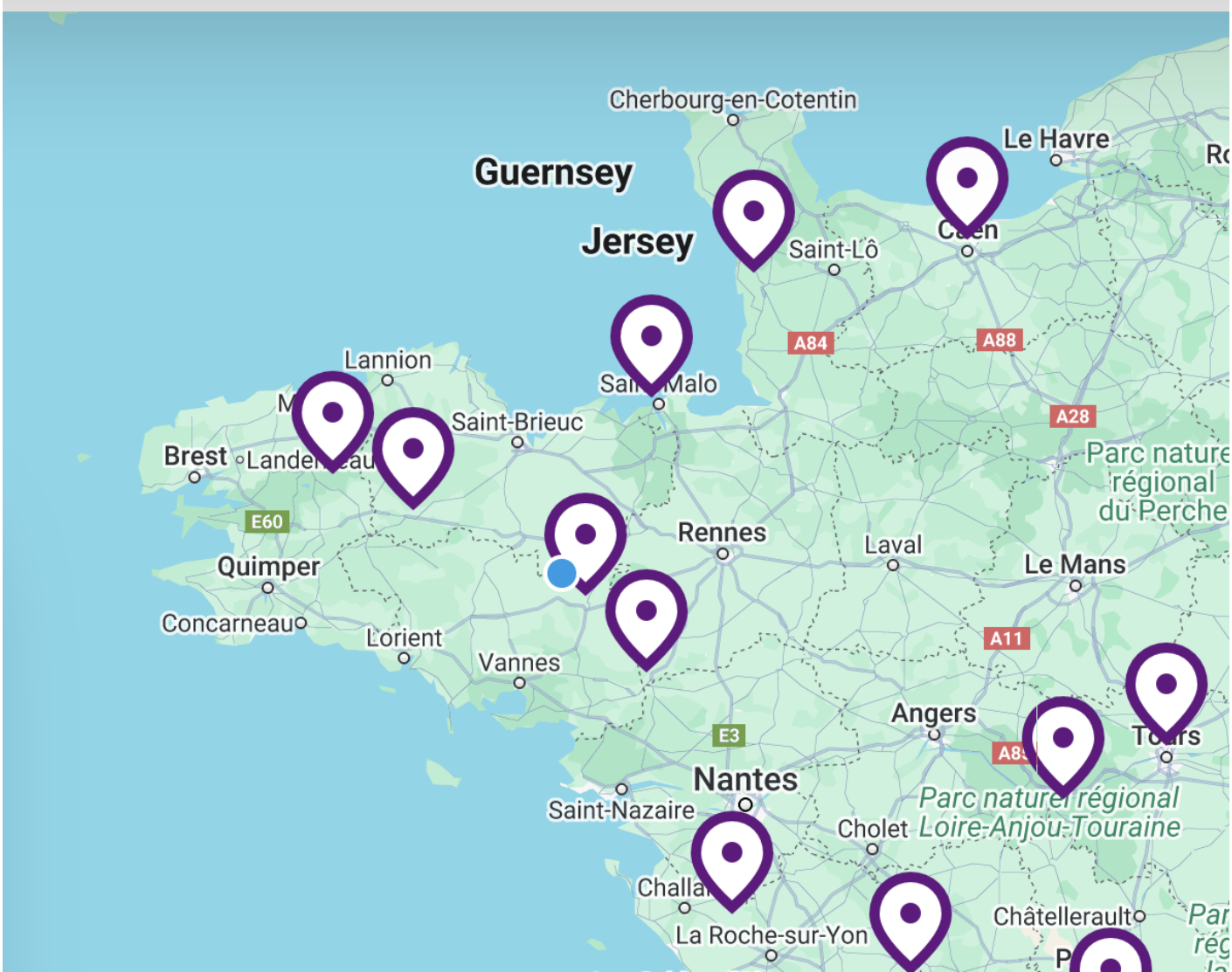
25 years old

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Chaplaincies in Brittany

North West France



Demographics – who are we looking for?

- 75% of **Christ Church Brittany** members are 70 or over
- Younger families and those of working age tend to attend **French speaking churches** in Brittany.
- Our focus is on English speakers (**Anglophones**)
 - Ex-pats
 - English as a second language
 - Bilingual Families
- Why do people want to speak or worship in **English**?
- Bi and Tri-lingual **Ecumenical** Services & activities.

Demographics

- Where are English speaking
 - Young Adults?
 - Children & Youth?
 - Families?
 - Retired people?
- Who is drawn to
 - Anglican Worship?
 - Worshipping in English?



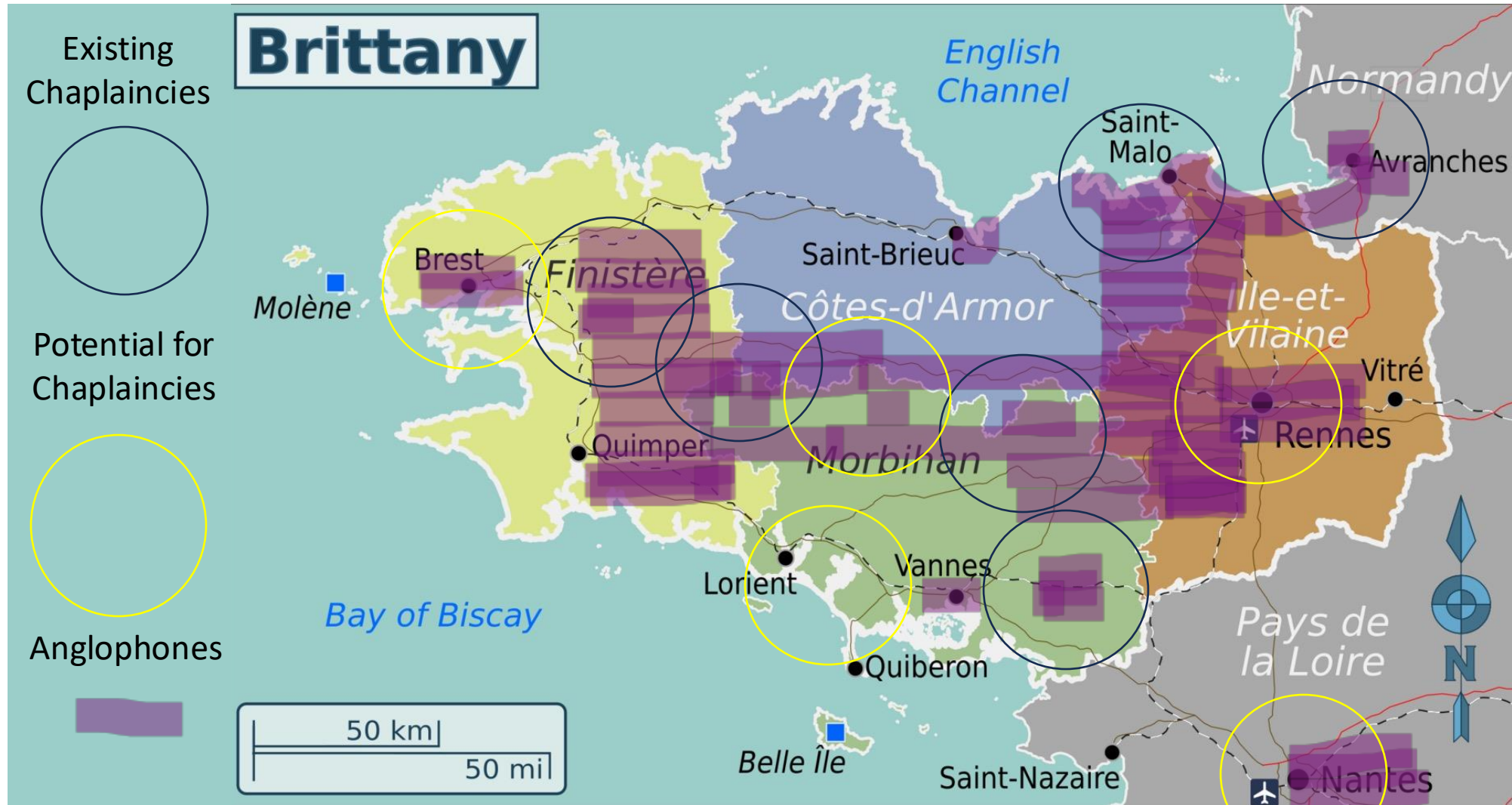
Practicalities

- English speakers in Brittany tend to live grouped around specific urban areas
or are spread out across inland rural areas.
- A significant number live in rural, isolated locations.
- Most people are prepared to drive up to 45 minutes to attend a church service, some travel much further.

Practicalities

- Many older people prefer to travel during daylight hours.
- Zoom / online meetings can work well.
- Do the Chaplaincy use their own building or someone else's?

Context – Brittany



Building Community

- Where?
 - Who?
 - How?
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- E.g. Choir & Handbells
 - Library
 - Socials



Potential for Growth

- New Bible Studies
- Pilgrimage Walks
- Courses
- Small Groups
- 'Make & Mix' - Craft & Faith
- Beach days
- Away Days
- Time together – lunches, picnics, socials, walks



Its about relationships

- Ecumenical relationships
- Hospitality ↔
- Collaboration & Partnership
- Support
- Charity Fundraising





Contact made

- Planning to start a monthly service for English speaking Students at *l'Eglise Protestante Unie de Rennes* in May (N, D)
- Starting a Bible Study at the *Kelo Mad* protestant church in Pontivy (N, D)
- Part of Fédération de Protestante de France / Ministers meetings in Rennes

Contact made

- Church Leaders in Brest and Nantes
- Chaplaincies developing ecumenical relationships locally in Brittany, Normandy and the Vendée.
- Seeing opportunities in other areas

What are we planting?

- Anglophone
- Anglican?
- Partnership?
- New Chaplaincy?
- Small Group?
- Digital Chaplaincy? Online?
- Support from existing Chaplaincy Worship Centre?



Whose Vision?

- Vision of the Chaplaincy?
- Vision of local church(es)?



Questions

- Where is there need?
- Opportunities for growth?
- Demographics? (E.g. Ages)
- Where are the Anglophones / English language users?
- Where do we have good relationships with other Churches? Communities? Individuals?
- How far are people prepared to travel in your region?

Questions

- Organisation / Structures
- Oversight
- Accountability
- Safeguarding
- Pastoral responsibility
- Accessible?

Mapping Resources

- Draw on current people, gifts, resources?
- Attract new funding? People? Resources?
- Work in partnership / collaboration?

Building Capacity

- Prayer
- Discipleship
- Growth & Development of Gifts
- Leaders
- Lay and Ordained Ministry
- PTO Ministry
- Funding



The Future