

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



**March 2022**

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## *4-Thought March 2022*



It is mid-February as I write this, and today the sun is shining, the snowdrops are in bloom, and I'm reminded of the phrase 'God's in his Heaven/All's right with the world!' Intrigued by this sudden tangent, I went online to search for the origin of those words. Imagine my face when I noted that there were 112,000,000 results in 0.64 seconds! Such is the power and speed of the internet.

This is one of the most quoted lines from Robert Browning's verse drama "Pippa Passes". It is so widespread that it would be easy, mistakenly, to assign it to some biblical source. But the piece, apparently, is dedicated to the harmony and bliss of nature!

So, back to the snowdrops!! The clumps in my garden, were transplanted from my father's garden in Yorkshire, following the sale of his house in 2017. Each year they increase and spread a little more, from the two there are now 5 clumps, and act as an aide memoire of the coming of spring, a time of regrowth and new growth. George Plumtre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme, says: "Following the restrictions of 2020 and 2021 there has never been a greater need to start the new year with the beautiful freshness of the first blooms of spring... Snowdrops are the perfect antidote to the winter blues". I couldn't agree more!

Back in January I mentioned that the Council were forward planning some events. We have been offered the opportunity for a training day in Emergency First Aid, which is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> May. We are fortunate to have a senior trainer to lead this day. It will take place in the Salle at Puy de Serre from 10.00am. Places are limited to 16 for full certification, additional attendees can benefit from the training too, but without the certificate. There will be a small charge, Iain McGregor has said that ASV will make a subsidy towards the cost. So, please sign up as soon as you can we already have four names on the list, email me on [rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr](mailto:rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr).

Elsewhere you will find details of the AGM, planned for April, and to be held via Zoom, so that as many as possible can "attend"!!!. As the French would say, "venez nombreuses".

Finally, a very big thank you to the anonymous gardener, who delighted Martin and I by having done a marvellous job weeding the courtyard of the vicarage. I think I know who you are, and I simply want to publicly acknowledge you with our very grateful thanks!

Every Blessing,

Hazel

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Please come and join us, we will be coming together to participate in the



**World Day of Prayer on March 4th at 2pm.**

Venue is at Linda and Nigel Gorton's home:

6bis rue des Epinettes,  
St Gilles Croix de Vie, 85800

This year we are concentrating on  
England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

So we can get an idea of numbers, please contact us by either:

Email: [lindaaungtintin@outlook.com](mailto:lindaaungtintin@outlook.com),

landline: 02 51 60 23 72 or

mobile: 07 80 53 02 58

(My landline is having problems at the moment.

Hoping it will be available by then!)

We look forward to seeing you very soon,

Linda and Nigel



## Churchwardens' Notes

### for March 2022

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Each day now is getting longer and it's lovely to see snowdrops, pansies and primulas flowering again as they welcome the sun. The daffodils won't be far behind and remind us too of nature's re-awakening. So let's hope and pray with better weather, so that we can spend more time outdoors, as well as the increased protection that vaccination against Covid 19 gives, that we can get back to a more 'normal' way of life. We are still, however, under certain Covid rules, so Church services cannot yet be quite as before. We are sorry that at Puy de Serre, it's not yet possible to offer a hot drink after services. Be assured that we will do so as and when we are able to do so.

We asked for your thoughts about further ZOOM services in the last Grapevine. To date we have only had three responses. Please let us know what you think.

We will be having several ZOOM services in the near future. The first of these is on Ash Wednesday, 2 March at 4 p.m. and the second is on Good Friday 15 April at 11 a.m. As Easter Sunday, 17 April, is on a third Sunday in the month when we normally have no service, we will also worship together in Holy Communion in person. The venue is to be decided. Watch out for STOP PRESS.

This year's AGM will also take place using ZOOM. The date is Tuesday 26 April and will be held at 4 p.m. We hope that as many of us that are on the Electoral Role will 'attend'.

There is to be a First Aid Training Day to be held on 30 May. Please let Hazel, or any of the Council know if you are interested, or would like further details.

The service at Puy de Serre on 27 February will be a Service of the Word and not Holy Communion as previously published.

Linda Gorton is organizing a World Day of Prayer meeting on 4 March. Do contact her for details. (See Page 8)

Stay safe and well,  
Doug and Margaret



Please Note: The next Zoom Services will take place on:

**Ash Wednesday** 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 16h00, and  
**Good Friday** 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 11h00

Also, the  
**AGM by Zoom** on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
@16h00

Please contact Doug Green if you have not already done so if you wish to join these events.

[greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

### March into April 2022

#### 2nd March **Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2.1-2,12-17

or Isaiah 58.1-12

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

or John 8.1-11

*Psalm 51.1-18*

#### 6th March **1st Sunday of Lent**

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Romans 10.8b-13

Luke 4.1-13

*Psalm 91.1-2,9-end (or 91.1-11)*

#### 13th March **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-end

*Psalm 27*

#### 27th March **4th Sunday of Lent**

##### **Mothering Sunday**

Joshua 5.9-12

2 Corinthians 5.16-end

Luke 15 1-3,11b-end

*Psalm 32*

or, for **Mothering Sunday**

Exodus 2.1-10

or 1 Samuel 1.20-end

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

or Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.33-35

or John 19.25b-27

*Psalm 34.11-20*

or *Psalm 127.1-4*

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

##### **(Passiontide begins)**

Isaiah 43.16-21

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 8.31-42

*Psalm 23*

# Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers:*



**Ann**, Brian and family  
**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]*

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*Here is a Prayer Request from Anne Brechet, following the recent cyclone and flooding in Madagascar:*

**Gérard is our Curé...he sends most of his meagre salary home to Madagascar.**

**As you see...they were already poor...now they have lost their fields...and their homes are damaged...  
Anne**



*Bonjour Anne, Ma soeur et ma Prof,  
**Merci d'avoir prié pour ma famille et le Malgaches.**  
Batsirai, le dernier cyclone a fait des dégâts dans mon diocèse d'origine,  
comme dans beaucoup d'autres endroits.  
Dans ma famille, il n'y a pas de mort, ni accident physique; mais c'est plutôt les  
dégâts entraînés par les vents violents et la pluie ...inondation. Mes deux  
grands frères, qui sont des cultivateurs ont vu leurs rizières inondés, et donc ils  
ont tout perdu... il faut tout recommencer pour cultiver le riz....  
Continuons à prier pour eux. Fraternellement, Gérard*

**Please pray for my family and the people of Madagascar.**

Batsirai, the last cyclone caused damage in my home diocese, as in many other places.

In my family, there is no death or physical accident; but it is rather the damage caused by the strong winds and rain ... flooding. My two older brothers, who are farmers, saw their rice fields flooded, and so they lost everything... you have to start all over again to grow rice.... Let us continue to pray for them. Fraternally, Gérard



# Dates for your Diary

## March 2022



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

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1<sup>st</sup> March Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras

2<sup>nd</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY 16h00 ZOOM Service**

4<sup>th</sup> Friday 14hr00 **World Day of Prayer** at St Gilles Croix de Vie, 85800 (Contact Linda and Nigel Gorton)

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

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

17<sup>th</sup> Thursday **St Patrick's Day**

**Sewing Group** 2pm at Joan Stewart's, Mouilleron-en-Pareds

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday No service

24<sup>th</sup> Thursday **Ladies Group** 2pm at Joan Stewart's, Mouilleron-en-Pareds

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday British Summertime - Clocks go forward an hour



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

31<sup>st</sup> Thursday

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1<sup>st</sup> April Friday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau**

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

14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday

15<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday 11hr00 ZOOM Service**

17<sup>th</sup> **EASTER Sunday Possibly Holy Communion - to be advised once there is a venue**

23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday **St George's Day**

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

26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **16hr00 Annual Meeting (AGM) by Zoom**

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30<sup>th</sup> April Saturday

## **Forward Planning:**

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



# 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](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)*

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

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## Grapevine Treasurer's Report: January 2022:

Income: **1639.90 €**

Expenditure: **1037.11 €**

We have a positive balance for the month: **602.79 €.**

If anyone else wishes to join the planned giving scheme, please contact me - January or February are the best months to start.

Please remember that the old envelope scheme is now formally closed, as it is no longer accepted by the French tax authorities.

I shall be sending out the tax rebate forms for 2021 in the next month.

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)

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## 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
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD								
Sunday 13 March	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD								
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD								
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00										



## These are YOUR pages.....



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

*"Tie-Breaker Quiz";  
"Women's Fellowship"; "Resto du Coeur", "Sunday Club"  
Spring Scenes from Ken;*

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### 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

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## ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next **Sewing Group** will be Thursday 17th March at 2pm and **Ladies Group** will be Thursday 24th March at 2pm both at Joan Stewart's, Moulleron-en-Pareds.

Both groups always welcome newcomers.

Contact : Joan Stewart, or Jenny Wilkinson

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



## **Sunday Club (1)**

### **March 2022**



**What is MARDI GRAS, and when is it celebrated?**

It's a Christian holiday which dates back thousands of years and practices to pagan, spring and fertility rites! Also known as 'Mardi Gras Carnival' and celebrated in many countries around the world on the day before Lent begins, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

This year Mardi Gras falls on Tuesday March the 1st.

As when Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders decided to incorporate local tradition into the new faith, so before the fasting and penance of Lent began, people binged on meat, eggs, cheese and fatty sweet foods, as several weeks following their meals would only be fish and bread in most cases.

Iconic colours for Mardi Gras are **Purple**, **Gold**, and **Green**. But why? Well, it is more complicated and conversed on more than I would like to explain here, but if you really want more details then I suggest to look it up. But I'm sticking with these facts:

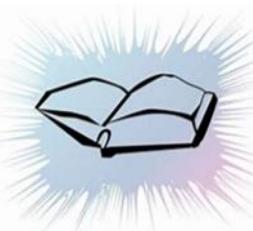
**PURPLE** for Justice

**GREEN** for Faith

**GOLD** for Power

**HAPPY MARDI GRAS**

Jennifer Wilkinson



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

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



## This "Tie-breakers" Quiz from Polly

- 1 In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, who asked Sir Peter Lely to paint his portrait 'warts and all'?
- 2 The name of which town in Mali has come to stand for any outlandish place?
- 3 Which of the Queen's children was born in 1950?
- 4 How many heads had the mystical dog Cerberus?
- 5 From where did the first BBC television broadcasts start in London in 1936?
- 6 Which of the 5 inhabited continents has the highest population?
- 7 In which European capital is Oscar Wilde buried?
- 8 Henry VIII, on finding one of his wives so different from her portrait called her 'the flanders mare'. But which one?
- 9 Which of the four British patron saints is the only one who is an Apostle?
- 10 Which part of speech modifies or describes a verb?
- 11 On a sesqui-centennial anniversary, how many years would you be celebrating?
- 12 The beautiful and the Dead, Tender is the Night and The Great Gatsby were all written by which author?
- 13 Sinophobia is the fear of which nation?
- 14 What does the girl's name 'Verity' mean?
- 15 If you sailed east from Newcastle, which would be the first country you would reach?
- 16 Formerly part of Yugoslavia, which European country has Ljubljana for its capital?
- 17 The oldest person to ascend the British throne did so in 1830 aged 64. Who was he?
- 18 Which university, founded in 1636 is the oldest seat of higher education in the US?
- 19 What is the English meaning of the phrase 'primus inter pares' with which Jeffrey Archer titled one of his novels?
- 20 Which English potter developed a black stoneware called basaltware and a white stoneware stained blue or other colours called Jasperware?
- 21 The murder of which ruler and his family took place in Yekaterinburg in 1918?
- 22 Which is the only continent whose mainland is only one country?
- 23 Who, in a Shakespeare play, after the death of her lover, brings about her own death with the bite of an asp?
- 24 In Britain, how often is there a national census?

*Answers: 1) Oliver Cromwell, 2) Timbuktu, 3) Princess Anne, 4) 3, 5) Alexandra Palace, 6) Asia, 7) Paris - Père Lachaise Cemetery, 8) Anne of Cleves, 9) St Andrew (Scotland), 10) adverb, 11) 150, 12) F. Scott Fitzgerald, 13) Chinese, 14) Truth, 15) Denmark, 16) Slovenia, 17) William IV, 18) Harvard, 19) First among equals, 20) Josiah Wedgwood, 21) Czar Nicholas II of Russia, 22) Australia, 23) Cleopatra, 24) Every 10 years.*

These recent Spring Scenes are from Ken Ivin



*Abergavenny Monmouthshire*



*Blaenavon Heritage Railway.*

*Some 15 miles from us.*



16<sup>th</sup> February –

*Snowdrops - Just a few miles from us in Monmouthshire*



*Chantal* is a dear friend who held a senior place in Vets in Brittany. Now retired, she travels somewhat to visit animals. We knew Chantal at the GPs in St Malo. Everyone in France seemingly retired at 60 years of age.

Ken



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

Send your items for next **April edition** to:  
Jacqui at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)  
**before 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

