

# *The Grapevine*

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Thanks to Anne Brechet for this photo of Church leaders in Jerusalem

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*April this year brings the celebration of Easter, when the sadness of the Crucifixion is healed by the joy of the Resurrection. It gave rise to some of the most beautiful of artistic and musical creations, such as J-S Bach's St Matthew's Passion and St John's Passion, and works such as Stainer's God So Loved the World.*

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## 4 Thought

Rev Hazel

Despite hot cross buns and Easter eggs appearing on store shelves from early January, Easter is not an easily understood Christian holiday. To begin with, the week is full of contrasts. There is honour and praise followed by a day of deep, dark sadness, followed by joy, hope and light.

It can be a little complicated understanding why Good Friday is 'good', why Easter is celebrated or how the meaning of Easter relates to our lives today.

Soon Easter will be upon us but what does it mean?

I suppose that answer will vary for each one of us. For me the true meaning of Easter is about the love Jesus has for us and the purpose and peace he gives us. In the Bible, Jesus said of himself, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14 :6)

Jesus died and rose back to life so everyone can have a meaningful relationship with God the Father – the Creator of the Universe. Sin broke that relationship, but Jesus repaired it. Because of Jesus' victory over death by coming back to life, we too can experience a new, everlasting life in Heaven with God. But not only does Jesus offer us a promise for the future, He offers everyone hope and joy for today. When the world causes us stress about the cost of living and health concerns, anxiety over safety,

heartache, dissatisfaction, fear and many other crises or negative feelings, Jesus offers us something greater and deeper. He offers us a promise of peace.

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". Or as another version puts it: I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid" It means that whatever life involves, we can have hope and peace. Jesus' life, death and resurrection mean we are deeply loved, and we are not alone in our struggles. Jesus' promise of peace is steady and everlasting. It's up to us to choose to accept it.

I pray you all have a very blessed Easter.

Hazel

## *New ASV Contact List, 2025*

The way we collect, store and use personal data must be in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The way we communicate general information with everyone is primarily by means of our monthly newsletter Grapevine, and we are very grateful to Nigel for taking on this task and continuing to produce it so well. There will be times, however, when we need to contact people between editions of Grapevine and so we have a Contact List for this purpose. The present list was started in October 2020 and was used extensively during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, 2025, is the year that the Electoral Roll (ER) has to be completely renewed and so we are taking the opportunity to completely renew the Contact List as well and the present list will be deleted.

Information collected for the Electoral Roll (ER) can only be used for ER purposes. If you wish to be on the Contact List (you do not have to be on the ER) you must complete a form which allows us to store your information and contact you, as necessary, as indicated above. These forms have already been handed out at recent services. A further copy is shown below which can be filled in and returned to me by hand, by email or via any council member and your name will be entered on the Contact list. Please contact me if you need further information.

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05 49 72 18 46

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## **CHAPLAINCY OF ALL SAINTS, VENDÉE – NEW CONTACT LIST**

The original Contact List was started in October 2020 and was used as a means of contacting people during the Covid-19 restrictions. It is now an opportune moment to compile a new Contact List as there are still several occasions when we need to contact you about news and events, activities and services etc. We need the information below to stay in touch. All Saints, Vendée has to comply with all Data Protection regulations and so even if you have supplied some of this information for the Electoral Roll – sorry - we are not allowed to transfer this to the Contact list; you have to supply it again.

Full Name .....

Address.....

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Home Telephone No.....

Mobile Telephone No.....

Email Address.....

Please add my name to the ASV Contact List

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

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## *Churchwardens' Notes*

*April 2025*

### **CHAPLAIN'S LICENCE- GOOD NEWS**

It has been reported several times that Hazel's licence was due to expire in June 2025. Whilst the Archdeacon of France was with us for the Confirmation Service on the 14th February, this subject was discussed and he indicated that an extension of Hazel's licence would be considered favourably if Hazel wished to continue her ministry with us and the Council endorsed her request. Hazel and Martin discussed this matter together and agreed on a two year extension, if the Church Council agreed. This matter was put to the Council at the meeting on the 25th February and it took about 6 milliseconds for a unanimous agreement to Hazel commencing procedures for this extension - with our grateful thanks to her and Martin ! She has now commenced proceedings to extend her licence for a further two years - good news indeed !

### **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025**

As reported earlier, the year 2025 is the year when all Anglican churches have to compile a brand new Electoral Roll and the old roll becomes redundant. The ASV Electoral Roll Officer, Chris Green, has been very busy to contact as many people as she can regarding this but if you wish to contact her you can email at [greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk) or via any council member.

### **ABOUT THE NEW ASV CONTACT LIST**

No information held on the Electoral Roll can be used for any other purpose due to Data Protection regulations. This was one of the reasons we started the ASV Contact List in October 2020 when we were dealing with COVID-19 and needed to contact everyone

remotely. As we have to renew the Electoral Roll this year it has been decided to renew the Contact list as well - and application forms are now available. The Grapevine will still be the main method we use to disseminate information ( thank you Nigel) but there will be times when we need to send out urgent news between issues and the Contact list will be used. Anyone who wishes to be included on this list should contact us and fill in an application form giving us permission to hold your details. An application form will also be published in a future edition of Grapevine. Please note, the existing Contact List will be destroyed to comply with Data Protection regulations.

### **ASV ANNUAL MEETING (AGM)**

The Annual Meeting will take place after the service at Puy de Serre on Sunday May 11th. This meeting should be attended by all members of the (new) Electoral Roll and the election of Church Wardens and Council Members will take place.



*Easter Sunday*  
*20th April*  
*Additional Service at Puy-de-Serre*

This year Easter Sunday falls on a third Sunday and there would not normally be a service. Easter Sunday, however, is a celebration of the triumph of life over death, and a very important time of the year so there will be an additional service at Puy de Serre. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible to celebrate this special day.

With love and blessings  
Doug and Margaret



## *ASV Treasurer's report:*

February 2025:

Income: 1280.00 €

Expenditure: 328.22 €

We have a positive balance for the month: + 951.78 €

Thank you all for your continuing support for ASV. Financially, this was a very quiet month, with very low expenditure.

I shall be sending out the tax rebate forms for 2024 for those who have contributed via the Planned Giving Scheme in the next month or two.

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)





## *Sunday Club*

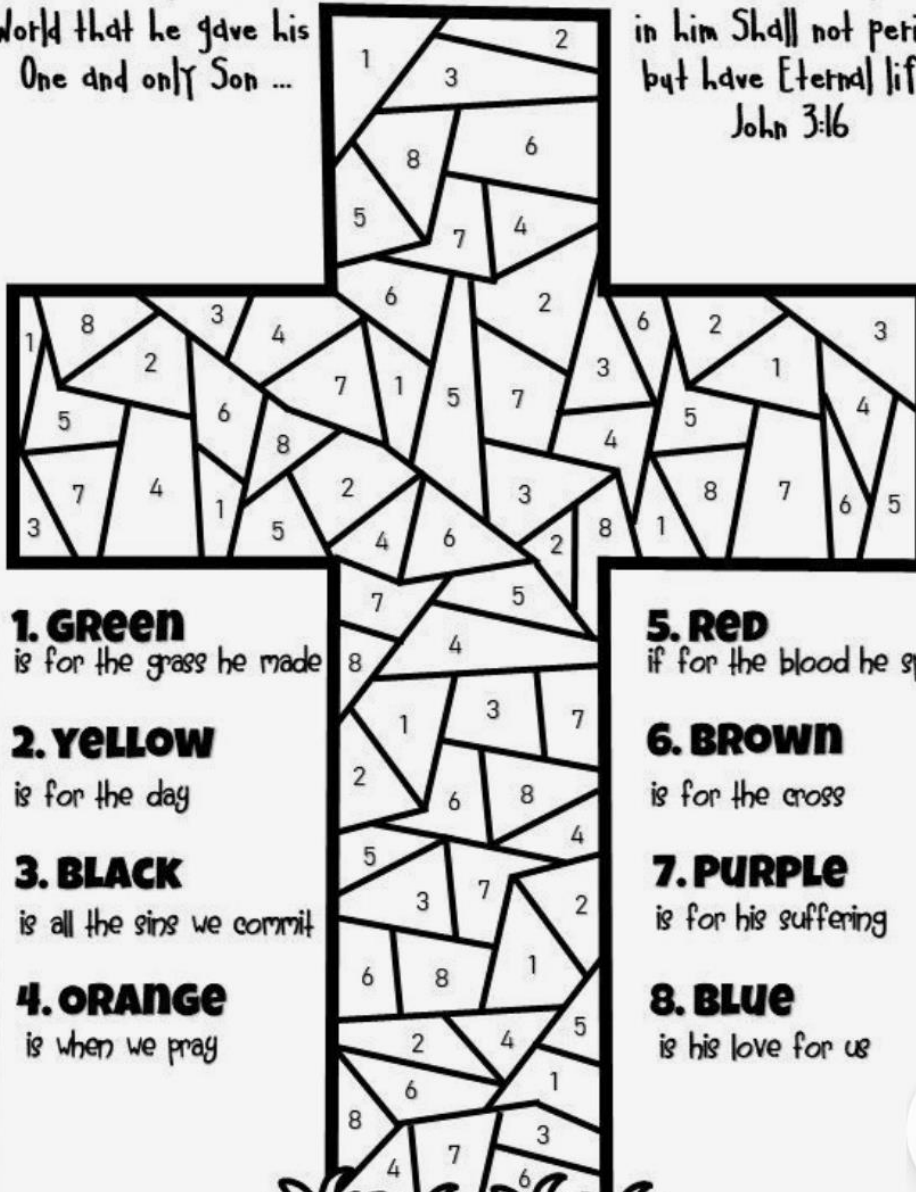
"No one will be turned away, everyone is welcome  
Calling all children, including holidaymakers, to attend Sunday  
Club. Do **please** let us know a couple of days in advance, if you'd  
like to come, so that we can prepare something special for you."\*

*Please contact Jenny if you require more information: email:  
[jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)*

## JESUS ADDS COLOR TO OUR LIVES

For God so loved the  
World that he gave his  
One and only Son ...

That Whoever believes  
in him Shall not perish  
but have Eternal life.  
John 3:16



**1. GREEN**  
is for the grass he made

**2. YELLOW**  
is for the day

**3. BLACK**  
is all the sins we commit

**4. ORANGE**  
is when we pray

**5. RED**  
is for the blood he spill

**6. BROWN**  
is for the cross

**7. PURPLE**  
is for his suffering

**8. BLUE**  
is his love for us



## *Ladies' Circle*

The next **Ladies' Circle meeting** will be held on the 27th March at Debbie Lench's house. We will be making shrinky dinks!

Everyone welcome.

More information at the email address above !

Jennifer Wilkinson

## *Restos du Cœur*



The volunteers at **Resto du Cœur** in **La Châtaigneraie** have created a very welcoming atmosphere in their premises : the produce is attractively displayed, there is a café area and also a play area for children. They are always very busy and always grateful for the contributions from ASV. They continue to support around **80 families**.

*Just a gentle reminder, all food items and toiletries must be **within date and unopened**.*

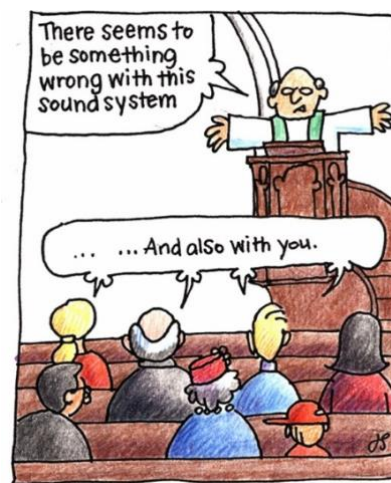
Trudy Coates

## Elucubrations

*Palissander Chamber Choir (South Africa) shares this moving traditional Zulu song about Easter: in this world of sin, the blood of Jesus brings peace, salvation, redemption, praise, victory and comfort. Hallelujah!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS56mrPvG34>

**C S Lewis on Prayer : « In Gethsemane the holiest of all petitioners prayed three times that a certain cup might pass from Him. It did not. After that the idea that prayer is recommended to us as a sort of infallible gimmick may be dismissed. »**



Thanks to Trudy Coates for these !

## *Prayer List*

*Please remember in your prayers:*

**Jo and Brian**

**Colin and Hester**

**Millie-Jean and her parents**

**Tim and Sharmila**

**Maureen**

**Nel** (Mair and John's daughter)

**Irene**

**Pat and Roy**

**Bob and Caroline**

## *Dates for your Diary*

<b>March</b> 2025	
23rd	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
27th	Ladies' Circle meeting at Debbie Lench's house
30th	
<b>April</b> 2025	
6th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
13th	PALM SUNDAY 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
18th	GOOD FRIDAY
20th	EASTER SUNDAY
27th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre

<b>May</b> 2025	
4th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
11th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
18th	
25th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre

## *East & West Vendée – Church Service Rota*

*March to May, 2025*

**If you find you are unable to be at church on “your” day  
...please try to arrange a swap and inform the  
Worship Leader!**

Sunday	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRESIDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGANIST	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	NOTES
23rd Mar	<b>PDS</b>	11.00	HC			AC	AM	DP	BC,KS	
30th Mar										
6th Apr	<b>LCP</b>	11.00	HC							
13th Apr	<b>PDS</b>	11.00	HC			JM	AM	MM	IMG,FMG	Palm Sunday
18th Apr										Good Friday
20th Apr										Easter Sunday
27th Apr	<b>PDS</b>	11.00	HC			MK	AM	SP	GK,DP	
4th May	<b>LCP</b>	11.00	HC							

11th May	<b>PDS</b>	11.00	HC			AC	AM	MK	CM,SP	
18th May										
25th May	<b>PDS</b>	11.00	HC			DG	AM	JW	CG,MK	

## *Forward Planning*

**If the information shown here is inaccurate, out-of-date or incomplete, please could I be told of any changes in time for the next issue of Grapevine.**

**Many thanks !**

<b>Responsibility</b> (Organiser)	Puy de Serre 11h Services
<b>Refreshments after the service</b> (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny W Trudy C
<b>Flower Rota</b> (Barbara Matthews)	Barbara M



# ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

## The Ladies' Circle Meeting and Sewing Group

### Women's Fellowship – Ladies' Group

The times and places for future meetings will be announced as soon as they can be arranged. **Anyone wanting to host these meetings in the future, please contact me.** (Next meeting is “at Debbie’s house in Menomblet on 27th March”).

New members very welcome!

Contact [jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)





*Don't forget !*

ALL PREVIOUS **SERMONS** and TALKS can be  
accessed at:

[www.allsaintsvendee.fr](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)

I hope you have found this issue of the Grapevine useful !

Please consult the  
website for updates:  
[www.allsaintsvendee.fr](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)

*And finally...*

If there is anything of general interest, events, stories, and so on, which you'd like to be published in the **May 2025** issue, do make sure you submit them to me,

Nigel Pearce, at [njp78@hotmail.com](mailto:njp78@hotmail.com)

*before April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 !*

Huge thanks as always to all contributors ! I look forward to all next month's offerings.

NJP