

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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DIOCESE IN EUROPE
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



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4-Thought
April 2022



It doesn't matter which television news channel you turn to, the news from Ukraine is heart breaking. I cannot begin to comprehend the suffering of the people who are living under such duress. There is no end, it seems, to man's inhumanity to men. As I was reminded in church on Sunday, the first casualty of war is truth. I read Psalm 27 during worship, not only was it the set psalm for the second Sunday of Lent but it really spoke to my heart.



- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour.
- ¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
- ¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.
- ¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (NRSV)

The saying which is usually attributed to Edmund Burke “All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing.” Is often accurate, but it has been heartening in these last few days to see the response from so many people in support of the citizens of Ukraine. All Saints Vendée is part of the Diocese of Europe, that includes a congregation in Kyiv and one in Moscow. Both communities are under threat, we can do much to support them. My home commune has been part of an effort to collect items desperately needed by communities like our own in Ukraine, one shipment has already gone, others are planned. Check your local area to see what is being planned. In place of the customary Lent appeal, Bishops Robert and David, are asking for contributions to fund aid for Ukrainians. Do send however much you can, via our treasurer, Iain McGregor. Please continue to hold the situation in prayer, that this mindless war may be brought to an end, and that the suffering of an innocent population ends in their freedom being secure.



Churchwardens' Notes for April 2022

ANNUAL MEETING (AGM)

This will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 1600 hrs. We are allowed again to hold this as a Zoom meeting on the internet to keep everyone "Covid-safe". To stand for an officer of the church or to vote at the AGM you must be on the Electoral Roll. Anyone wishing to join the Roll must do so before the 11th April when the Roll is "frozen" until after the AGM. To join any ASV Zoom meeting or service you must also be on the ASV Contact List which is quite separate from the Electoral Roll. Contact us if you need more details.



The next Zoom Services will take place on:

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April @ 11hr00

Also, the **AGM by Zoom** on
Tuesday 26th April @16hr00

WAR IN UKRAINE

"Online Prayers for Peace" –
Wednesdays during Lent at 18:00cet

Please contact Doug Green if you have not already done so if you wish to join these events. greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk

EASTER SERVICES - GOOD FRIDAY AND EXTRA SERVICE ON EASTER DAY

On **Good Friday** 15th April there will be a Zoom Service at 11hr00 hrs.

Easter Day 17th April falls on a 3rd.Sunday when we do not normally have a church service. But Easter Sunday is such a special day, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, so there WILL be a communion service at 1100 at La Chapelle Palluau and we look forward to sharing worship with you.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF EUROPE

Bishop Robert will be visiting SW France at the end of April/start of May. He wishes to visit all Chaplaincies in this corner of France and will be coming to the Vendée on Monday morning, 2nd of May. Final details are still to be arranged but it is hoped he will lead a short Morning Worship followed by a meeting in the hall at PDS. Further details will be available when the whole visit itinerary is finalised.

WAR IN UKRAINE

We have received the following from the Diocesan office:

"Online Prayers for Peace – Wednesdays at 18:00cet

The diocesan service of 'Prayers Across Europe for Peace in Ukraine' has now been viewed more than 12,500 times which means we would have filled St Paul's Cathedral 4 times over. Thank you again to all who attended. We will follow up this service with one every Wednesday at 18:00cet from 16th March at least until the end of Lent. This simple 30-minute service will be a 'Vigil with Prayers for Peace in Ukraine'. It will include prayers, music, readings and a reflection or some information from a part of the Diocese directly affected by the crisis. The service will be on Zoom. All are welcome to join. The link will be the same each week.

March 16th, 2022 17:00 London 18:00 CET

Every week on Wednesdays, until April 13th 2022 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87224945786> Meeting ID: 872 2494 5786"

This year ASV are supporting the **Diocesan Lent Appeal** which will be to help all affected by the war in Ukraine. The appeal was launched with the Anglican mission agency USPG and the response in the Diocese and beyond has been remarkable so far but more is needed of course and the crisis is both urgent and long term. Individual gifts can be made through the USPG Giving Portal or donations can be made in church. Remember the Anglican Church in Ukraine is, like us, part of the Diocese in Europe.

Please pray for peace in your own private prayers. Below is a prayer written by the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu from his African Prayer Book.

VICTORY IS OURS

Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;

Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Ann, Brian and family
Ann and Peter
(friends of David and Sally)

Anne
Dick

Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo

Ken

Liam (Polly's nephew
who has recently been
diagnosed with Motor
Neuron Disease)

Malcolm

Pat and Roy

Peter

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:

Barbara Kenyon
Nan Rothwell

*[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]*

AGM and ELECTORAL ROLL

This year's Annual Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled to take place on

TUESDAY 26th April 2022, 1600hrs.

It will take place via the internet Zoom platform so that both congregations can take part.

In order to be able to vote at the AGM, or to stand as one of the Council, you must be on the ASV Electoral Roll. If you are already on the Roll, and are still eligible, you need not do anything but anyone who wishes to join the Roll (or leave) must do so before Monday 11th April when I am required to revise and "freeze" the Roll until after the AGM.

If you wish to join the Electoral Roll, or need more information, please contact me or any member of council.

Chris Green
Electoral Roll Officer
greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk
05 49 72 18 46



LECTIONARY READINGS

March into April 2022

3rd April **5th Sunday of Lent**

(Passiontide begins)

Isaiah 43.16-21
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8
Psalm 126

17th April **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10.34-43
or Isaiah 65.17-end
1 Corinthians 15.19-26
or Acts 10.34=43
John 20.1-18
or Luke 24.1-12
Psalm 118.1-2,14-24
(or 118.14-24)

10th April **Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of Palms
Luke 19.28-40
Psalm 118.1-2,19-end
(or 118.19-24)

24th April **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5.27-32
(or Exodus 14.10-end;
15.20-21)
Revelations 1.4-8
John 20.19-end
Psalm 118.14-end
or *Psalm 150*

15th April **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52.13-53.end
Hebrews 10.16-25
or Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9
John 18.1-19.end
Psalm 22 (or 22.1-11 or 22.1-21)

1st May **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9.1-6 (7-20)
(or Zeph.3.14-end)
Revelations 5.11-end
John 21.1-19
Psalm 30



Sunday Club

"Sunday Club is still under review until further notice in next month's Grapevine."



No one will be turned away, everyone is welcomed

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

Please contact Jenny if you require more information:

email: jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

Now turn to the end of this edition of Grapevine to find our April messages...

Grapevine Treasurer's report:

February 2022:

Income: 746.40 €

Expenditure: 291.09 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 453.31 €.

Please give me any donations for the **Bishop's Lenten Appeal for Ukraine** on or before **27 March 2022**. Euros or Sterling as you wish.

I have sent out all the tax rebate forms for 2021. Please contact me if there are any problems. I hope to be at PdS on 27 March, to stamp and counter-sign any forms. Alternatively, please send me your form (with a s.a.e.) as soon as possible.



The tax authorities have, until the end of 2022, allowed a 75% rebate on any charitable contributions made in France. This means that a monthly contribution of 50 € will only cost you 12.50 €, or 20 € will only cost you 5 €, if you are a French tax payer. A good time to join the Planned Giving scheme!

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

Iain McGregor

(Treasurer)



Dates for your Diary



April 2022

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

1st April Friday

3rd Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau**

10th Palm Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

14th Maundy Thursday, 2pm **Sewing Circle** Bibs for adults – Led by Jane Lock

15th **Good Friday 11hr00 ZOOM Service**

17th **EASTER Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau**

- It is hoped that we shall have a Bring and Share Lunch after the service – to be advised – contact Church Wardens

23rd Saturday **St George's Day**

24th Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

26th Tuesday **16hr00 Annual Meeting (AGM) by Zoom**

28th Thursday 2pm **Ladies Circle** Make a snood. Get your knitting needles out!

Bring wool and needles. DK 4mm Aran 5mm Led by Maggie and Jean

Cakes: Jane Hovey

30th April Saturday



Dates for your Diary



May 2022

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

1st May Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau**

2nd Monday Visit of Bishop Robert (Puy de Serre service - details to be finalized)

8th Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

12th Thursday 2pm **Sewing Circle** Make a washbag – led by Jane Hovey

15th Sunday No service

22nd Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

26th Thursday, 2pm **Ladies Circle** Queen`s Jubilee tea. Please wear your tiara and bring appropriate royal dishes! Cakes: Everyone

29th Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

30th Monday 10.00am **Training Day in Emergency First Aid**, The Salle at Puy de Serre
(Please contact Rev. Hazel if you would like to attend)

31st May Tuesday

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

APRIL TO MAY

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
Sunday 3 rd April	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD								5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 10 th April	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		MK			SP	DP AC		Palm Sunday
Friday 15 th April	ZOOM	11.00										Good Friday
Sunday 17 th April	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00		HD		DG			CG?	MK GK?		Easter Day
Sunday 24 th April	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		JM			DP	GK CM		2 nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday 1 st May	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD								3 rd Sunday of Easter
Monday 2 nd May	Puy de Serre	Visit of Bishop Robert, Gibraltar in Europe										



Emergency First Aid Course.



As part of our general safeguarding requirements, we should have folk able to deliver emergency first aid. I'm sure that most of us have an inkling of what may be required should an emergency occur in church, but perhaps not the confidence that our level of training is up to date? My own certificate was valid for three years, but, sadly lapsed several years ago, and I know that procedures have been updated drastically in that period. That is why the Council are supporting and yes, subsidising, a training day to be held in early June. We are fortunate to have a qualified duo of trainers visiting for a full day, which will take place in the Salle at Puy de Serre. Bring your own packed lunch, but coffee/tea etc. will be provided. Places have to be limited, in order to ensure that everyone gets the benefit, so waste no more time, and get your names down as soon as possible.

Contact Hazel by email: rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr to secure your place.

BISHOP ROBERT'S Lent and Easter Appeal for Aid to Ukraine2022

Usually, I write to you several weeks before the start of Lent to introduce my Lent appeal. This Lent, however, we find ourselves in exceptional and grave circumstances with war in Ukraine. Working with our partners USPG, we have therefore taken some time to set up a special appeal fund for the crisis in Ukraine.

Our fund will be managed by USPG. The fund will be open to all who wish to give to it across the Church of England and beyond. Money raised in our diocesan 2022 appeal will go into this fund along with money given by other donors. Our intention this year is to raise a really significant sum that will make a difference in a situation of great need in Eastern Europe. To find out more about our partners at USPG you can visit the USPG Website

There are now over a million refugees in Europe and thousands of internally displaced in Ukraine. They have left everything behind to escape the conflict. Christian Charities and our Churches need our help as they support these people in all aspects of their lives.

This appeal will provide critical financial resources towards the urgent and immediate needs of people in Ukraine and those who have fled as well as supporting the long-term work of recovery in the country.

We are working with partners on the ground who are geared up to provide food, medicine, shelter, care for children and internally displaced people in Ukraine. With refugees they are supplying care at the border and beyond, including attention to those from Africa and Asia who, besides Ukrainians, are fleeing war.

War is horrible. It injures, destroys and kills in an often indiscriminate and uncontrollable way. And now, we face war in Europe. The people of our little church, Christ Church Kyiv, find themselves in the midst of this crisis. They are typical of so many others. Some have fled the city whilst others are still there; praying for their safety and for peace as they shelter as best they can. These people are our brothers and sisters. Those still in Ukraine and those who have fled need our help.

This year, we are calling this a '**Lent and Easter' Appeal**. Partly that just reflects the timing. But more profoundly, we want to signal that our donations are a sign of hope. The Christian story ends not with crucifixion but with the hope of resurrection. However frightening and tragic the circumstances, we believe in a God who brings life out of death and who brings peace where there has been war. By giving to the people of Ukraine, we express our solidarity with them and we become part of the divine plan which everywhere and always intends justice and peace.

Please give what you can now to support the people of Ukraine. Donations can, as always, be given to the Diocese via your chaplaincy treasurer with the note 'Bishop's Lent Appeal'.

With my sincere prayers for peace in all our hearts and peace in the world for which Christ died,

Yours in Christ,

+ *Robert Gibraltar in Europe*

HOW YOU CAN DONATE: *(See Our Treasurer's Report on Page 6)*



By cheque made out to:

'Diocese in Europe (LentAppeal 2022)'

sent to: Nick Wraight

Diocese in Europe

14 Tufon Street

London SW1P 3QZ

By bank transfer to:

Account number: 40317039

Sort code: 20-06-13

IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39

Swiftbic: BUKBGB22

On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page marking your gift 'Lent Appeal' in the comments.
<https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>



These are YOUR pages.....



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

ASV Ladies Circle;
World Day of Prayer;
"Resto du Coeur";
"Sunday Club"
MND "Thank you"



(Thank you, Trudy!)



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





Did you know
PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS
can be read at:
www.allsaintsvendee.fr





Sunday Club

April 2022



*Notre Père, qui est aux cieux ;
Que ton nom soit sanctifié ;
Que ton règne vienne ;
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour,
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Ne nous laisse pas entrer
en tentation.
Mais délivre-nous du mal.*

Matthew 6 : 9, (Luke 11 : 2)

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever.*

Hands by Albrecht Dürer



(King James Bible)

Do you ever say the Lord's prayer in French? Does it feel any different? Christians all over the world say this prayer in their own language. As we know from our experience of the French language, things are sometimes expressed differently or are not easily translatable. Each language has its own flavour, a bit like the ripe blackberries around the field, depending on the soil and how much sun they get, but they are all essentially still blackberries.

The wonderful thing is that, it doesn't matter in which language we say the Lord's prayer, or any other prayer for that matter, God, Our Father, Notre Père, will hear us. Jesus spoke a dialect of Aramaic, a language still spoken by over half a million people in the Middle East, and sadly there was no recording equipment available at that time, so we don't the words He used. Yet we can still hear His voice, if we listen.

Jennifer and Trudy

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

The Ladies' Circle and Sewing Group take place at:

Joan Stewart's, Mouilleron-en-Pareds.

Both groups always welcome newcomers.

Contact: Joan Stewart, or Jenny Wilkinson

Jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

Thursday 14th **April**, 2pm

Sewing Circle Bibs for adults –
Led by Jane Lock

Thursday 28th **April**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Make a snood.
Get your knitting needles out! Bring wool and
needles. DK 4mm Aran 5mm
Led by Maggie and Jean
Cakes: Jane Hovey

Thursday 12th **May**, 2pm

Sewing Circle Make a washbag –
led by Jane Hovey

Thursday 26th **May**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Queen's Jubilee tea.
Please wear your tiara and bring
appropriate royal dishes!
Cakes: Everyone

Thursday 9th **June**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 23rd **June**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Glass painting.
Glass painting pens and glasses provided –
led by Irene.
Cakes: Irene

Thursday 14th **July**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 28th **July**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Screen printing –
led by Jenny
Cakes: Jenny

Thursday 11th **August**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 25th **August**, 2pm

Ladies Circle
Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba

Thursday 8th **September**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 22nd **September**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Macrame –
led by Jane Lock, plus starting makes for table
top sale in November
Cakes: Jean

Thursday 13th **October**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 27th **October**, 2pm Cards and tags

– led by Julie and Mel

Cakes: Maggie

Thursday 10th **November**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 24th **November**, 2pm

Ladies Circle Table top sale –
Invite friends for a cuppa
Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

Thursday 8th **December**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 15th **December**, 11am

Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas!
Bring and share Christmas lunch

World Day of Prayer



On 4 March, Linda and Nigel Gorton kindly hosted a Worship Service at their home in St Gilles Croix de Vie for the World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer). Each year, people from different countries and cultures form the service, taking relevant themes and concentrating on how these affect their inhabitants and how these can connect with the rest of us.

This year it was the turn of women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme of the service was Hope. It looked at three women who felt excluded within society. The first one was living in poverty and regularly missing a meal so that her children might not go hungry. The second woman was living in fear because her partner abused her, physically, emotionally and sexually. The third woman was living in loneliness and isolation because of her age, disability, ethnic origin and sexuality.

The few of us that were there all took our part in reading. We had prayers, both as were written and as we felt there were things we wanted to say. Of course, at this time in particular, we prayed for the people of Ukraine and those people in the countries around them, including the Russians who don't know the truth of what is really happening in Ukraine. We also 'warbled' several hymns with computer accompaniment sorted out by Linda and 7 candles were lit during the service.

We concluded with a cup of tea and delicious treacle tart made by Peggy!

I would like to thank Nigel and Linda for their organization and use of their home. It was a pity that there were only Peggy, Jo and myself in attendance. I know another lady was attending a funeral at the time, but I would have been happy to take several others in my car. It was a long way to go I know and in the past we have had a similar service in the east of the 'parish'. Perhaps next year we can drum up more support and perhaps fuel will be cheaper!

Margaret Kent



Stamp Out Motor Neuron Disease

My thanks to everyone who contributed to our collection of stamps.

I have received this acknowledgment from the Charity Fundraiser (Steve) after I posted an A4 bag of mostly Christmas Postage Stamps, on behalf of ASV:



From: Stamp Out MND
Mon 07/03/2022 17:04

Dear Jacqueline

Thank you for your donation of used postage stamps Gratefully received

Regards

Steve

www.stampoutmnd.co.uk (to read Steve's story)



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 **May edition** to:
Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
before 15th April 2022

