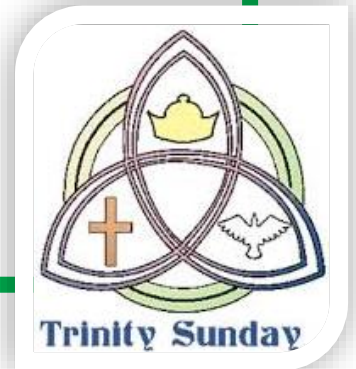


Church of All Saints in the Vendée  
"To know and to share Jesus Christ"

 *The Grapevine* 

**June 2023**

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



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**4-Thought  
June 2023**



This is the time of year when planning begins in earnest for Wedding Blessings, and often Baptisms. So far, I am booked for 5 blessings, some bi-lingual and 3 baptisms. It looks like a busy summer.

As Martin and I approach our own 55th wedding anniversary, I wonder why more couples don't choose to renew their vows? It is a lovely ceremony, and can take place anywhere, just the couple or with close friends and family. Perhaps it's not fashionable at the present time?????

Looking ahead this month we will be recommencing our services of Morning Worship in the beautiful church of Vouvant with its splendid organ, we are once again grateful to Abbé Michel for his warm welcome, and to M. Yves Rousseau for playing that organ. We are also indebted to the Cattell family, for extending their hospitality to us after the service, so come and join us on the 3rd Sunday of June, the 18th, at 11-00. Tell all your friends, better still bring them to join in!

In the month of June the Anglican church commemorates Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, Saint Barnabas, the Birth of John the Baptist, and Saints Peter and Paul. Corpus Christi, in the Anglican church, is a day of thanksgiving for Holy Communion. Barnabas was a Hellenized Jew who joined the Jerusalem church soon after Christ's crucifixion, sold his property, and gave the proceeds to the community (Acts 4:36-37). He was one of the Cypriots who founded (Acts 11:19-20) the church in Antioch, where he preached.

The Nativity of John the Baptist is a high-ranking liturgical feast, kept in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglicanism, and Lutheranism. The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke.

St. Peter and Paul's day is the feast day that honours the martyrdom of the two saints, sometime between AD 64 and 68. While the church recognizes that they may not have died on the same day, tradition says that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero.

Hazel



## Grapevine Treasurer's Report: April 2023:

Income: 1027.90 €

Expenditure: 866.25 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 161.65 €

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)

# Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers:*



**Colin** and Hester  
**Ann** and Peter (*friends of David and Sally*)  
**Dick**  
**Gini** and Martyn  
**Heidi** and **Millie-Jean** and their parents, Joël and Jo  
**Maureen**

**Steve** (*Hazel and Martin's son-in-law*) and Nicky  
**Liam** (*Polly's nephew*)  
**Nel** (*Mair & John Pugh's daughter*)  
**Pat** and **Roy**  
**Polly**  
**Bob** (*Rev'd Caroline's husband*)

*...and for the bereaved:*

The family and friends of  
**Peter Somerville**

The family and friends of  
**Bill Stocking**

The family and friends of  
**Eelan Hodgson**

The family and friends of  
**Jean Gibbs**

*[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](mailto:davidpearson@orange.fr)]*



## *Sunday Club*

No one will be turned away,  
everyone is welcomed

We are now open for children to attend Sunday Club activities including Holidaymakers.

*Please contact Jenny if you require more information:*

*email: [jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)*



...and there's much more...

SO

KEEP READING.....

# Churchwardens' Notes

June 2023



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

In last month's Grapevine, there was an article from John and Mair Pugh in which they spoke about their life and why they had now returned to the U.K. They invited readers to keep in touch and gave contact details. We are aware there are several people who are former members of All Saints Vendée, who still receive Grapevine, and we thought that they may also like to write a short article for Grapevine as a means of "keeping in touch" with us and letting us know where they are and what they are doing now. So here is the invitation and we hope to hear from some former ASV members.

## VOUVANT CHURCH - SUMMER SERVICES

Last year we held three very successful Morning Worship service in the beautiful church at Vouvant with the recently installed, purpose built new organ. This organ was played by the church organist Yves Rousseau, the former artistic head of the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique in Paris. We propose to repeat these services and hope we can attract English residents and holidaymakers to join us at services on the third Sundays of 18 June, 16 July and 20 August. So please put the dates in your diary, spread the word to your friends and neighbours and bring them along.

## ANNUAL MEETING (AGM)

We held our AGM on the 14th May 2023 and your representatives were elected and various reports received. For your information, the following is a "Who's - who" of your Church Council and what they do.

- Revd. Hazel Door, Chaplain and President
- John Matthews, Lay Minister
- Douglas Green, Churchwarden and Lay Vice-Chairman
- Margaret Kent, Churchwarden and Treasurer of ASV Charitable Association
- Iain McGregor, Council, Treasurer and Planned Giving Officer
- Linda Gorton, Council and Secretary
- Anne Condie, Council member and Safeguarding Officer
- Fiona McGregor, Council and President of the ASV Charitable Association
- Jenny Wilkinson, Council and Sunday Club leader
- Geoffrey Kent, Council and Charitable Association Secretary
- Martin Door, Archdeaconry Synod Representative.
- "Vacancy" , Archdeaconry Synod Representative
- Christine Green, Electoral Roll Officer co-opted to Council 2022/23
- Jo Collinson , co-opted to Council 2022/23

We are always looking for younger, "new blood" to take over from any one of us or take on other roles in assisting during worship. Don't be shy! Have a word with any of the people named above to see how you can help in the running of your church.

With love and blessings

Margaret and Doug



# Dates for your Diary



June 2023

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1<sup>st</sup> June Thursday

4<sup>th</sup> **Trinity Sunday**  11hr00 **Holy Communion** at La Chapelle Palluau

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

18<sup>th</sup> 11hr00 **Morning Worship** at Vouvant

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

30<sup>th</sup> June Friday

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*Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens in case of any alterations.*



# Dates for your Diary

## July 2023



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1<sup>st</sup> July Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at La Chapelle Palluau

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Morning Worship** at Vouvant

21<sup>st</sup> Friday starting 14hr30 **ECUMENICAL WALK, PICNIC & CONCERT – FOUSSAIS PAYRÉ**  
For more information, contact Iain McGregor

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> July Monday

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**Date for your August Diary:**

20<sup>th</sup> August 11hr00 **Morning Worship** at Vouvant .

# EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

## JUNE INTO JULY

DATE 2023	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRESIDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	INTERCESSOR	READERS	NOTES
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD	HD		SS-J			 Trinity Sunday
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Puy De Serre	11.00	HC	HD	HD	AC	SS-J	MK	IMG FMG	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Vouvant	11.00	MW							Vouvant Church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Puy De Serre	11.00	HC	HD	HD	JM	AM	DG	DP SP	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD	HD		SS-J			

**IF YOU FIND YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT CHURCH ON "YOUR" DAY,  
PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE A SWAP AND INFORM THE WORSHIP LEADER**

## FORWARD PLANNING

### JUNE INTO JULY

Responsibility (Organiser)	11th June Puy de Serre 11hr00	18th June Vouvant 11hr00	25 <sup>th</sup> June Puy de Serre 11hr00
<b>Refreshments after the service</b> in Salle at Puy de Serre (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny W		Christine & Allen H
<b>Flower Rota</b> (Chris Green whilst Barbara Matthews is away)	Kate Slater		(Volunteer required)

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.



# These are YOUR pages.....



My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine".

- The Remnants;*
- Letter from The Bishops;*
- Ladies Circle;*
- Resto du Cœur;*
- Sunday Club;*
- Ecumenical Walk, Picnic & Concert.*



Hello there,

We just wanted to say a big thank you to you ALL for the Easter Day service.

You made us feel at home with your friendliness and warm welcome.

Someone even remembered us from last year!

We have a static caravan near Bretignolles-sur-Mer and this was our second time to be there over Easter.

We really appreciate the effort required to set up and maintain these services - many years ago we lived in Toulouse and were involved in the English-speaking church there.

In fact, this was our second visit to Puy de Serre - we used to have a second home in Deux Sevres and we worked it out that 17 years ago on our first Easter visit, we went to the service there! subsequently we realised that being on the border, the services in Charente were much nearer.

Attached is a photo of us. If you don't remember the faces, then maybe you'll remember the name

Keep up your excellent work

Kath & Charlie BISHOP



## Ecumenical Walk ~ Foussais-Payré



Friday 21st July 14.30

**14.30 Walk:** dep. Foussais-Payré Car park (behind church)

Distance: about 6km with stops at Le Désert, Villeneuve, Foussais church and Foussais temple to look at historical and spiritual significance of each site

**18.30 Picnic:** Parc du Prieuré (bring your own food)

**20.00 Concert:** in Foussais church

**All welcome**

(well-behaved dogs on leads included!)



Organised by the local Catholic, Protestant and Anglican churches



Contact John Matthews or Iain McGregor [icgregor@talogeste.com](mailto:icgregor@talogeste.com) for further information

chairs and tables in the boot of your car! At 20.30, after the picnic, the day will conclude with a concert given by the superb little choir "Les Voix Romanes". If the weather is inclement, the picnic will be held indoors, in the Salle Communale.

Dogs will be very welcome on the walk, but probably not at the picnic!

The walk has been organised by the local Catholic, Protestant and Anglican churches, Entrance is completely free, although contributions for the choir would be appreciated.

It will offer a chance to meet some new people, to learn about each other's faith and exchange ideas, and to familiarise ourselves with some bits of local history. (I will provide summary translations of what is said at each halt if people wish it.)

It promises to be a very varied and a very pleasant day out - **everyone** is welcome, so please invite your friends!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 21 July at 14.30!

## Annual Ecumenical Walk Friday 21 July 2023 departing at 14.30

Come and join us on a gentle 6km countryside walk, with breaks to look at how four local sites of interest intertwine to become part of a shared church history. We will use small by-ways and bridlepaths for the most part, with only a very small section of the walk being on road. You will not even need walking boots, though stilettoes are not recommended!

Starting from the car park behind the church at Foussais Payré, at 14.30 with a gentle amble to Le Desert where Protestants hid after their freedom to worship was ended in 1685. Then onto the hamlet of Villeneuve where a barn served for centuries as a Protestant Temple, then back to the church at Foussais to look at the imagery on the magnificent West Front, and finally to the Protestant Temple.

A bring-your-own picnic will follow (18.30) in the gardens behind the Catholic church, so please put your

Balade œcuménique  
à Foussais Payré

Un chemin de  
« **Pierres Vivantes** »

21 juillet 2023

### Programme

**14h30** Balade commentée (6km)

Rendez vous au parking de la mairie de Foussais Payré

**18h30** Pique nique tiré des sacs

**20h30** Concert de l'académie vocale en Vendée romane

Soyez les bienvenus !

Gratuit, libre participation aux frais

Pour plus d'informations :

Jean-Pierre Faulon : 06 77 85 33 47  
Famille Aubineau : 06 35 47 01 85





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 Moulleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36**

..... and just to add:



With the rising cost of living, there are more folk than ever in need of basic food, cleaning materials and toiletries. Collections are made at Puy de Serre at the first service of the month there (i.e. the second Sunday of each month).

The local group that we support at Coulonges-sur-l'Autize say that, in particular, they have need for tins of ready meals like Ravioli and Cassoulet.

Please continue to help. Many, many thanks for your continued support.

Maggie K



	<p>Did you know PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS can be read at: <a href="http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr">www.allsaintsvendee.fr</a> <i>26th February 2023</i> <i>TALK given by</i> <i>Lay Minister, John Matthews,</i> <i>at Puy de Serre</i></p>	
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# *Sunday Club*

## *CORNELIUS AND PETER*

### *The story*



Cornelius was a centurion in the Roman army, and although he wasn't a Jew, he was a good man who believed in God. He and his family loved their neighbours and prayed to God regularly. One day an angel came to Cornelius in vision, the angel told him to send for the apostle Peter and Peter would tell Cornelius what to do, so the next day he sent two servants and a soldier to bring Peter to him.

On Peter's journey to Joppa, they stopped to eat and were praying before they ate dinner, whilst he prayed, he went into a trance, and saw all manner of four-footed beasts, creeping things, and fowls that flew in the air. Then there came a voice telling him to rise, kill and eat. But Peter said "no Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean!" So, the voice spoke again saying "what God hath cleansed, that call not common!" (Acts 10:10-15) While Peter tried to understand what the meaning of what he had seen meant, Cornelius' men had come, and the spirit told him "Go with them, doubting nothing! For I have sent them" (Acts 10:20)

When Peter arrived meeting Cornelius and his family. Cornelius told Peter what the angel had said "Now therefore we are all, present to hear all things that are commanded of God "(Acts 10:33)

Peter then understood what he had seen in his vision, The Lord showed him the gospel wasn't only for Jews but for all people, and whilst Peter taught them the holy ghost fell upon them and commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (Acts:10:44,48)

Peter's visit to Cornelius made him change the way he looked at the world. Earlier his dream had challenged him to revise his view of what was acceptable to eat. His shock might be compared to what some of us might feel if God was to ask us to do outlandish things! God constantly calls us to review things and change, but it is a call that is not too difficult to ignore! Especially in a comfortable, settled society.

So, who is your Cornelius??

What or who is asking you to think again to consider change??

#### PRAYER

Almighty God by your grace going before us  
You put in our minds good desires,  
With your everlasting help  
We may bring them to good effect.  
We pray these things in your name Jesus Christ  
AMEN

*Jenny*



## *Sunday Club*



### *Something to chew on...*



Many of us are familiar with the passage from Ecclesiastes 3 1: 15 that begins with « For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: » and ends with « I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. ».

Albert Einstein talked about the spacetime continuum and about the variability of time: the atomic clocks in satellite navigation systems have to be adjusted, albeit by minute amounts, in order to remain in synch with time on earth. Phenomena like these lead some physicists to suggest that there is no such thing as time, and what we actually experience is duration.

We have difficulty in imagining infinity, the idea that everything exists all at once all the time. In Genesis God existed before His creation came into being and John begins his Gospel with « In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. » (John 1 :1). God just *is*. Spacetime is His creation.

I like the comparison of infinity to a book, cartoon, or film of a story: the pages, drawings or frames exist all the time, but we experience them one by one when we read or look at them. God knows all our stories, from beginning to end, even as we move through them one page at a time.

What do you think?

*Trudy*



*'I didn't get a phone alert  
Did you?'*

*(Thanks Trudy)*



# The Remnants

30<sup>th</sup> April 2023



In the warmth of our newly arrived spring weather, the Remnants met at the lovely home of Jane and Gordon. Linda was to have hosted this meeting but both her and Brian, Jo's husband, were ill with Laryngitis. We prayed for their quick recovery. There were eight of us, Marilyn was still with us, though she leaves soon for her return to UK.

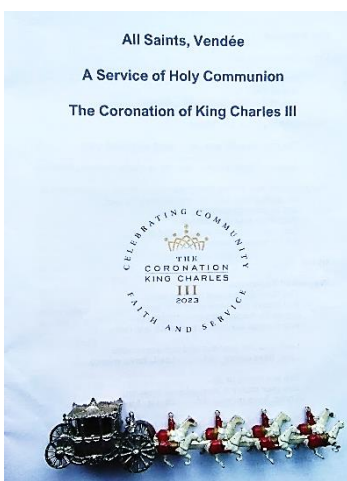
Jane led us in a discussion of faith, discussing especially how our grandchildren, mostly un practicing Christians, consider it. When asked, some responses were favorable: "in such a beautiful world there must be a God who created it" said one young lady.

We read from Hebrews 11 "To have Faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, To be certain of the things we cannot see." Finishing up with an enthusiastic renderings of " Great is Thy faithfulness."



We enjoyed a bring and share lunch which Jane contributed a wonderful Cottage Pie, and with Peggy's treacle tart, (and cream) and Marilyn's apple tart and with Christine's strawberry blancmange. Well, we just about made it to a chair in the sunshine to drink our coffee.  
*Joyce*

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – La Chapelle Palluau**



### **Order of Service Celebrating The Coronation of King Charles III**

**Celebration Cake  
at the  
Bring & Share Lunch  
after the service**



# ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

## The Ladies' Circle Meeting and Sewing Group

always welcome newcomers.

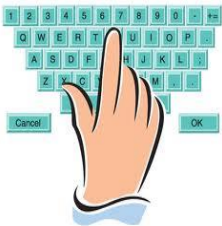
The next meeting will take place after the 19<sup>th</sup> June

with a belated King/Coronation Celebration

(date and venue to be arranged)

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

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Please send your items and comments for the **July edition**  
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**before 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



