



The British D-Day Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer, Normandy

The Grapevine

June 2026

Welcome to the June Grapevine!

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Rev Hazel

In the last few years we have had special Morning Worship services in the church at the medieval village of Vouvant. Those services began as, and continue to be, “outreach”. An opportunity to invite visitors and residents alike to experience worship in English. This year will be no different, BUT, because of an organ recital practice day, there cannot be a service this month. There **will** be services in July, August, and September. Starting at 11h00, we look forward to welcoming old friends and new. Watch Grapevine for details.....

Most of us are planning, or already looking forward to our summer holidays, a welcome break, or the opportunity to receive family for quality time together. Whichever is your situation, I pray that it will be a rewarding and joy filled time for all. There are many things occurring in the month which attract folk throughout France, not least of which is the commemoration of D-Day on the Normandy Coast. The British memorial is superb, awesome and terrifying all in one. So many names engraved, and the display Standing with Giants will bring tears to your eyes, - they did to mine. No one should be allowed, ever, to forget.

In this month we commemorate among others, Saint Columba 9th, Barnabas 11th and of course, the Apostles Peter and Paul 29th.



Churchwardens' Notes - June 2026

On 10 May we held our AGM after Holy Communion at Puy de Serre. Unlike other AGMs in other associations we have attended, it went very smoothly and quickly. This was due to Hazel's good planning and our secretary Kate's sending out all the reports in advance. Please read them if you haven't done so already.

Being on the Church Council is not an onerous task, but it throws up some important and informative issues such as Safeguarding. We would again reiterate that every member of the congregation could benefit by taking a look at, and following, one of the basic Safeguarding courses on line. Anne Condie is our Safeguarding Officer and is always willing to give some help when requested to do so.

We will again be having three services of Morning Worship at the church in Vouvant this summer. They are additional to our usual services and will take place on the third Sunday of each month, starting on 19 July.

Our congregation numbers at Puy de Serre continue to average some 28 to 30 each service and it has been pleasing to welcome new worshippers recently. Welcome to Alan Hester as our second Archdeaconry Synod Rep. It's always good to have 'new blood' on the team !

Unfortunately we will be losing Hazel (and Martin) in June of next year, so let's make this next year positive, happy, dynamic and one not to be forgotten !

In love and Blessings,
Your Churchwardens,
Margaret and Chris



Elucubrations



In the words of Desmond Tutu :

Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate
stronger than darkness, Victory is ours through him who loves us.

Light is



The Eucharist [1647] by Nicolas Poussin (1594 – 1665)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is error, the truth;
where there is doubt, the faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Anonymous, often attributed to St Francis of Assisi



*"In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move."
Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy*



Spiralling costs resulting from current wars, among other things, mean that the help the Restos du Cœur provide to those of limited resources is increasingly important.

The volunteers in La Châtaigneraie always express their heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations.

Donations are crucial to Resto's work, so again my thank too, to everyone for your generosity!

Trudy





Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers :

Bob and Caroline

Gini and Martyn

Roy

Hazel and Martin

Jo and Brian

Maureen

Millie-Jean and her parents, Tim and Sharmila

Nell (Mair and John's daughter)

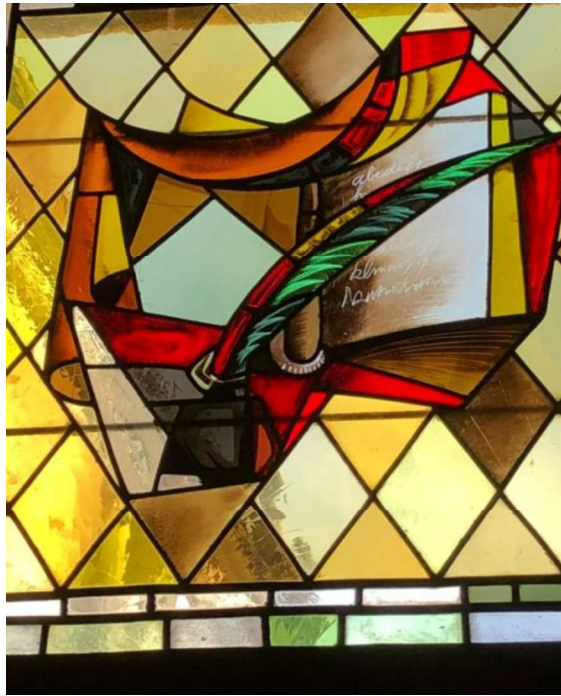
Carole and Clive

Sally and David

(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)

Grapevine Treasurer's Report



April 2026

Income: 1618.47 €

Expenditure: 922.83 €

We have a positive balance for the month: + 695.64 €.

Following from the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, we made up the donation collected to 100 € from church funds.

Thank you all for your continuing support for ASV.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving scheme - please contact me (mcgregor@lalogette.com), and I will send you the details. Participating will give you about 66% off your French tax bill!

pp Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



Dates for your Diary



May 24th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre : PENTECOST
June 2026	
7th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
14th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
21st	
28th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
July 2026	
5th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
12th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
19th	Sunday 11h Morning Worship at Vouvent
26th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
August 2026	
2nd	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
9th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
16th	Sunday 11h Morning Worship at Vouvent
23rd	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
30th	
September 2026	
6th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at La Chapelle-Palluau
13th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre
20th	Sunday 11h Morning Worship at Vouvent
27th	Sunday 11h Holy Communion at Puy-de-Serre



ASV Service Rota May to September 2026

2026									
D	M	Venue	Time	Service	President	Worship	Organist	Inter-cessor	Readers (2)
						Leader			
24	May	PdS	11h	HC	HD	JM	AM	CM	DP/SP
7	June	LCP	11h	HC	HD				
14	June	PdS	11h	HC	HD	DG	AM	TL	CM/CH
21	June								
28	June	PdS	11h	HC	HD	AC	AM	JW	AH/TC
5	July	LCP	11h	HC	HD				
12	July	PdS	11h	HC	HD	MK	AM	CM	IMG/FMG
19	July	Vouvant	11h	MW			YR		
26	July	PdS	11h	HC	HD	JM	AM	MK	JW/GK
2	Aug	LCP	11h	HC	HD				
9	Aug	PdS	11h	HC	HD	CG	AM	DG	KS/BC
16	Aug	Vouvant	11h	MW			YR		
23	Aug	PdS	11h	HC	HD	AC	AM	JM	CM/MK
30	Aug								
6	Sept	LCP	11h	HC	HD				
13	Sept	PdS	11h	HC	HD	DG	AM	CG	AH/CH
20	Sept	Vouvant	11h	MW			YR		
27	Sept	PdS	11h	HC	HD	MK	AM	TL	TC/JW

ASV Service Rota 2026 – Index of names and positions

Name		Abbrev.	Worship leader	Intercessor	Reader
CATTELL	Rupert	RC			X
COATES	Trudy	TC			X
CONDIE	Anne	AC	x		x
CONDIE	Bill	BC			
DOOR	Hazel	HD			
GREEN	Chris	CG	x	x	x
GREEN	Doug	DG	x	x	x
HESTER	Alan	AH			x
HESTER	Christine	CH			x
KENT	Geoff	GK			x
KENT	Margaret	MK	x	x	x
LOMAS	Tony	TL		x	
MATTHEWS	John	JM	x	x	x
McGREGOR	Fiona	FMG			x
McGREGOR	Iain	IMG			x
MILTON	Ann	AM			
MILTON	Chris	CM		x	x
PEARSON	David	DP		x	x
PEARSON	Sally	SP		x	x
SLATER	Kate	KS			x
WILKINSON	Jenny	JW		x	x

Please note :

If you are unable to be at church for your place on the rota, please try to arrange a swap and inform the Worship Leader.

Anne Condie 05 49 06 27 72

Doug and Chris Green 05 49 72 18 46

Margaret Kent 05 49 72 27 72

John Matthews 05 49 75 29 71

HC Holy Communion

MW Morning Worship

YR Yves Rousseau

LCP La Chapelle Palluau

PdS Puy-de-Serre

“Forward Planning”

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

ASV News :

Prospective Visit by Bishop Andrew June 18th 2026

Hazel tells me that we are expecting to be paid a visit soon by Bishop Andrew, but apart from the date 18th June, Hazel has, as yet, received no further details.

As soon as we know more, details will be circulated !

Nigel

ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

The Ladies' Circle Meeting and Sewing Group

Ladies meetings are normally held every 4th Thursday of the month, and at Debbie's Lench's house when possible.

Women's Fellowship – Ladies' Group

For details and directions, please contact Jenny – email below. **Anyone willing to host these meetings in the future, please contact Jenny !**

The times and places for future meetings will be announced as soon as they can be arranged.

New members very welcome!

Contact jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

