

Church of All Saints in the Vendée
"To know and to share Jesus Christ"

 *The Grapevine* 

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This month Revd Martyn Crompton has kindly contributed our



4 thought – June 2021

Dear friends,

As I write here in England we are looking forward to the next phase in the 'Roadmap' for relaxation of Covid restrictions on Monday 17th May, when we will be able to have visitors to stay and eat out in restaurants once more. This will allow us both to see one of our daughters and her family for the first time in 15 months and at last enjoy Gini's 70th birthday celebration meal booked in March 2020 in our local restaurant. But I wonder, as we are given the opportunity for greater freedom how we have changed because of the pandemic? Will life ever return to normal? Is that possible, or will it be a new normal and, if so, what will it be like?

In a letter to his clergy, the Bishop of Leeds, - the Diocese in which I live -, Nick Baines, suggests we ask ourselves four questions: -

What have we lost during the pandemic which should remain lost?

What have we lost which we must try to recover?

What have we done which we should now stop doing, and

What have we done which we should continue to do?

These are huge questions you might like to think and pray about but here are a few thoughts.

The pandemic has reminded us of our mortality. We are never in control of our lives. Each day is a gift from God to be cherished and made the most of.

God loves us and in Jesus Christ has overcome the powers of sin and death. Nothing can separate us from God's love so we have hope, even on the darkest days.

God shares His love with us, so that we can share it with others. Though we have been unable to meet with family and friends the love we have for them remains real and has even grown as we have found new ways of communicating with them and prayed more for them.

God loves the whole world and everyone in it. We are all made in His image, all part of the human race and have all been affected by the pandemic. No one is safe from Covid, until everyone is safe. But what of the other pandemics which have long existed – malnutrition, poverty, lack of water, sanitation and health care, or the effects of war and climate change? How can we, in our small way, share God's love with those around us?

We are looking forward to returning to France and seeing you all again though I fear it may not be until autumn.

In the meantime, we hold you in our prayers and send you our love.

Martyn

LECTIONARY READINGS June into July 2021

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

If, and when, the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted, please refer to the Church Wardens or website for service times.

6th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 8.4-11 [12-15],16-20 [11.4-end]

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Mark 3.20-end

Psalm 138

13th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13]

2 Corinthians 5,6-10[11-13] 14-17

Mark 4.26-34

Psalm 20

20th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 17.

[1a,4-11,19-23]32-49

Psalm 9.9-end

or 1 Samuel 17.57-18.5, 10-16

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

Mark 4.35-41

Psalm 133

27th June 4th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 1.1,17-end

2 Corinthians 8.7-end

Mark 5.21-end

Psalm 130

4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Mark 6.1-13

Psalm 48



Churchwardens' Notes

for June 2021:

Because of the continuing restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, All Saints Vendée were again allowed to hold this year's Annual Meeting by using the Zoom platform on the internet. The Meeting was held on Sunday, 9th May 2021 and 30 people signed in to the meeting with 6 apologies for absence. David and Pat Martin will be returning to the U.K. in June and they were thanked for their loyalty and service to ASV and everyone passed on their good wishes for the future. We were elected as your Churchwardens for the coming year and we were pleased with the election of Jenny Wilkinson to serve a three year term on Council. For your information the Council members are now as follows.

- Revd. Hazel Door, Chaplain and President
- Doug Green , Churchwarden and Lay Vice-Chairman
- Margaret Kent, Churchwarden
- Sally Pearson, Secretary
- Iain McGregor, Treasurer
- Anne Condie, (also Safeguarding Officer)
- Chris Green, (also Electoral Roll Officer)
- Geoff Kent
- Fiona McGregor (also President of Charitable Association)
- Jenny Wilkinson (also Sunday Club for children)
- Vacancy
- Vacancy
- John Matthews, ex-officio, Lay Minister
- Martin Door, ex-officio, Archdeaconry Synod Representative.
- Vacancy , Archdeaconry Synod Representative

You will note we still have Vacancies that we would love to fill! Please contact us if you would like more information about these vacancies - we would love to hear from you.

Many of you will be aware that the Covid infection rate has "spiked" recently in parts of the Vendée. We will not resume physical services until we feel it is safe to do so and everyone has received both doses of a suitable vaccine. In the meantime, we will continue with zoom services and details are sent to all on the ASV Contact List.

We, your "new team" look forward to working together and working with our Chaplain and the new Council.

Take care,

Doug and Margaret



Next Zoom-services – see “Dates for your Diary”:

Services take place on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month plus other special days:

Everyone is welcome. Do join us and, if you are not already on the ASV Contact List, please get in touch with Doug Green for inclusion on that list: greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk.



Dates for your Diary

June 2021



Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens for any alterations following changes in the Pandemic Restrictions.

1st Tuesday

6th Sunday 11hr00 online **Zoom service** (Contact Doug to join if not already on List)

13th Sunday 11hr00 online **Zoom service** (Contact Doug to join if not already on List)

20th Sunday

27th Sunday 11.00 online **Zoom service** (Contact Doug to join if not already on List)

30th Wednesday



Dates for your Diary



July 2021

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1st Thursday

4th Sunday 11hr00 online **Zoom service** (Contact Doug to join if not already on List)

11th Sunday 11hr00 online **Zoom service** (Contact Doug to join if not already on List)

18th Sunday

25th Sunday

31st Saturday

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Anne
Barbara
David and Chris
Dick
Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo'.
Ken

Malcolm
Pat and David
Pat and Roy
Peter
Richard and Liz (Maggie's
brother and sister-in-law)

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:

Herbie Floate	Ken Ferguson
Isi Salcedo (friend of Pat and Roy)	Sue Stock
Janice Adams	Terry Fraser-Wilson
Jenny Thorpe	

*[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: davidpearson@orange.fr]*



Sunday Club



will take place once again in

the Salle at Puy de Serre when our services recommence.

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.

All children welcome from all denominations, we have lots of interest

Please contact Jenny if you require more information:

email: jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

turn to the end of this edition of Grapevine to find our June message.....

Grapevine Treasurer's Report:

April 2021

Income: 4017.27 €

Expenditure: 3789.28 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 227.99 €. However, next month will not be quite as rosy - there are some large bills looming!

Thank you again to all the planned givers who have transferred their monthly virements to the Crédit Mutuel - the old bank account is now (finally) closed.

If anyone else wishes to join the planned giving scheme, please contact me.

Keep smiling, keep safe!

Iain McGregor

(Treasurer)

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE 2021	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COME RS	NOTES
6 th June	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									1 st Sunday after Trinity
13 th June	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									2 nd Sunday after Trinity
20 th June	No service											3 rd Sunday after Trinity
27 th June	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									4 th Sunday after Trinity
4 th July	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									5 th Sunday after Trinity

***All church services have been cancelled until the Restrictions are lifted
Please check with the Church Wardens or website for updates***

WEST VENDÉE – FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

Date 2021	Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)
6 th June		
13 th June		
20 th June		
27 th June		
4 th July		

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PLANNED GIVING THROUGH THE STANDING ORDER SCHEME

Some people have been asking how to make a donation to ASV.

Here are the details:

All Saints Vendée has had to change banks. I have written to everyone who contributes to the Planned Giving Scheme, asking them to change their virement (standing order). Please can anyone affected change their payments as soon as possible.

If anyone else would like to join the Planned Giving scheme, or to make a donation, please ask me for the details of the new banking arrangements. (mcgregor@lalogette.com)

ADVANTAGES:

If you set up a standing order (virement) through your French bank, online, it is cost-free.

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 significant rebate* (depending on your situation) at the end of each financial year.

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 to be at church!

DISADVANTAGES:

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

and for British residents:

If you do *not* have a French bank account, but would like to support the work of ASV, 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)



These are YOUR pages.....



My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine" "Women's Fellowship"; "Resto du Coeur", "Sunday Club", and Polly's May Quiz Answers



Mike Mylod is our link with Restos du Coeur



He will continue to collect your gifts of dry goods, etc. which are particularly important now and

which will be delivered to the local depot at Coulonges-sur-l'Autize.

Please phone Mike before leaving goods with him at Mouilleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36



ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies' Group has still been unable to meet, but Joan has now returned to our midst and we hope that we will be able to meet together outdoors in the summer when the weather is more reliable.

We will try and inform regular members when this happens, and also advertise in Grapevine so newcomers are welcome to join us.

Just watch this space!

As in past editions, if anyone is wishing to do some needlework please contact Jenny Wilkinson who will send suggestions, instructions etc. by email.

Joan, Maggie and Marian



Sunday Club *June 2021*



PENTECOST

READ Acts chapter 1. 4-8.

We all have an idea what it's like to wait for a gift don't we?

Has there been a time in your life that you knew you were getting a gift you wanted but had to wait for it?

The Apostles were waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit, they were obeying Jesus' instructions and were gathered in Jerusalem. It had been 10 days since Jesus ascended (went back up to heaven); on this day many Jews travelled from all over the world to gather in Jerusalem to celebrate with a feast which they called Pentecost. This special feast represents the coming of the Holy Spirit which Jesus had promised them.

Yes, at last Jesus had kept his promise and sent them the Holy Spirit, so all who believe in the Lord Jesus will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ALL who believe in the Lord JESUS will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Most surprisingly although Jesus' followers came from different lands, all understood what each other were saying, Another Miracle! Please read Acts 2: verses 6-7.

A little quiz .

1. Who wrote Acts?
2. How many days did Jesus stay on earth after his resurrection?
3. What did Jesus tell disciples to do before he returned to heaven?
4. What did the Apostles do while they waited in Jerusalem?

All answers can be found in Acts 2. (*Answers next Month*)

Let us pray.

**Lord help us to allow your Holy Spirit to give us the power to do the things
we know will please you.**

**Guide us with your gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives
as we trust you each day.**

In Jesus' name we pray these things. 🙏

AMEN

Jennifer Wilkinson

Polly's May Quiz Answers:

- 1 St Georges, Windsor
- 2 Notre Dame, Paris
- 3 Saint Marthe, Puy de Serre
- 4 Angkor Wat
- 5 Canterbury Cathedral
- 6 Tintern Abbey
- 7 Notre Dame de la Garde, Marseille
- 8 York Minster

- 9 Santa Maria della Salute, Venice
- 10 Lindisfarne Abbey
- 11 Sagrada Familia, Barcelona
- 12 Chartres Cathedral
- 13 Crooked Spire at Chesterfield
- 14 Abbey at Neuil sur l'Autise
- 15 Mont St Michel
- 16 La Jonchere



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".
My thanks to all the Contributors.

Please consult the website for updates at
www.allsaintsvendee.fr



Send your items for the July edition to:
Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
before 15th June 2021

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