

Church of All Saints in the Vendée

*"To know and to share Jesus Christ"*

*The Grapevine*

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*Preface*

Dear Grapevine Readers,

Well, June passed speedily for me as I enjoyed Beccy and my sister visiting, but as one Frenchman said to me; 'The weather is more like March than June.' We had a good time and fortunately most of our week away had sunshine, but I know others have suffered.

Church- wise we are living in "Ordinary Time" now for several weeks and the readings from the Gospel will tell us many familiar stories of Jesus' ministry. We are reminded of the many miracles he performed and his teaching and despite their familiarity there are often new insights to be had, especially when taken in conjunction with the other readings set for the date. Sometimes we are helped by looking at other translations to get a 'fresh' approach, but even with the very well - known stories it helps to ask God beforehand what he wants to reveal, or to become a character in the story and imagine the sights, sounds, smells, feelings and thoughts about what is happening.

In this "Ordinary Time" between Pentecost and the Eve of All Saints the liturgical colour, the colour on the altar cloths and Priests stole and chasuble are green. One interpretation of such a choice of colour is that it associated with growth – both of Jesus in his ministry and ourselves. Green is also used from the day after the Presentation of Christ until Shrove Tuesday.

Red is used at Communion during Holy Week (except Maundy Thursday), on the Feast of Pentecost, and for saints who were martyred, and may be used between All Saints Day and the First Sunday of Advent. Obviously there is the association with blood but it is also used for any service which celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit when it represents the colour of fire.

Purple is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday and is also recommended for funerals. Purple is the traditional colour for royalty, and there is a sense in Advent of preparing for the one who is to come, the King, the Judge upon the throne which ties in with the penitential aspect of both Advent and Lent.

White is the colour for festivals, for weddings, baptisms, confirmations and ordinations. White is not 'a' colour but the sum of the whole spectrum for colour so it seems appropriate to use this for such special occasions although gold may also be used or incorporated.

These colours help reflect the seasonality of the Anglican Liturgy and help set the mood for the act of worship as does the music and the readings. Worship is an act that involves the whole of us, mind, body, emotion and spirit so it seems appropriate, although not essential, to use as many aids to this as we can. Some people sing, some play musical instruments, some dance or use their arms and hands, all of this is biblical, all of this helps us to engage us in our individual ways with God and the act of communal worship. Worship is an active thing, it cannot be done for you and whether you connect through words, music, visual arts or movement you will get out of it what you put in. And sometimes, such is the nature of things, it is possible to leave a service feeling unconnected or dis-satisfied, it happens, but at least you were present and that in itself might have been important.

So, as we progress through weeks of green I pray that we may all grow in faith and love.

Blessings,

*Caroline*

ps. Thankfully we have books that tell us which colour to use when!

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## Prayer List

Regular readers of Grapevine will have noticed that the usual list of names for prayer has not appeared this month. The ASV Ministry Team has decided that this and the reading out of names during intercessions should be discontinued, mainly in the interests of privacy and to avoid unnecessary embarrassment. In future, names will only be published, or read out in church at times of crisis such as bereavement or an operation and, of course, always with the express consent of the person(s) or family involved.

You may be interested to know, however, that there is an e-mail 'prayer circular' operating. If you don't already subscribe, why not join us? Just e-mail me at:

[davidlpearson@orange.fr](mailto:davidlpearson@orange.fr)

with your request and I'll make sure you're included.

Thank you all,  
David Pearson.

# JULY CHURCH SERVICES WITH LECTIONARY READINGS

All Services start at 11am except where indicated

*[We have also included the Psalms for each week, as they may inform your own reading at home]*

<b>3rd July</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Hab 2:1-4, Eph 2:19-end,	<b>St Thomas the Apostle LCP</b> John 24:19-end	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HC</b> (Psalm 31:1-6)
<b>10th July</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b> Deut 30:9-14, Col 1:1-14,	<b>PDS</b> Luke 10:25-37	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HC</b> (Psalm 82)
<b>17th July</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b> Gen 18:1-10a, Col 1:15-28,	<b>LCA</b> Luke 10:38-end	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HC</b> (Psalm 15)
<b>24th July</b>	There will be NO SERVICEe at Puy de Serre because we shall be at the crash site in L'Angles			
<b>31st July</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eccles 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23, Col 3:1-11,	<b>PDS</b> Luke 12:13-21	<b>17.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> (Psalm 49:1-12)

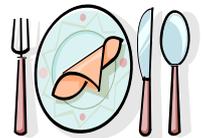
(There may be last-minute changes to the readings  
so please check with Revd Caroline or the Worship Leader, if you are a Reader)

LCA = La Chapelle Achard; PDS = Puy de Serre; LCP = La Chapelle Palluau,  
MW=Morning Worship; HC(CW) =Holy Communion (Common Worship);  
BCP=Book of Common Prayer.

### PLEASE JOIN US



*for Tea, Coffee & Biscuits after our services, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch.  
Everyone is welcome to join us  
- even if you have not brought anything, there is always enough to go round!*  
Unfortunately, when there is a service on the fifth Sunday in the month, the hall  
is not always available



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## 🍌 Sunday Club 🍌

Sunday Club takes place at Puy de Serre.  
If you know of any children who would like to join our Sunday Club  
please bring them along at 11a.m.  
They will be most welcome.

**Barbara**

*[Please contact Barbara if you require more information:  
Phone 02 51 40 51 59, email: [bandrkenyon@orange.fr](mailto:bandrkenyon@orange.fr)]*



# Dates for your Diary



- 4<sup>th</sup> July Monday 15.00 Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group**  
(Please email: [carole.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:carole.stocking@gmail.com))
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 19.00 for 19.30 The Filling Station** at Maison de Diocèse,  
La Roche sur Yon. Gues speaker Jean-Philippe ROUILLIER (See page 6)
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 14.30 Sewing Circle**  
(For more information, email: [jpsmorandiere@free.fr](mailto:jpsmorandiere@free.fr))
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Monday 15.00 Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group**  
(Please email: [carole.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:carole.stocking@gmail.com))
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Monday 15.00 Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group**  
(Please email: [carole.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:carole.stocking@gmail.com))
- 24<sup>th</sup> July Sunday 10.00 Commemoration Ceremony for the 75<sup>th</sup> ~Anniversary of the Loss of the Crew of 35 Sqn Halifax on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1941, followed by lunch at Angles.**  
(For more information, please contact Revd Caroline)  
**Please Note: There will not be a morning service at Puy de Serre**
- 25<sup>th</sup> July Monday 10.00 Ministry Team Meeting,** at the Café, St Vincent Sterlanges  
and **15.00 Deux-Sèvres Bible Study Group**  
(Please email: [carole.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:carole.stocking@gmail.com))
- 28<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 14.30 Ladies Circle** Flowers and cards with Dot. Cakes: Pat M.  
(For more information, email: [jpsmorandiere@free.fr](mailto:jpsmorandiere@free.fr))
- 31<sup>st</sup> July Sunday 17.00 Evensong** at Puy de Serre

*...and looking ahead...(see website Calendar)*

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11.00. Revd Caroline's Farewell Service.** We have now received confirmation that Revd Caroline's official leaving date is now 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This is so that she can officiate at the **Harvest Festival in La Chapelle Palluau** on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will therefore be her farewell service (More details from Church Warden, Polly Ward)



## A Thousand Gifts, a Thousand Blessings!



*Don't forget your gifts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.  
Bill and Carole will collect them and pass them on to Restos du Coeur in  
Coulonges-sur-l'Autize.*

For more details and updates of all these events, please visit our Website:

[www.AllSaintsVendee.fr](http://www.AllSaintsVendee.fr)

# JULY FORWARD PLANNING

*This Forward Planning Rota displays those essential responsibilities which make our Services and Refreshments afterwards possible. If you feel able to "fill in the blanks", please contact the Organiser concerned.*

Responsibility (Organiser)	3 <sup>rd</sup> July LCP	10 <sup>th</sup> July PdS	17 <sup>th</sup> July LCA	24 <sup>th</sup> July PdS	31 <sup>st</sup> July PdS Evensong
<b>Welcomers</b> (Polly Ward)				No service at Puy de Serre  See Angles Commem- oration Ceremony	
<b>Salle Setup/ Clearing away</b> (Chris Green at PdS)		Ann & Bill C.	Polly/Maggie C		
<b>Refreshments after the service</b> (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		Ann & Bill C.			
<b>Musicians +/- Organist</b> (Polly Ward)		Stuart			Stuart
<b>Readers</b> (Polly Ward)					

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## *Deux-Sèvres BIBLE STUDY GROUP*



*We are now studying ST LUKE'S GOSPEL*

*We meet each Monday afternoon at 2.30pm at our house at La Barangerie, La Chapelle Thireuil (79).*

*Our phone number is 05 49 06 05 85.*

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

*Please give us a ring if you would like to join us and we will give you directions to the house if you don't already know where we are.*

*Carole and Bill Stocking.*

## Do you pay French taxes?



If so, did you know that for every 100 euros that you give to our Church the taxman will reduce your tax bill by 60 euros thus a 100 euro donation will only cost you 40 euros (and you will be able to increase your donation!!!)

### **You simply need to make your donation in a recordable manner.**

You can put your donation in numbered envelopes in the collection box, set up a standing order (virement) or send money to the planned giving officer (Mike Mylod) giving your name and address. At the end of the year your contributions will be totted up and a certificate issued. You enter this amount on your tax return (no need to send proof, just keep your certificate in case you are asked for it) and the taxman will reduce your tax bill by a figure equal to 60% of your donations.

Donations to the vicarage renovation can also qualify for tax relief if made through A S V.

## **Start Planned Giving now and let the taxman help our Church!**

Contact..... Mike Mylod 02 51 51 07 36 ([joseph.mylod@wanadoo.fr](mailto:joseph.mylod@wanadoo.fr))  
or..... Colin Grimshaw 02 51 98 67 91 ([colingrimshaw@orange.fr](mailto:colingrimshaw@orange.fr))

.....To find out how easy it is!!!

FAITES  
LE PLEIN

## **You are warmly invited to our next "Faites le Plein" meeting which will be held in La Roche sur Yon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

The evening starts at 7pm with refreshments, followed at 7.30pm by a time of sung worship, in French and English, then our guest speaker **Jean-Philippe ROUILLIER** will share his testimony. Jean-Philippe is married to Caroline, they have 6 children and live in the Vendée. Jean-Philippe is an author of several inspiring books and teaches English.

Anyone who would like personal prayer ministry, offered by a qualified team, can receive that at the end of the meeting.

The meeting is held at the Maison du Diocèse, 62 rue Maréchal Joffre (the entrance to this site is opposite the Boulangerie Potier which has a red frontage, through the large gateway, into the car park). Look out for the "Faites le Plein" signs directing you towards the restaurant.

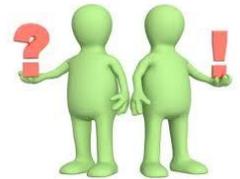
## **Hoping that you may join us!**

Liz JOND for the "Faites le Plein" team.  
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# These are YOUR pages.....

Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine" so, read on, and see what you can discover:



*You will discover:*  
*The new Mothers' Union Diocesan President in our midst;*  
*Messages received from friends of ASV, including:*  
*"A Nice Cup of Tea" from Revd Gareth;*  
*A message from Synod about Refugees,*  
*Treasure Hunt report with photos,*  
*"Why not send a real card.....?"*  
*and, "Just to make you Smile"*



This report is from Anglican Church in Europe:

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN PRESIDENT



During Evening Prayer in Diocesan Synod in Cologne, on Wednesday 15 June Mrs Tonie Chandler, from the Vendée in France was Commissioned by the Bishop as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union. She made a commitment to serve God in this special capacity, and after she was formally admitted the congregation affirmed their willingness for their prayers, loyal support and encouragement.

Posted on 15 June 2016 by : <http://europe.anglican.org/news/news/post/1100-welcome-to-a-new-mothers--union-president-and-a-canon>



# Refugees in Calais – Can we help?

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**Here is a message concerning the  
Refugees in Calais which was presented  
by Linda Pillière during Synod:**

## Refugees in Calais

Please contact Jane Langlet (jtlanglet@free.fr) if you are or your congregations are interested in helping support the work in Calais

All the charities are surviving purely on donations - much of which comes from the UK. Recently all of them have been in difficulty with fewer volunteers and donations - this is no doubt because of less media coverage since the destruction of the southern part of the camp in February. Many seem to think the 'jungle' has thus been dealt with. In reality, the vast majority of those whose houses were destroyed, simply moved into the northern part. Some left during the destructions but have now returned. This area is now hugely overcrowded, with 50/80 new arrivals a day. You now see new tents going up in every available space. So the need to give food, clothing, tents, sleeping bags etc are growing daily; there is also an urgent need to provide schooling for the many children, safe space for the hundreds of unaccompanied teenage boys, language lessons for adults and children, medical care, legal advice...

Here are a few examples of charities I can personally recommend:

The Women and children's centre - for children under 12 and their families

Jungle books -library, teaching and now a safe space restaurant for under 18s(serving 200 free meals a day to young unaccompanied kids)

The Refugee Youth service for under 18 boys

The Belgium kitchen, serving 1000 free meals a day

L'Ecole du Chemin des Dunes

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The list is endless

All of these can be found on Facebook, probably on google too.

There is also the Copt orthodox church which is a real haven for the few hundred Ethiopian and Eritrean Christians who worship there every day. It is a real place of support and silence and prayer in the midst of the chaos.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Jane

**If you would like to help in some way, please contact Carole and  
Bill Stocking at [Carole.stocking@gmail.com](mailto:Carole.stocking@gmail.com)**



## A nice cup of tea ?

If you're British, then I guess a cup of tea is part and parcel of what it means to come from the UK. But my question, today, is 'How best to make that good cuppa?'

Surely, you must know how by now, tastes do differ, and if you know what best suits you, no need to read on. But if you're still with me, this is what I do to get the best tea for me.

First, I make sure the water I'm going to boil is fresh. I empty the kettle, then run the tap before filling up. Now, if you don't want to waste water, then you can always fill up a spare vessel and use it to water your plants later on.

Then, the choice of tea itself that you are going to put in the tea pot - I've different sizes depending on the numbers I'm serving. Best would be loose tea but I'm habituated to tea bags - Tesco Finest Fair Trade Black Tea. I warm the pot, then slowly pour boiling water directly over the tea bag to increase the strength of the brew.

I use a porcelain mug - quantity and quality. I pour the milk in first though I heard recently on Radio 4 that one shouldn't! Then, the final touch - I slowly pour in the tea, gradually lifting the pot away from the mug to produce a crown of bubbles on top of the tea.

It's supposed to be lucky but perhaps the good luck comes from aerating the brew - and you could guess from my love of bubbles that I'm a West Ham supporter ! So blessed with a foaming cuppa first thing in the morning, I'm in luck for the rest of the day.

So what's your secret for a good start to the day?

*Gareth Randall,  
Priest-in-charge,  
St Bartholomew's Dinard*



....and....Thank you to Eelan ... (who lives in Edinburgh)  
...these are just to make you smile:

A little boy was attending his first wedding.  
After the service, his  
cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"  
"Sixteen," the boy responded.  
His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.  
"How do you know that?"  
"Easy," the little boy said.  
"All you have to do is add it up, like the vicar said,  
4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly  
announced to his mother,  
"Mum, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."  
"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"  
"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and  
I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit down and listen."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.  
"How do you know what to say?" he asked.  
"Why, God tells me."  
"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite  
Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on  
an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply.  
Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said,  
"That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"  
"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

The Sunday School teacher asked,  
"Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"  
"No sir," little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My Mum is a good cook."



## *The Treasure Hunt 24 May 2016*

*After several days of uncertain weather, the day dawned fine and sunny for the 'Annual' Treasure Hunt. There were 13 cars entered, with a total of 52 participants.*

*Each team had several tasks to perform before setting off. Two of the team had to find and put on their High Visibility vests, locate and place their Warning Triangle, open, about 5 metres in front of the car, before producing a First Aid Kit and placing it on the car bonnet. One or two teams were very slick, others were a little unsure of the whereabouts of the items required!*

*Chris Green set each car off with about 8 minutes between each one. The plan was that each team should take no more than 2½ hours finding and solving the clues. The teams were also asked to collect 5 items en route. I am pleased to say that one team was only a couple of minutes over the time, the rest took at least another half an hour. The teams were asked to draw a line at the end of the time allocated and of those who actually did this, the best marks were gained by 'Barcelona', the team composed of Richard and Marian Rackham and Jan and Phillip Savill. So well done to them. They gained all the treasure in the chest, which was composed of gifts donated by all the entrants.*

*Some distance into the course, the cars crossed over a little stream indicating the move from La Vendée into Des Deux Sèvres. They were stopped by a Customs Officer, at the Douane, and closely questioned in French as to whether they had any contraband ham, cheese, immigrants or Kalashnikovs with them. They were also asked to produce a Driving Licence, a valid Insurance Document and a European Accident Form. Needless to say, some drivers were a little hazy about the whereabouts of these documents too!*

*Trudy Coates made a wonderful Border Guard. Thank you Trudy for making it all seem so real!!*

*We ended the afternoon with an excellent meal at the 'Promenade' in l'Absie (Chez Chantale).*

*Every team finished the course and we hope that everyone enjoyed the 'Hunt'. This was essentially a social event, with many of the entrants being non-Church goers, however, with a quick raffle during the meal and entrance fee of 5 euro per person, we also managed to raise 357 euro for Church funds.*

*It took a lot of time to organise, but we really had a lot of fun planning it all. Here's to next year's Treasure Hunt (organised by this year's winning team)!*

*Chris and Doug Green, Margaret Jelley and Geoff Kent.*

*[See photos overleaf and also on line at [www.allsaintsvendee.fr](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)]*



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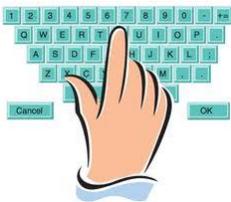


Why not send a real card instead of an e-card? - of course e-cards have their useful place!

Real Cards are available in the Salle after morning service at Puy de Serre, from Pat Martin, at 1 euro each, in aid of church funds [davidpat.martin@orange.fr]

[The pictures were painted and taken by members of All Saints Vendée.]

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I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine". Thank you to all the Contributors and I look forward to hearing from you next time



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