

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

 *The Grapevine* 

October 2020

IMPORTANT:

There is a lot of business to be completed this month so that the delayed **AGM** can go ahead. So, please read, complete and return those items which are included in this edition.

Notification of the venue and final details will be circulated via email to members on the Electoral Roll.

See Pages 5-8

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Why is it that just when you think things, (life, work, family) are sailing along, that something happens to upset the applecart?

You may ask yourself what have I done? Or not done? Why me Lord? There are moments in all our lives when we think that. We are all trialed, tempted, beset, lost, at some time or another. Why shouldn't we feel abandoned, cast aside, adrift? After all, we are fully independent adults, we know right from wrong, don't we? We see on our televisions, night after night, all these uncaring millennials having raves, flouting the guidelines, not wearing masks, doesn't matter about anyone else attitudes. Me, me, me. Then you ask yourself, what is the world coming to?????

The other day, in a conversation, I mentioned that, in my opinion, the saddest phrase in the English Language is "If only....." I'm sure you can think of times aplenty when you have either uttered or received those two small words and been crushed by the weight of them. Hindsight is often a leveller, looking back at what we have done, sometimes unwittingly, sadly, sometimes deliberately.

We all have our dark days, if we are honest with ourselves, when all we can do is wallow in self-pity. So, from this, you would be right in thinking that I have been struggling with various events in these first few days of September. I very nearly gave in and folded, BUT, I then turned to a well thumbed book of mine, "I Am With You"* opened it at random and found the following:

John 15: 16. "You did not choose me, I chose you."

I actually dropped the book! Picked it up and it opened at:

"1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

Truthfully, I cried. I went outside and just let the vastness of nature take over and reset my spirit. I had reached the point where I had to let go and let God take over. Perhaps this is something that we all need from time to time. To refocus and not let the weight of our burden wear us down. More than ever we need the guidance of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so that we are strengthened in every way possible. Then and only then can we turn around the question "Why me God?" into "Why **not** me?"

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Hazel

*I am with you Fr. John Woolley. John Hunt Publishing.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Barbara
David and Susan
David and Chris
Dick
Heidi and her parents,
Joël and Jo
Isi and family

Jenny and Ray
Malcolm
Millie-Jean, Hazel and Martins'
granddaughter
Pat and David
Peter

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:

Janice Adams
Pam Davies
Ken Ferguson
Terry Fraser-Wilson
Barbara
Sue Stock
Tim Johnson

Tim Bravington
Beccy Sackley
Dot (Julie Taylor's mother)
Avril Simmons
Johnathon Mark Sykes

Terry Fraser-Wilson

Terry Fraser-Wilson passed away in hospital on Tuesday 22nd September following a long irreversible illness. He was 86 years of age.

He leaves his wife, Ann, two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Terry came from Battle in Sussex and was the only child of a landscape gardener. He was educated locally and at 18 years of age began his National Service in the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards. He served overseas but also stood guard at Buckingham Palace and Trooping the Colour. His working life was with an Industrial Company where he made good progress. On retirement he came to France in 2007 and remained here until his death. He was an ardent Bird Watcher and a well-above average Sportsman excelling in Bowls and Rifle Shooting, including appearances at Bisley. He possessed a delightful sense of humour and was a practical joker. He will be deeply missed by his wife Ann and family.

Terry was cremated at Niort on Tuesday 29th March following a short service conducted by Hazel.

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[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]

LECTIONARY READINGS

September into October 2020

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.

4th October *17th Sunday after Trinity*

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Philippians 3.4b-14
 Matthew 21.33-end
 Psalm 19 [or 19.7-end]

25th October *Last Sunday after Trinity*

Deuteronomy 34.1-12
 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
 Matthew 22.34-end
 Psalm 90.1-6,13-end [or 90.1-6]

11th October *18th Sunday after Trinity*

Exodus 32.1-14
 Philippians 4.1-9
 Matthew 22.1-14
 Psalm 106.1-6,19-23 [or 106.1-6]

1st November *All Saints' Day*

Revelations 7.9-end
 1 John 3.1-3
 Matthew 5.1-12
 Psalm 34.1-10

18th October *19th Sunday after Trinity*

Exodus 33.12-end
 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
 Matthew 22.15-22
 Psalm 99



EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

FORWARD PLANNING ROTAS

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
4 th October	LCP											17 th after Trinity
11 th October	PDS											18 th after Trinity
18 th October												19 th after Trinity
25 th October	PDS											Last after Trinity
1 st November	LCP											All Saints' Day

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

2020 October	
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	<i>All services have been cancelled until the Restrictions are lifted Please check with the Church Wardens or website for updates.</i>
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	



Your Churchwardens write:

October 2020

When the Covid-19 crisis started at the beginning of the year I am sure none of us expected it to be still extremely active in October. At the time of writing these notes (15/9/2020) the 7-day moving average for daily new cases in France was 8,324. There are now 42 "Red Zones" where Covid is particularly virulent and the Vendée is not one of them but Deux Sevres is being watched carefully. This is from a new map issued by Santé Publique France which lists departments as having a low, moderate or high vulnerability to Covid. Deux Sevres is "moderate" but we are surrounded to the North and East by "high" departments. It is regrettable, therefore, that we cannot consider restarting church services as there is just too great a risk as so many of our congregations fall into the vulnerable category.

On the 30th August we said au-revoir to the Catholic priest Père René-Claude Guibert who has been so supportive of our worship at Puy de Serre. His farewell mass took place at Saint-Hilaire-des-Loges, outdoors in the school playground where the chairs were well spaced out to comply with the current restrictions. John and Barbara Matthews, Polly Ward and ourselves represented ASV and we also met the new curé, François Bidaud. At the end of the service we presented René-Claude with a thank you gift of a decanter engraved with the Vendée Double-Coeur and the initials ASV. He appreciated this very much and wished us well for the future.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a reference to the formation of an "in-house" membership list. This will be carefully controlled in order to comply with the latest data protection regulations. We encourage all congregation members to supply the details requested and give the specific authorisation for this data to be held and used to keep you in touch with church affairs and events.

Please keep in touch with each other, stay safe and continue your own, personal worship and prayers. We will meet again in the future - as soon as it is safe to do so.

Doug and David

We want to keep in contact with you but.....

We want to keep in contact with you butno longer do we have all the details of our congregations. During this lengthy period when we have not been meeting in church there have been several occasions when these details have been needed.

In accordance with the data protection legislation we can only collect and use data if we have your permission (the Electoral Roll cannot be used). We are asking all members of our congregations to please let me have the following details so that we can compile an "in-house" membership list and we can all keep in touch with each other. Initially this list will go to Council members but the details can later be made available to others on the list.

By supplying this information, you are agreeing to the storage and use of this information as detailed in our Data Privacy Notice (see later, Page 6).

Please, as soon as possible, supply your:

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Fixed telephone number
- Mobile telephone number

If any details change in the future, please let me know. A list is only useful if the details are up to date!

Thank you for your cooperation

Doug Green

greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk 05 49 72 18 46

The Chaplaincy Council (CC) of All Saints, Vendee

1. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR").

2. Who are we?

The CC of All Saints, Vendee is the data controller (contact details below). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

3. How do we process your personal data?

The CC of All Saints, Vendee complies with its obligations under the "GDPR" by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

We use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To administer membership records;
- To maintain our own accounts and records;
- To inform you of news, events, activities and services running at All Saints, Vendee;

4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services and keep you informed about diocesan events.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out legal obligations in relation to Gift Aid or under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement;
- Processing is carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided: -
 - the processing relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes); and
 - there is no disclosure to a third party without consent.

5. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of the church in order to carry out a service to other church members or for purposes connected with the church. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the chaplaincy with your consent.

6. How long do we keep your personal data?

We keep data in accordance with the guidance set out in the guide "Keep or Bin: Care of Your Parish Records" which is available from the Church of England website.

7. Your rights and your personal data Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which the CC of All Saints, Vendee holds about you;
- The right to request that the CC of All Saints, Vendee corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for the CC of All Saints, Vendee to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

8. Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Data Protection Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

9. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact the Chaplain or Churchwardens of All Saints, Vendee – details are published on our website www.allsaintsvendee.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

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for this month's activity.....



Revision to the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll of every Anglican Church is fully revised every 6 years and this was last completed in 2019. Then, every year it is updated before the Annual Meeting (AGM) so that it is known who is eligible to vote at this meeting or stand for office on Council. It is necessary to close (or "freeze") the Roll just before the AGM and there is a strict timetable for this closure. It has to be closed not earlier than 28 days and not later than 15 days before the AGM. The delayed 2020 AGM will now take place (*provisionally/virtually*) on Thursday 29th October so I will need to close the Electoral Roll on 14th October at the latest. The Roll re-opens immediately after the AGM.

If you have not already joined the Electoral Roll and now wish to do so, please complete and sign the form found elsewhere in Grapevine and return this to me ASAP. This can be done by scanning the form and returning it by email (greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk) or by post to the address below.

Chris Green
La Vialiere
79240 Largeasse



The Diocese in Europe
The Church of England

Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll of All Saints, Vendée

Please use capitals and complete as appropriate.

Full Name.....

Full Normal Address

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Email Address.....@.....

(optional)

I declare that

1. I am baptized, am a lay person and am aged 16 or over
(or, become 16 on

AND (tick only ONE of boxes 2A, 2B or 2C)

2A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and have my name entered on the electoral roll of a parish or chaplaincy in the Provinces of Canterbury or York. (ASV is in the Province of Canterbury).

2B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and I have habitually attended public worship in the chaplaincy during the period of six months¹ prior to enrolment.

2C I am a member in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the chaplaincy during the period of six months¹ prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll for the chaplaincy.

Signature..... Date.....

Please return by hand or by post to the Electoral Roll Officer, Chris Green, La Vialière, 79240 Largeasse – or by hand to the Chaplain, a Warden or any Council Member.

Notes. ¹. Like many churches in France we enjoy active participation of people who spend part of their time back in the UK or elsewhere. Accordingly, we follow the advice of the Diocese in Europe and adopt a generous interpretation of the six-month rule.

2. If you have any problem with this form, please approach any member of the Church Council who will be pleased to help you.



Dates for your Diary

October



1st Thursday

4th Sunday

11th Sunday

18th Sunday

25th Sunday

31st Saturday



Dates for your Diary

November



1st Sunday

7th Sunday

14th Sunday

21st Sunday

28th Sunday

30th Tuesday

Please note:



The Training Day for Emergency First Aid

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

Was Tuesday April 7th 2020

Has now been postponed indefinitely.

Grapevine Treasurer's Report

August 2020:

Income: 592.00 €

Expenditure: 365.64

The balance, therefore, is positive for the month: 226.36 €

W H O O P P E E !!!

Keep healthy, keep isolated, and keep talking to each other!

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



through the Standing Order Scheme

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 to 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
mcmgregor@lalogette.com



These are YOUR pages....

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



Thankyou...

...so much for the lovely photos, messages ,and gift.
 It has meant so much to me. Something to treasure.
 It brought back so many happy memories of times past,
 of precious Christian friends who support me so much in my hour of need.
 I had so many sleepovers and great meals before I left for the Vendée.
 My special day was parfait.
 God bless you all.
 A bientôt
 Love
 Peggy P
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and..... this from Polly, who organised the "Toast-a-Peg" Card & Photos for Peggy:

I would personally like to thank all those who responded to our request for birthday wishes for Peggy. She was thrilled with the response and as already sent a message to Jacqui to be published this time. I am particularly pleased that we managed to contact so many people who are not in the immediate vicinity - and especially a friend who Peggy had not seen for some years and who started her message with 'You probably don't remember me but..... '

*They both still live in the Vendee and will be getting together as soon as Covid allows
 Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers on this occasion.*

Polly Ward



We're here to help so do get in touch

There is no obligation for you to be old or feeble to avail yourselves of our help... it would be our pleasure to be of use!! We have a very large trailer and are keen to help with autumn cutting back...Mair's favourite part of gardening!

Stay safe everyone, wash your hands and wear your mask!!

With love in the Lord's name,

John and Mair Pugh.

John..07 52 67 26 44
 Mair.. 07 52 67 26 58
 Fixte.. 02 44 57 83 84

If anyone has any unwanted groundcover/weed deterrent cloth to spare it would be much appreciated.



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 LADIES' CIRCLE
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020**

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice

Thursday 8th **October**, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 22nd **October**, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jean

Thursday 12th **November**, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 26th **November**, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Julie

Winter Day: massage, hair and nails with Jenny, Sandy and Barbara

Thursday **December**, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 17th **December**,
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas!
Bring and share Christmas lunch

For more information of get-togethers, please contact: Joan Stewart:
jpsmorandiere@outlook.com or phone: 02 51 00 34 70

...and just to round up...

It is encouraging to learn that members of our congregation are keeping in touch with each other despite the Covid-19 restrictions which seem to change from day-to-day. Here are a few things people are doing to ease the pressures that we are all feeling. No doubt there are other things going on but these are the ones I know about:

Individuals make the effort to call on friends and chat on the doorstep or in the garden (masked and distanced, of course); where a visit is not possible, then there's a phonecall.

At this time of the year, garden produce has been shared and there is a lot of extra jam and preserves on the boil;

Some folk deliver shopping to those who are unable to go outside due to underlying health reasons;

One lady cooks and serves a substantial meal in her own home several times a week for another member of ASV (and her dog!);

Our newly-resident gardeners have visited and supported folk by clearing and removing garden waste to the local déchetterie. This has been much appreciated by those who do not own a trailer.

An interesting development has been the organisation of small groups of people meeting in local restaurants to dine and chat;

Two ladies from the church opened their garden to a small group of (masked, hand-washed and socially-distanced) friends who, subsequently, with the proceeds from a raffle, donated 400€ to the local foodbank, Restos de Coeur.

All these get-togethers have taken place in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions, the only thing we cannot do is hold a worship service, which is frustrating. Individuals from nearby Departments share a form of internet worship via YouTube which is much appreciated but we do miss our Sunday services and long for the time when we can return to regular Sunday worship.

In the meantime,

Keep contributing to Grapevine,

Keep in touch,

Keep safe, and, most important of all,

Keep the faith, (Revelations 14.12)

Jacqui

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

My thanks to all the Contributors.

I was hopeful last month but, maybe, just maybe this will be our final "Confinement" edition.

Please consult the website for updates

Please send your items for the November edition to:

Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

before 15th October 2020

Requests to be included on the emailing list should be addressed to:

Jacqui Stainton-James at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

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Sunday Club

October 2020



10 BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONSanswers next month

(Just do your best)

1. What is the first book in the Bible?
2. What is the last book in the Bible?
3. What four books tell about Jesus' life on Earth?
4. Which book did Jesus directly write?
5. What is the longest book in the Bible?
6. True or false?
David wrote the entire book of Psalms? True/False
7. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
8. How many books are in the Bible?
9. How many books in the Old Testament?
10. How many books in the New Testament?

Did you know:

The Bible is the most popular book ever written (by copies sold)

GOOD LUCK and of course adults can play 😊

ANSWERS IN NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE.

DONT FORGET TO PRAY BEFORE PLAYING.

Jennifer Wilkinson