

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

 *The Grapevine* 

January 2022



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Time for looking forward. We have no idea what this New Year will have in store for us, apart that is from knowing that Covid will still be with us, in one of its forms or another. It seems that as the numbers of double vaccinated and boosted people increase, that the severity of the infections will decrease. I suspect that the virus will be with us for a long time to come. We hold in our prayers all those who have suffered from the virus, whether through catching it, or through the loss of friends or family members.

There are certain fixed points in our church year, not just liturgically, but administratively. The Annual General meeting, which again can be held via zoom, but still needs input, and I make an appeal now, for everyone to seriously think about how they can serve A.S.V. either by serving on the Council, or in a more practical way, as a Worship Leader for example. There is lots of support for anyone who wishes to volunteer in any way to help us live up to our mission statement: "To know and to Share Jesus Christ". We ought to ask ourselves just how much, as individuals, we do to fulfil that statement. How much more can we do as a group.....? If anyone would like to chat about possibilities, then I'm always happy to help, start by emailing me, rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr

Your church council will begin this new year by having a brainstorming session to determine future events and plans, please if you have suggestions, do put them forward, join in the discussions, and help to define our way forward.

Martin and I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and look forward to sharing our love of God with you in worship in the months to come.

Every blessing,

Hazel



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:

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Now turn to the end of this edition of Grapevine to find our January message



Churchwardens' Notes

for January 2022

As we write, the weather is damp and foggy, but despite the weather and the wretched pandemic, it's beginning to feel very festive. Once again, we are rapidly approaching our celebrations of Jesus' birth. We hope you have enjoyed the Christingle on 19 December by ZOOM. Please continue to collect your change (or notes of course!), as any money collected will not be sent off until well into 2022. This will then go to the very deserving Children's Society. You can put any collections you have made into the collection basket via the Christingle Candle Boxes or in a labelled envelope.

The sum of 125 pounds sterling was sent off the Royal British Legion for their 2021 Poppy Appeal - for that, many thanks.

Don't forget the Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be held at 4.0 p.m. at Faymoreau Church (NOT the Miners' Church). Puy de Serre Church is not available as again there is a wonderful exhibition of 'creches' from around the world held in support of Burkino Faso. This exhibition is free to enter and open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. every afternoon between 11 December and 2 January.

Have a very happy, safe and Holy Christmas and all our good wishes for a Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Doug and Margaret

LECTIONARY READINGS

January into February 2022

2nd January **2nd Sunday of Christmas or The Epiphany**

Jeremiah 31.7-14
Ephesians 1.3-14
John 1.[1-9]10-18
.....Psalm 147.13-end

23rd January **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Luke 4.14-21
Psalm 19 (or 19.1-6)

9th January **Baptism of Christ/ The 1st Sunday of Epiphany**

Isaiah 43.1-7
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17,21-22
Psalm 29

6th February **4th Sunday before Lent**

Isaiah 6.1-8[9-end]
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11
Psalm 138



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Ann, Brian and family

Anne

Dick

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

Ken

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.

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Dates for your Diary



January 2022

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

1st January 2022 Saturday New Year's Day

2nd Sunday 11hr00 HC at La Chapelle Palluau

9th Sunday 11hr00 HC at Puy de Serre

16th Sunday No service

23rd Sunday 11hr00 Ecumenical Service at Foussais-Payré

30th Sunday No service

31st January Monday



Dates for your Diary

February 2022



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

1st February Tuesday

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6th Sunday 11hr00 HC at La Chapelle Palluau

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13th Sunday 11hr00 HC at Puy de Serre

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20th Sunday No service

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27th Sunday 11hr00 HC at Puy de Serre

28th February Monday

Grapevine Treasurer's Report: November 2021:

Income: 2001.80 €
Expenditure: 401.09 €

This month we have received phenomenal donations, which, coupled with the resurgence of plate collections, has given us a very healthy income. It has been a very quiet month in terms of expenditure.

Hope you all have a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année - Bonne Fêtes à tous !

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
2 nd January	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					2 nd Sunday of Christmas or The Epiphany
9 th January	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		MK	SS-J		JW	Sunday Club		Baptism of Christ/The 1 st Sunday of Epiphany
16 th January	No service											2 nd Sunday of Epiphany
23 rd January	Foussais Payré	11.00	Ecumenical									3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
30 th January	No service											4 th Sunday of Epiphany or The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
6 th February	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					4 th Sunday before Lent

WEST VENDÉE – FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

There is no Forward Planning Rota because of Covid Restrictions



These are YOUR pages.....



My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine":
Marian's message, "Women's Fellowship";
"Resto du Coeur", "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 Mouilleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36**



This seasonal message has been received from Marian Rackham:

Hello again, Thank you all for your concern, your cards and correspondence. So many letters received and almost everyone seems depressed with "Covid", yet here am I, a very happy soul today. Yesterday they took my cervical collar off and I am free, free, free after just over two months. Yippee! Now looking forward to Christmas and New Year with the local daughters and their families. Hope you have a lovely time too. Best wishes for 2022 too and maybe we really will meet up then! Marian



ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

No meetings planned until Spring.
Watch this space!
Love
Joan

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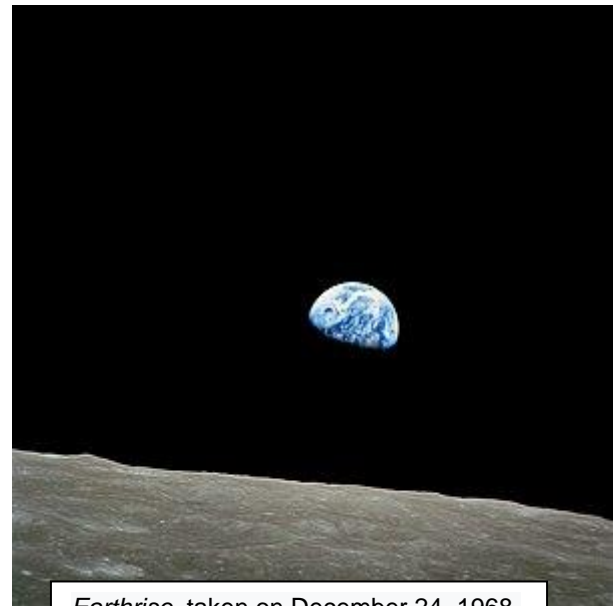


Sunday Club

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**“We all live at the same address:
Earth”**



Earthrise, taken on December 24, 1968,
by Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders.

Have you ever wondered what exactly God was looking at, when, according to Genesis 1:31, “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good”?

Thanks to a photograph taken in 1968 William Anders, astronaut aboard the Apollo 8 space flight, which carried out the first orbit of the moon, we perhaps have an inkling, a clue. The photo is called “Earthrise”, and gives a stunning view of our beautiful blue planet, partially illuminated by the sun.

There are people who would like to explore other planets and maybe inhabit them at some time in the future. From what we know about other planets, however beautiful they might be – after all, God created them too – none offers the gifts that God has bestowed on the Earth.

“We all live at the same address: Earth” is a statement attributed to Jim Forest, a catholic peace activist. As we start a new year, 2022, it is a good time to remember how precious is God’s gift to us of the Earth, our home. He gave it to us, so that we may thrive, but with that gift comes responsibility, to look after all the magnificent creatures and amazing plants that surround us, and to follow Jesus’ teaching to share what we have with those who have less.

Let’s make a New Year resolution to pray and ask God to guide us in how we may best take care of His creation, our home.


God bless you all,
Jenny and Trudy

Thank you to Trudy Coates for "The lyrics of a poster discovered in the squatter camp, Gugulethu*":

GUGULETHU


I ask for **strength** and God gave me **difficulties** to make me strong;
I ask for **wisdom** and God gave me **problems** to learn to solve;
I ask for **prosperity** and God gave me **brains** to work;
I ask for **courage** and God gave me **troubled people** to help;
I ask for **favours** and God gave me **opportunities**;
I received **NOTHING** that I wanted
and **EVERYTHING** I needed.

**Gugulethu is a township in the Western Cape, South Africa and is 15 km from Cape Town.*



**Did you know it's possible to read
PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS
at:**

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

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Send your items for next February's edition to:
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before 15th January 2022