

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

 *The Grapevine* 

**August 2022**

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*4-Thought*  
*August 2022*



"How many Anglicans does it take to change a lightbulb? Ten – one to change the bulb, four to argue about how to change the bulb and five to comment on how much better the old bulb was even though it no longer worked."

July marks the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my (and Brian Davies') ordination to the priesthood which took place in the Roman Catholic church of St. Nicholas in Civray 86400.

Why the two statements? Well, having just had my licence as Chaplain renewed for a further three years, and then no longer, it seems to me that we must begin planning **now** for the future of All Saints, Vendée.

Where do we want ASV to be this time next year, and the years after?? Your thoughts and comments **do** matter, and as the Church Council begins to consider how, when and where, make sure your voice is heard and your views known. Air them through Grapevine or contact the Churchwardens and members of Council direct. Please be involved in the discussion and debate, your thoughts are important, **otherwise there may be no future for ASV.....**

If you are in contact with other members then please involve them, especially those who may have become distanced from us because of covid. Everyone counts.

I believe that now is the time we must begin looking forward, unlike those lightbulb Anglicans lamenting the end of what has gone!

At our next council meeting, we will begin to plan ahead. We have already witnessed dwindling numbers among the congregations, we have devoted folk who carry a great deal of weight in organizing things like the coffee rota, salle rota, arranging shared lunches. We will seek to increase the number of congregational worship leaders by offering formation and support and we also need to augment the number of intercessors, and Eucharistic assistants.

Please, please, don't leave it to "someone else", give it a try. Speak to me for further information or to either of your Wardens, we'll support and nourish everyone, in whatever role they choose, but make sure that you **do** choose to do something, before it is too late.....

Hazel



# Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers:*



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

**Liam** (Polly's nephew)  
**Maggie**  
**Malcolm**  
**Menna** (Mair Pugh's Mum  
and **Nel**  
**Mike**  
**Pat** and Roy  
**Peter**  
**Polly**

*...and for the bereaved:*

The family and friends of  
**Ann Hopkins**

*[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)]*

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## Sunday Club

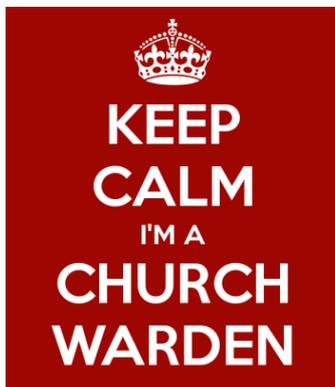


No one will be turned away,  
everyone is welcomed

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...  
..... KEEP READING.....



## Churchwardens' Notes for August 2022

### CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS.

We encourage you to read and re-read Hazel's thoughts shown elsewhere in Grapevine. The future of All Saints, Vendée is in your hands. We can only survive if we have new ideas and new people coming forward to take over. In the last couple of months, we have asked for comments and ideas - and only had one reply! We need an active church, planning for the future - please let us, YOUR council, know how we can move forward.

### ORGAN FUND

We have officially launched a fund to replace the ASV organ, which is beyond repair, and full details can be found elsewhere in Grapevine (See page 16). We must record our grateful thanks to all musicians who have brought their own instruments to church to enable us to enjoy the "Ministry of Music" and enhance our Worship of God. Many, many thanks to Stuart, Ann (and Carole) and also Nigel who loaned his keyboard to Ann when hers was in for repair.

### FLOWER ROTA

Liz Lapsley used to manage a flower rota when we had to use the Church Hall at PDS to provide just a small decoration for the Lord's table. Now that we are returning to almost normal in church, we would like to restart a rota and Barbara Matthews has kindly agreed to manage this. We do not want a big flower arrangement! - just a few flowers and greenery from your own garden, hedgerow etc. to place on the altar for each service to enhance our worship and thanksgiving. Please contact Barbara to join this rota; the more people we have, the fewer times each person is required - just a few flowers is all that is needed.

### LAY INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICES

It is a pleasure and a privilege to assist Hazel, or John, with Sunday worship whether it is as a Worship Leader, Reader or leading Intercessions. We are also grateful to all musicians who can enhance our worship so much! Unfortunately, the number of people currently available is dwindling for the rota we compile every three months. We need more people please, and full training will be given where necessary, so, we ask you to consider prayerfully how you can help and let us know - PLEASE.

### VOUVANT CHURCH SERVICES.

Following an initiative by Rupert Catell and the French organist at Vouvant, Hazel and your council willingly agreed to hold Morning Worship services at Vouvant on the third Sundays in June, July and August. Our aim was to reach out to the British residents and holidaymakers in the area and declare our existence in the Vendée. The first two services have been successful and our thanks to Rupert, and his wife for the post-service refreshments at their beautiful chateau home nearby. Please try to come to the service on 21st August, it is a truly beautiful Romanesque church and the previous services have been truly inspiring for all who have attended.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer, stay safe and cool, and we look forward to seeing you and hearing from you. Remember, we have restarted Bring-and -Share lunches at PDS.

Doug and Margaret



## FLOWER ROTA

In case you missed it, here is part of the Churchwardens' report.

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Thank you Barbara and we hope as many people as possible will contact you and offer their help. *Doug*



# Dates for your Diary



August 2022

1<sup>st</sup> August Monday

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau

11<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2pm Sewing Circle

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11hr00 Morning Worship at Church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption at Vouvant (85120)

25<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 2pm Ladies Circle Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba

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

31<sup>st</sup> August Wednesday

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



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## September 2022

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1<sup>st</sup> September Thursday

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

8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2pm Sewing Circle

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

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2pm **Ladies Circle** Macramé – led by Jane Lock  
plus starting makes for table top sale in November Cakes: Jean

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

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30<sup>th</sup> September Thursday

# Grapevine Treasurer's report:

June 2022:

Income: 923.26 €

Expenditure: 1410.05 €

We have a negative balance for the month: -486.79 €.

This is the third consecutive month of negative balance, but it was not quite as severe as it appears, as the collections from LCP, PdS and Vouvant services were not able to be banked until July.

Our income from Planned Giving is now the lowest since 2019. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please let me know at [mcgregor@lalogette.com](mailto:mcgregor@lalogette.com).

Please, if anyone has any fund-raising ideas, or is even prepared to run an event, please contact a member of the PCC.



The Organ Fund is now open for receiving donations - please see the article by the Churchwardens.

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)



## LECTIONARY READINGS

### August into September 2022

7<sup>th</sup> August **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 1.1,10-20

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Luke 12.32-40

*Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end (or 50.1-7)*

28<sup>th</sup> August **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Luke 14.1,7-14

*Psalm 81.1,10-end (or 81.1-11)*

14<sup>th</sup> August **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 5.1-7

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56

*.....Psalm 80.1-2,9-end (or 80.9-end)*

4<sup>th</sup> September **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

*Psalm 139.1-5,12-18 (or 139.1-7)*

21<sup>st</sup> August **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Hebrews 12.18-end

Luke 13.10-17

*.....Psalm 71.1-6*

# EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

## AUGUST INTO SEPTEMBER

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	La Chapelle Palluau						SS-J					8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		JM			MK	CM JW		9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Vouvent	11.00		HD						RC GK		10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		CG			DG	BC JP		11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### *FORWARD PLANNING August into September*

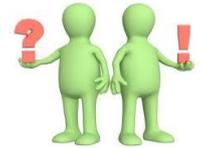
This Forward Planning Rota displays those essential responsibilities which make our Services and Refreshments afterwards possible.

If you feel able to “fill in the blanks”, please contact the Organiser concerned.

<b>Responsibility</b> (Organiser)	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>HC</b> <b>11h00</b> <b>Salle at PdS</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>HC</b> <b>11h00</b> <b>Salle at PdS</b>
<b>Salle Setup/ Clearing away</b> (Chris Green at PdS)		
<b>Refreshments after the service</b> (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		
<b>Flower Rota</b> (Barbara Matthews at PdS)		



# These are YOUR pages.....



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

I look forward to receiving your comments as well:

Update for "Resto du Coeur"

Home Group at La Chapelle Palluau; Morning Worship at Vouvant;  
English Books Sale;  
ASV Ladies Circle;  
Sunday Club



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.

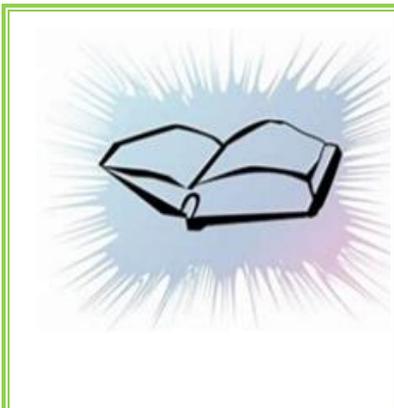
Please phone Mike before leaving goods with him at Moulleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36

..... 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



**Did you know**  
**PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS**  
**can be read at:**  
[www.allsaintsvendee.fr](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)  
See John's Talk at Vouvant on July 17th



# Home Group

## La Chapelle Palluau



Here in the west of Vendée, we, the few who are left, the Remnants, meet once a month for fellowship together. Usually we are seven, but this Sunday Linda brought her friend along. Always lovely to see Jill from UK. Each of us take a turn at hosting these meetings, and it's usually the host that prepares a study from the bible to discuss together. All of us have our hymn books that were ordered from UK especially for these meetings.



We always start off with a chat, talking about our daily lives, our families the very hot weather, and other important subjects. We discuss who needs prayer, and also giving Thanks to God for the good and positive things in our lives. It's summer, and we look forward to family coming, and plans for holidays.

Starting off with a welcoming prayer and singing our first hymn. Together we contribute to the lesson, adding bible readings to confirm the message. Prayers are followed, for each other, our families, our neighbours, the terrible war in Ukraine, and climate change. Prayers reflect what is in our hearts, deep personal worrying situations. Then more hymns are sung and our meetings close with a blessing. All of us agree, the Lord is really present with us, and it's manifested in the very warm and loving feeling we have for each other.

In times past there were many of us at these meeting, and we would all contribute to a bring and share lunch. However, with covid, lunch was replaced by tea or coffee after the meeting and a walk around the hosts garden to admire the flowers.

Anyone who would like to join is welcome, the meetings stretch from La Roche sur Yon to St Gilles and that environment.

*Joyce B*

# 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

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[Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)



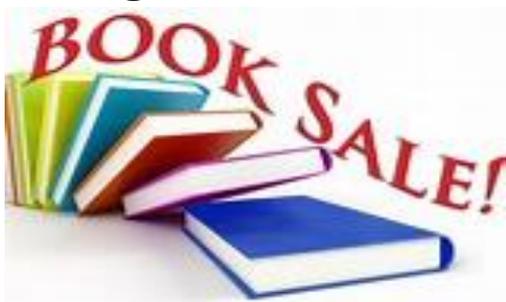
## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

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| Thursday 11th <b>August</b> , 2pm<br><b>Sewing Circle</b>  | Thursday 13th <b>October</b> , 2pm<br><b>Sewing Circle</b>  |
| Thursday 25th <b>August</b> , 2pm<br><b>Ladies Circle</b><br>Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba  | Thursday 27th <b>October</b> , 2pm<br><b>Ladies Circle</b><br>Cards and tags  |
| Thursday 8th <b>September</b> , 2pm<br><b>Sewing Circle</b>  | Thursday 10th <b>November</b> , 2pm<br><b>Sewing Circle</b>   |
| Thursday 22nd <b>September</b> , 2pm<br><b>Ladies Circle</b> Macrame –<br>led by Jane Lock, plus starting makes for<br>table top sale in November<br>Cakes: Jean | Thursday 24th <b>November</b> , 2pm<br><b>Ladies Circle</b><br>Table top sale – Invite friends for a<br>cuppa Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan |
|  | Thursday 8th <b>December</b> , 2pm<br><b>Sewing Circle</b>  |
|  | Thursday 15th <b>December</b> , 11am<br><b>Ladies Circle</b><br>Get ready for Christmas!<br>Bring and share Christmas lunch               |

## Morning Worship at Vouvant – 17.07.2022



**Calling Avid Readers ...There was chat regarding**



**English language reading material at the first Bring & 'not' Share lunch at PDS under the carport.** I mentioned a collection of books lodged at La Mulette on the road into Chantonnay from Mouilleron Saint Germain (en Pareds). Well, the update on that is the books have

been moved to the garage of Susan Kershaw, secretary of the Animal Rescue charity "Association Nuage 85390". Buying the books supports Nuage. (At this current time there is also facility to contribute to the local Ukraine refugees fund if you prefer)

**Sue has made her garage available for anyone attending ASV who would find themselves passing by after the services. Opening times on Sundays will be from 2pm.**

*John Pugh*

**(This is how to find the books when travelling east towards Chantonnay)**

From Mouilleron-en-Pareds, follow the D949 bis in the Chantonnay direction. Straight on at both the big crossroads (first one Bazoges-en-Pareds / Chavagnes le Redoux, second one La Jaudonnière / Sigournais). At the third, small crossroads with the big cross "Mission 1950", turn LEFT (direction Les Mazes and St Philbert du Pont Charrault). 250 metres down the road, on the left, is a big farmhouse with a huge barn. **About 5 metres past the barn, turn sharp RIGHT, following a sign that says "Pigautier, Livraisons"**. The house is then immediately on the right with a long, white, low PVC fence and parking space in front of it. There is a wind turbine on the roof, visible even from the crossroads!



# *Sunday Club*

## THE PRODIGAL SON



This is a very interesting story and you can read it in LUKE 15: chapter 11 verses 11-32 and if you have time to read the following \*parables Chapter 16. verses 10 to 31, you will find these also relevant to the story.

Basically, the Prodigal son is a \*parable, a simple story, told by Jesus in the \*Gospels, used to show a moral lesson, which illustrates the importance of grace and forgiveness over sin.

The story follows a wayward son being warmly welcomed on his return to his homeland after living a wasteful life in a foreign country.



Happy Reading..

### **WAIT, what do these words mean??**

\*GOSPEL - "a gift from god" and "It's Good News" and gospels mostly found in Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. New Testament.

\*PARABLES - A simple story to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson as told by Jesus in the "Gospels".

Have fun during the happy sunny holidays.

### **Prayer for today:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you love me.  
Please forgive me for my sins.  
Help me to be a better person  
In Jesus's name.  
AMEN

*Jenny Wilkinson*



# Sunday Club



## Love – what does that mean?

You may be familiar with the Chronicles of Narnia. The stories were written by C S Lewis who became a Christian as an adult. He also wrote a book called «Mere Christianity» in which he describes his journey towards his faith.

In the book he talks about love, and he calls it a state of the will. Whatever does he mean by that? In modern languages we mostly have only one word to cover all the meanings of love from doing what is right towards other people, to loving your family, to going mushy over cute kittens. The Greeks had a word, «agape» (pronounced a-ga-pay) which meant the unconditional love that Jesus shows us; treating everyone as God’s children, all equally in need of kindness and respect, even if they look weird, act oddly or don’t smell too good.

Emotions alone don’t necessarily encourage us to love one another, as Jesus instructed us to do when he said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13.34) but we have, sometimes, to force ourselves to do so, by a state of the will. How do we do that? – we can ask Jesus to guide us and bestow his grace upon us through our prayers.

According to Saint Paul, “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” Corinthians I, 13.13)

**“I think that if God forgives us, we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.”**

C S Lewis

Trudy



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

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Send your items and comments for the **September edition** to:

Jacqui at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)

**before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



## ORGAN FUND

### **WE HAVE LAUNCHED AN ORGAN FUND!**

The Korg organ owned by All Saints, Vendée is, regrettably, unrepairable and elsewhere we have thanked those who have transported their own instruments to play for us. Our plight came to the attention of a lady who lives in Luxembourg, Margaret Rosner, a good friend of Jacqui Stainton-James who says, "we go back a long way...to my teenage years." Margaret sent us a **very** generous gift towards the cost of a replacement organ and a letter of thanks has been sent with the promise that it will officially start an Organ Fund. Thank you again Margaret from all of us at ASV.

Music is so important to worship and has been for thousands of years. Our own, portable, organ/keyboard will be a great asset to current musicians and future musicians to assist us in worship for years to come. We hope you will be able to add your own contributions to this new fund. Please donate what you can. Please make any cheques payable to "The Congregations of All Saints, Vendée " but add a slip of paper saying "Organ Fund" so Iain, our Treasurer, knows the purpose of the money and can "ring-fence" the donations accordingly. Alternatively, the money can be put in an envelope marked "Organ Fund" and placed in the church collection basket.

We will report regularly on the progress of this appeal and the target when a suitable instrument is identified.

DJG July 2022.