Church of All Saints in the Vendée

"To know and to share Jesus Christ"



April 2020

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Fore Thought?

Or should that be paw thought? Martin and I ventured out to the supermarket on Friday, not I hasten to add, to stockpile, just for basics like milk and fresh fruit and veg. There was an abundance of everything, piled high. Except for pet food, that aisle was stripped almost bare, we wondered about that for the rest of the day.........

These are really challenging times, and I'm sure you are all coping in your various ways. I've been sent so many memes, it would appear that, as long as our sense of humour is intact, we will get through the more difficult days.

I've been in touch with our Area Dean, the Rev. Tony Lomas, Chaplain of Aquitaine. They have added to their web site a virtual service which you can find on the following link:

http://www.churchinaquitaine.org/churchonline/services-and-sermons/

Sadly, I don't think we are able to use our site in that way, unless one of you knows their way around the technology????? So I've prepared a special liturgy for Easter day, which we can all use at home. Jacqui has kindly offered to circulate it.

Do stay in touch with each other, I've been regularly contacting folk, especially those I know who are alone, at least as long as we have the internet and phones.

Genesis 31 v49: "

May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other."

Hazel

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA APRIL INTO MAY2020

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES- IDENT	PREACHER	WOR- SHIP LEADER	ORGAN- IST	CHALICE	INTER- CESSOR	READERS	WEL- COMERS	NOTES
March & April												
All services have been cancelled												

FORWARD PLANNING ROTA April into May 2020

2020	
April into May	
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	All services have been cancelled
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	

Prayer List

At this difficult time, we pray for those who are struggling with the new restrictions and for the health professionals who battle on our behalf.

Please remember in your prayers:



Barbara
David and Susan
Isi and family
Holly and Rachel
Jenny and Ray
Malcolm
Mike

Penny and David, and their son John
Pam and Brian
Pat and David
Dick
Peter
Pat and Roy
Tim and Jill
Heidi and her parents, Joël and Jo

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:
Janice Adams
Barbara
Beccy Sackley
Avril Simmons,
Johnathan Mark Sykes.

Please remember "Dot" who died in her sleep last Saturday 21st March. Please pray for her daughters, Julie (Taylor) and Mel, together with family and friends.

[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David Pearson.

Tel: 02 51 61 05 04 or Email: davidlpearson@orange.fr]

Sunday Club Sunday Club is cancelled until further notice but there is a special these unusual times... All children welcome remail: jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

April into May 2020

With the closure of all our services until further notice, I am including our Lectionary Readings so you can use them for your personal devotions,

also, Doug has forwarded this prayer which The Rev Dr Sam Wells has sent to his parish in London:

A Prayer in the Midst of Crisis

God of searching and knowing, your people Israel faced famine and wilderness, and your church has known persecution and hardship.

Be close to all your children in this time of bewilderment and fear.

Make this time of cessation and isolation one in which your Spirit reveals new ways to be together, fresh discoveries in worship, different gestures of care, and innovative forms of compassion.

Encourage the vulnerable, comfort the impoverished,

inspire the anxious and give wisdom to those who govern.

Lift up our hearts that we may see the abundance of what is still beautiful and true,

not be captivated by what is lost and absent, and find new gifts in ourselves and one another.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, who knew what it meant to be alone. Amen.



5th April Palm Sunday

<u>Liturgy of the Palms</u>: Matthew 21.1-11 Psalm 118.1-2,19-end [or 118.19-24] Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Matthew 26.14-end of 27 [or Matthew 27.11-54]

Psalm 31.9-16 [or 31.9-18]

10th April Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-end of 53 Hebrews 10.16-25 *or* Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-end of 19 *Psalm 22 [or 22.1-11 or 22.1-21]*



12th April Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43† or Jeremiah 31.1-6 Colossians 3.1 1-4 or Acts 10.34-43† John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [or 118.14-24] † The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading

19th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

[Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21] Acts 214a, 22-32† 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-end

Psalm 16

† The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading

26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]
Acts 2.14a,36-41†
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35
Psalm 116.1-3,10-end [or 116.1-7]
† The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading

3rd May 4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7] Acts 2.42-end† 1 Peter 2.19-end John 10.1-10 Psalm 23

† The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading



Dates for your Diary April 2020



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5th 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau + Bring & Share Lunch
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9th Thursday. 14h ircle (Contact Joan Stewart)
10th Good Friday 15h ice with the French at Puy de Serre
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12th Easter Day 11h00 Puy wed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Salle
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19th No Service
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21st
22nd Wednesday 14h30 Singing round the Piano at Mo
[Contact Stuart & Jacqui]
23rd Thursday 14h30 Ladies Circle (St George's Day tea) (Con wart)
24th
25th
26th Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre followed by Bring
the Salle
+ Annual Meeting (AGM) after the B&S Lunch in the Salle
27th
28th
29th
30th



Dates for your Diary May 2020



May 2020

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31st Sunday



Your Churchwardens write:

April 2020

"We live in unbelievably challenging times and I am not sure this is quite what a Lenten Wilderness Experience was meant to be like."

This was the start of an email we have received from the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer. He was writing on

several topics concerning the current Covid-19 pandemic and confirming that both the London and Brussels offices are now closed and people are working from home in accordance with the mantra "Stay at home and save lives". The French government will probably extend the "lockdown" and may well have done so by the time you are reading this but already Bishop Robert is issuing a "Bishops instrument" allowing Chaplaincies to postpone their Annual Meetings up to October 31st 2020.

We do not know when we can resume services again but this must not stop our own prayer and worship. Already many churches are broadcasting "virtual" services on the internet and there is a wealth of resources on the CofE website www.churchofengland.org. Do not forget that even though our services and fundraising events have stopped for now our expenses have not. Our Common Fund contribution this year is particularly onerous. If you do not contribute by standing order please try to put your normal church collection money on one side for when you can physically put it on the "plate".

The final sentence from the first reading of a recent Sunday's evening prayer is somewhat apt for the times!

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Stay safe and Bon courage!

Doug and David

ASV Treasurer's Report: February 2020:

Income: 1342.00€

Expenditure: 1249.05€

The balance, therefore, is positive for the month: + 92.96€.

Obviously, things are a little uncertain at the moment - keep healthy, keep isolated, and keep talking to each other!

Iain McGregor (Treasurer)



ADVANTAGES

If you set up a standing order (virement) through your French bank, online, it is cost-free. If you need help doing this, please just ask me, or other council members.

You stay in total control of what you give – the standing order (virement) can be changed at any time, but only by you!

Only the treasurer knows how much you give per month.

You know what you are giving, and exactly when the money comes out of your account, and so your budgeting is much easier.

If you complete a French tax form, then you will get a rebate of 66% at the end of each financial year in which you have made a contribution. That means that a monthly virement of 30€ per month, will only cost you 10€ after tax. A monthly virement of 60€ will only cost you 20€ etc!

If your French tax bill is small, then you will pay no tax at all.

ASV can plan ahead much more effectively, as it knows what contributions are coming in, rather than guessing who is going be at church!

If you would like to physically put something into the collection plate each service, then there should be small cards which you can collect on your way into church, which you can put into the collection plate as it is passed round.

DISADVANTAGES:

I can't think of any, so why not come and join the party!

British residents:

If you do not have a French bank account, but would like to support the work of ASV on a regular basis, then please contact me, and I can help you. Please note, you cannot use tax-efficient giving in both France and the UK.

Iain McGregor Treasurer, ASV mcgregor@lalogette.com



These are YOUR pages.....

Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine"



Christingle Update, Sunday Club Workout!; Easter Raffle; Restos de Coeur; Treasure Hunt; A Plea for help homing cats;

Please note that these events have been cancelled until further notice: Ladies Circle Meetings; First Aid Training Day, (along with all services and meetings).

Singing round the Piano" is also cancelled **but** this is a golden opportunity to take a pen and complete your Favourite Hymns Questionnaire!

CHRISTINGLE 2019



Thank you everyone who came to the Christingle Service in December 2019 or who used one of the "candle" collection boxes for The Children's Society. The money collected was in euros and pounds sterling and I have converted it all to pounds and sent off a cheque for £255.00. I have received a letter from The Children's Society and I reproduce part of it below:

"Thank you so much for your gift of £255.00 raised at your Christingle celebration. It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like yours that Christingles have helped over one million children in this country who are facing the darkest situations imaginable.

The funds **All Saints Anglican Church Vendee** have raised will be absolutely vital in showing even more children that they matter this year.

If you still have a collection box please let me have it and I will hold over the money for this year.

Thank you all again

Chris Green

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle will need to be postponed until some future date as I have been unable to distribute but a few raffle tickets to friends to sell, and even those I have will probably be unsold as people are avoiding contact with others. It will still be an Easter Raffle, as it contains a simnel cake (Good job they keep indefinitely) Easter Eggs and Chocolates (Hopefully not too out of date!) and other Easter-themed items. An Easter Raffle, but just not at Easter. Not this one anyway.

Watch this space, and please, when normality returns, be prepared to help sell tickets.

Stay safe, stay healthy and may God bless you all,

Marian

(richard.rackham@cegetel.net or phone: 02 51 27 64 67)





Mike Mylod is our link with Restos du Coeur

He will continue to collect gifts of dry goods, etc. for as long as possible to be delivered to the local depot.

Mike can be contacted by phone at: 02 51 51 07 36





2020 Car Treasure Hunt Please check with the Kents and Greens!

The Kents and the Greens have the dubious honour of running this year's event and have fixed the date as Tuesday May 12.

BUT a decision will need to be made nearer the date whether this event can take place because of Coronavirus restrictions so

Further details from Maggie Kent or Chris Green

Chris and Doug Green greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk

or Maggie and Geoff Kent. maguyjelley@gmail.com

Sunday Club



LENT - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

LENT IS AN OLD ENGLISH WORD "LECTON" WHICH MEAS SPRING!

IT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY- A SYMBOL OF ASHES SIGNED ON THE FOREHEAD TO REMIND US WE ARE DUST

CHRISTIANS COMMIT TO FASTING AND GIVE UP LUXURIES TO REPLICATE JESUS' JOURNEY INTO THE DESERT WHICH HE DID TO OVERCOME THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE DEVIL (SATAN) NOWADAYS WE GIVE UP SOMETHING LIKE CHOCOLATE OR SOMETHING WE LIKE THATS CONSIDERED AS A LUXURY, BUT WE COULD ALSO GIVE UP SOMETHING WE EARN/OWN AND GIVE TO MORE NEEDY CAUSE, LIKE CLOTHES OR A DONATION FROM OUR POCKET MONEY.

JESUS SAID THAT HIS DISCIPLES SHOULD FAST TOO.

MATTHEW 9:15. MATTHEW C4:V 1-2 MARK 1:12-13 LUKE 4:1-2

40 DAYS IS THE TIME OF LENT BEFORE EASTER. THE LAST WEEK OF LENT IS CALLED THE HOLY WEEK IN WHICH MAUNDAY THURSDAY THE LAST SUPPER BEFORE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER SUNDAY/MONDAY A JOYFUL CELEBRATION WHICH RECALLS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

CAN YOU NAME OTHER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED WHICH INVOLVED 40 DAYS.??

(Clues: MOSES EXODUS 24:18 ELIJAH 1 KINGS 19:8 NOAH GENESIS 7:4 JONAH JONAH 3:4)

GAMES AND NOTES TO WRITE

HOW ABOUT WE DRAW A HUGE CROSS AND EACH DAY FOR 40 DAYS IF POSSIBLE

WRITE ON EACH DAY IN A DIFFERENT COLOURED PENCIL WHAT SACRIFICES YOU MAKE FOR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY. . ?

Remember SHARING IS GIVING!

Here is A SMALL BEDTIME PRAYER DURING THESE UNUSUAL TIMES.

BEFORE THE ENDING OF OUR DAY
CREATOR OF THE WORLD WE PRAY
THAT YOU WITH YOUR LOVE SO GREAT
WOULD KEEP YOUR WATCH AROUND US WHILE WE SLEEP.
TONIGHT, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS
BE BY THEIR SIDE WITH YOUR BRIGHT LIGHT
AND SKILL AND WISDOM TO ALL WHOM CARE FOR THEM AMEN

Making small sacrifices for other each day brings us blessings and closer to GOD the ultimate sacrifice.

God Bless all Keep Safe

Jennifer Wilkinson



Lent Lunches 2020

17th March 2020

Dear good friends,

Well, our new regulations have certainly solved the conundrum of the **Lent Lunch**,

will we, won't we etc? Obviously, we won't now! We were going ahead with dwindling numbers until today's legislation took the matter out of our hands. However, Maggie and I received many generous offers of donations from several not attending, but as there is nothing to attend, I ask you to hang fire on that! (If a cheque is already posted I will ensure it gets to the right place, (Resto not Maggie and my pocket!). May we suggest that you either give it directly to Resto yourself, or retain it and attend a replacement "Soup-Do" sometime in the distant future, possibly the Autumn at this rate!

Again, thank you for all; your support. We both appreciate it,
With Blessings,
Maggie and Marian



Training Day for Emergency First Aid

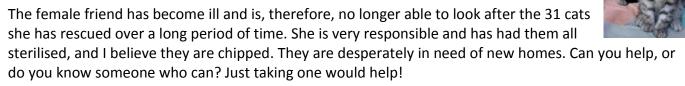
Training to HSE standard, leading to a certificate valid for 3 years

Was Tuesday April 7th 2020

Postponed to October

Hi,

I am circulating these details for a friend who is very concerned for her French friend and English partner.



Her partner, Jez is a carpenter who is looking for any work in order to further support the stretched family budget. He charges 15 Euros per hour for carpentry / labouring / gardening or whatever is needed. He is happy to be flexible. His phone number for enquiries is 07 88 22 74 39 and he is based at Vernoux en Gatine.

Thank you for reading this. I hope someone out there can help this couple in need.

Andrea Cornwall x

ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020





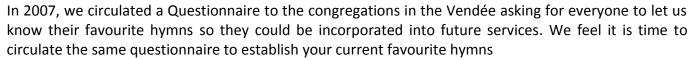
"SINGING ROUND THE PIANO"

We have managed to meet twice and obviously our 3rd meeting will take place in the un-foreseeable future....

but it will take place again, so....



In this time of quarantine, please take the opportunity to complete and return the attached Questionnaire



SO

Please make your choices on the attached questionnaire and return it to us either by email, by hand or by post to us at:

1 rue du Moulin, MOUILLERON-EN-PAREDS, 85390 Mouilleron St Germain

We look forward to receiving your choices by 30th April 2020 (if possible) because then Stuart can start to collate your replies in time for the return to normality.



Why not take this opportunity of "house arrest" to sing!
Sing anything.....your favourite songs from musicals and The
60s, hymns and choruses, everyone remembers the tunes so if
the words are forgotten just "la-la"!

Music is Good for the Soul. Music has often been called "the

food of the soul". It can cheer you up when you're sad, invoke memories, inspire creativity, give you energy for a better workout(!), and make you feel calmer during stressful times so why not surprise your neighbours and serenade them whilst you're gardening (weather permitting, of course!)

Stuart and Jacqui

email: sjfamily66@hotmail.com 1 rue du Moulin, 85390 MOUILLERON-EN-PAREDS or phone us on: 02 51 50 49 78

Here's a hymn to start you off..... (It was written by Martin Rinkwort, a Lutheran pastor, at a time of plague in Germany in 1637. The music "Nun danket" by Johann Crüger, was harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn)

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed; And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven; The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore

I've received messages of solidarity from many friends of ASV, they are thinking of us in this bizarre and frightening situation just as we are thinking of friends and families who are spread all around the world – Australia, Asia, America, Canada and across Europe. They continue to be in our prayers.

I received this message from Joyce this morning –

"you may all know this, but just in case you don't, and at this time we need God's help to keep us sane and safe:

Church Service BBC 1 at 12:45 (French time) Songs of Praise around 2:30 (French time) BBC Alba (109) Alleluia 8:30pm French time. This is a very nice program of words and hymns" (this is a Scottish channel in Gaelic with subtitles and beautiful location shots)

It is very strange! We live in strange times when to be good neighbours we must stay indoors!

(For French news in English try www.thelocal.fr

Whilst we are all encouraged to isolate ourselves, there is no reason why we should not use the means of communication available to us: Many of us use the telephone, emails and WhatsApp. The postal service in Mouilleron-en-Pareds is erratic at the moment so, if possible and you know of folk without internet connection, please keep them informed by perhaps extending your daily walk (which is only 1 kilometre distance today) or when you venture out.

(We are a widely spaced community but we are still a community so please remember that there are phone numbers and email addresses throughout Grapevine so do keep in touch!)

When I started to compile this edition it was drastically reduced in size but, look and see what a lively community we are despite the Restrictions. Hopefully this will keep you upto-date with how ASV is coping with the situation.

If there are urgent notices which need to be circulated to everyone, I will use my Grapevine address list to do this. I must apologise to those Grapeviners who are not resident in France because my address list is world-wide! May God bless you all and keep you in the palm of his hand.



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".

My thanks to all the Contributors.



Jacqui at: sifamily66@hotmail.com

before 15th April 2020

Requests to be included on the emailing list can be addressed to: Jacqui Stainton-James at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com



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Please return this questionnaire to Jacqui & Stuart by 30th April 2020

or post it to us at:

Please hand this completed questionnaire to either Stuart or Jacqui Stainton-James or email

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