

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



The Grapevine



March 2020 (a)

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Forethought



The sun is shining as I sit here wondering what to write, though there was a hard frost this morning, the sky is clear, and the birds are singing. Having just returned from a family visit to the UK, the washing line is full so there will be ironing to do in the next few days. Not, you understand, that I'm at all domesticated, just running out of clean clothes. But it is better to be prepared. It's the same I suppose with Lent. By the time you read this, we will have had our service of penitence on Ash Wednesday, a time of preparation, some of you will have already determined what you're going to "give up" during Lent. I try to do the opposite and set myself a challenge each year to read a chapter of a Gospel a day. Then to set aside time for reflection on that chapter and the message of it. For me this is always difficult, life throws up so many distractions, always far more interesting than what I **should** be doing.

In the liturgy for Ash Wednesday the phrase "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return. Repent of your sins and turn to Christ" is used as the anointing with Ashes takes place. The reference to dust comes from the story of the creation, Genesis 2. Verse 7.

When Jesus said "Repent," He was talking about a change of heart toward sin, the world, and God; an inner change that gives rise to new ways of living that exalt Christ and give evidence of the truth of the gospel. In Matthew, Jesus says that church members should forgive each other "seventy times seven times" (18:22), a number that symbolizes boundlessness. We humans, too often, hold grudges against one another, sometimes for years. I often wonder why? Our time is finite, yet we squander it, festering inside over a hurt or perceived snub. Why? Let's use this Lenten Season to make ourselves right with others, and in so doing putting ourselves right with our Saviour and Redeemer.

Hazel

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Barbara
Isi and family
(friends of Pat & Roy)
Holly and Rachel
Jenny and Ray
Penny and **David**
Pam and Brian

Pat and **David**
Dick
Peter
Roy and **Pat**
Tim and **Jill**
Heidi and her parents, **Joël** and **Jo**

...and for the bereaved:

**The family and friends:
of Avril Simmons,
of Johnathan Mark Sykes, and
of Polly's UK friend, Barbara.**

[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]

CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

March into April 2020

HC = Holy Communion; MW- Morning Worship

LCP = La Chapelle Palluau PdS = Puy de Serre

Liturgical Colours for the day are included

The Psalm for each week is included to guide your reading at home

1st March Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau

1st Sunday of Lent (purple/Lent Array)

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

Psalm 32

8th March Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre

World Day of Prayer ☩ 11h00 at St Gilles

2nd Sunday of Lent (purple/Lent Array)

Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

Psalm 121

15th March Sunday - No Service

22nd March Mothering Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre

4th Sunday of Lent (purple/Lent Array)

1 Samuel 16.1-13 Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9

Psalm 23

Mothering Sunday readings:

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end 2Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27

Psalm 34.11-20 or 127.1-4

29th March Sunday - No Service

5th April Palm Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau

Palm Sunday (Red)

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11

Psalm 118.1-2,19-end [or 118.19-24]

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11

Matthew 26.14-end of 27 [or Matthew 27.11-54]


Psalm 31.9-16 [or 31.9-18]



Dates for your Diary

March 2020



1st	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau
2nd	Monday 10h00 Ministry Team Meeting at the home of Chris & Doug Green in Largeasse
3rd	
4th	
5th	
6th	
7th	
8th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre and  Sunday 11h00 World Day of Prayer at the home of Linda & Nigel in St. Gilles. All welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Linda & Nigel 02 51 60 23 72 for directions
9th	
10th	Tuesday Lent Lunch at Mouilleron-en-Pareds. (Contact Mike Mylod)
11th	
12th	Thursday 14h30 Sewing Circle (Contact Joan Stewart)
13th	
14th	
15th	Sunday No Service
16th	
17th	
18th	Wednesday 14h30 Singing round the Piano at Mouilleron-en-Pareds 85390 [Contact Stuart & Jacqui]
19th	
20th	
21st	
22nd	Mothering Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre
23rd	Monday Council Meeting , at the Vicarage
24th	Tuesday Lent Lunch at Thiré (Contact Marian Rackham or Maggie Calton)
25th	
26th	Thursday Ladies Circle at Marian's in Thiré (Paper weaving)((Contact Joan Stewart)
27th	
28th	
29th	Sunday No Service
30th	
31st	



Dates for your Diary

April 2020



1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	Palm Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau + Bring & Share Lunch
6th	
7th	Tuesday Training Day for Emergency First Aid 09h15 The Salle, Puy de Serre
8th	
9th	Thursday. 14h30 Sewing Circle (Contact Joan Stewart)
10th	Good Friday 15h00 Joint Service with the French at Puy de Serre
11th	
12th	Easter Day 11h00 Puy de Serre followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Salle
13th	
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19th	No Service
20th	
21st	
22nd	Wednesday 14h30 Singing round the Piano at Mouilleron-en-Pareds 85390 [Contact Stuart & Jacqui]
23rd	Thursday 14h30 Ladies Circle (St George's Day tea) (Contact Joan Stewart)
24th	
25th	
26th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Salle + Annual Meeting (AGM) after the B&S Lunch in the Salle
27th	
28th	
29th	
30th	

Dates for your May diary

12th May Tuesday Treasure Hunt

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

MARCH INTO APRIL 2020

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
<i>March</i>												
1/3/20	LCP	11h00	HC	HD	HD	HD	SSJ	JC	HD	JC/PW		1 st Sunday of Lent (purple/Lent Array)
8/3/20	PdS	11h00	HC	HD	HD	AC	SSJ	PW	DP	JS/MC	TG/CD	2 nd Sunday of Lent (purple/Lent Array)
15/3/20	No Service											
22/3/20	PdS	11h00	HC	HD	HD	CG	SSJ	DM	DG	AC/JMill	BC/AC	Mothering Sunday (4 th of Lent)
29/3/20	No Service											
5/4/20	LCP	11h00	HC	HD			SSJ					Palm Sunday
10/4/20	PdS	15h00	Joint Service with the French									Good Friday

FORWARD PLANNING

March into April 2020

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.

2020	1 st March HC 11h00 LCP	8 th March HC 11h00 PdS	15 th March	22 nd March Mothering Sunday HC 11h00 PdS	29 th March	5 th April Palm Sunday HC 11h00 LCP
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		Condie/ Lapsley	No Service	Lapsley/ Parkyn	No service	
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		Marian R & Maggie C		Anne & Bill Condie		



Your Churchwardens write:

March 2020

We are coming to the end of what has been a warm winter. The grass and hedges have started to grow and it will soon be time to start gardening again.

Please put the AGM on Sunday the 26th April in your diaries. It will be held in the Salle after the Bring & Share lunch following the service at PdS. It is a good opportunity to learn about what is happening in your church and in the second half of the meeting you will have the chance to comment or ask questions.

Also, for your diaries – the Car Treasure Hunt, this year, will take place on Tuesday 12th May. This is always great fun and you will probably find some parts of our region that you haven't seen before. The entry fee is 5€ plus 15€50 for dinner afterwards

Doug and David



Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 12th May 2020

*Only 5 € each entrance fee
and*

15€50 Restaurant dinner at end

*To register interest contact
Chris and Doug Green
greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk
or Maggie and Geoff Kent.
maguyjelley@gmail.com*

ASV Treasurer's Report:

for January 2020:

Happy New Year to you all!

Income: 893.80€

Expenditure: 1202.24€

The balance, therefore, is negative for the month: minus 308.44€.

The proceeds from the Burns Lunch will be included next month,
hopefully making the balance a little healthier!

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)

STOP PRESS : Received from Irene Ferguson : **BURNS LUNCH 2020**

*Our first Burns Lunch was a great success. We dressed in our tartans and followed the traditional program for Burns Night, with Home-made Haggis, traditional songs and poetry but it was at Lunchtime! Ken and I would like to thank everybody who helped make it such a successful afternoon - we even had a French couple who enjoyed the meal and entertainment despite the language differences. **The event raised over 190 euros for church funds.***

Hopefully we will be able to repeat the event next year - advance warning for diaries either Saturday 23rd or 30th January 2021.



through the Standing Order Scheme

ADVANTAGES

If you set up a standing order (virement) through your French bank, online, it is cost-free. If you need help doing this, please just ask me, or other council members.

You stay in total control of what you give – the standing order (virement) can be changed at any time, but only by you!

Only the treasurer knows how much you give per month.

You know what you are giving, and exactly when the money comes out of your account, and so your budgeting is much easier.

If you complete a French tax form, then you will get a rebate of 66% at the end of each financial year in which you have made a contribution. That means that a monthly virement of 30€ per month, will only cost you 10€ after tax. A monthly virement of 60€ will only cost you 20€ etc!

If your French tax bill is small, then you will pay no tax at all.

ASV can plan ahead much more effectively, as it knows what contributions are coming in, rather than guessing who is going to be at church!

If you would like to physically put something into the collection plate each service, then there should be small cards which you can collect on your way into church, which you can put into the collection plate as it is passed round.

DISADVANTAGES:

I can't think of any, so why not come and join the party!

British residents:

If you do not have a French bank account, but would like to support the work of ASV on a regular basis, then please contact me, and I can help you. Please note, you cannot use tax-efficient giving in both France and the UK.

Iain McGregor
Treasurer, ASV
mcgregor@lalogette.com



REVISION OF THE ASV ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is essentially a "register" of all eligible members of the congregations of a church who then have a right to attend the Annual Meeting, vote at this meeting for motions and elections, and stand for election to council or other offices. The number of people on the Electoral Roll also affects how many Council members can be elected at the Annual meeting. It is the duty of the Electoral Roll Officer to compile and revise the Roll and to maintain the confidentiality of the information - publishing only an "extract" when necessary.

There is a strict timetable for the annual revision based upon the date of the Annual Meeting which this year will take place on 26th April 2020. I am therefore required to revise the Roll no earlier than the 29th March and no later than the 12th April (Easter Sunday). Once the revision has been made the Roll is "frozen" until after the Annual Meeting. If anyone wishes to be added (or removed) from the ASV Roll please contact me as soon as possible.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from me or one of the Wardens.

Chris Green
Electoral Roll Officer
greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk



Sunday Club

*Sunday Club continues to take place in
the Salle at Puy de Serre.*

*If you know of any children who would like to join our
Sunday Club*

please bring them along at 11a.m. They will be most welcome.

Sunday Club studied Epiphany and all its meanings! We finished by making some Valentines Cards for our family. Next meeting we will be studying Pentecost, and discuss Lent.



Jenny Wilkinson

All children welcome from all denominations, we have lots of interest

*Please contact Jenny if you require more information:
email: jennywilkinson213@gmail.com*

What?

Training Day for Emergency First Aid

Training to HSE standard, leading to a certificate valid for 3 years



When? Tuesday April 7th 2020

Coffee from 0915
10-00 to 12-30
12-30 to 13-30 lunch break.
Packed lunch required
13-30 to 16-30.

Where? The Salle Paroissial, Puy de Serre

Who? For anyone interested, includes welcomers, wardens etc.

Why? Duty of care?????

Cost for the day: €15
includes cost of certificate
and the course book.

Places Limited so book early!

More information from Rev. Hazel

Phone no: 05 49 87 71 45 email address: Rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr



Lent Lunches 2020

There will be **two Lent Lunches** to which everyone is welcome:

The first will take place on **Tuesday 10th March** at the home of Mike Mylod in Mouilleron-en-Pareds.

Please contact Mike if you would like to attend. 02 51 51 07 36

The second will take place on **Tuesday 24th March** at the home of Marian Rackham in Thiré.

Please contact Marian or Maggie Calton if you would like to attend.
02 51 27 64 67 or Richard.rackham@cegetel.net



Sunday 8th March at 11h00

World Day of Prayer

at the home of Linda & Nigel in St. Gilles.

All welcome

*If you would like to attend,
please contact Linda & Nigel 02 51 60 23 72 for directions*



These are YOUR pages.....

Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine"

Included in this edition are :



Treasure Hunt; Easter Raffle; Ladies Circle Meetings; Easter Raffle; Restos de Coeur; Memories from Ken ; "Singing round the Piano" and Favourite Hymns Questionnaire



2020 Car Treasure Hunt

The Kents and the Greens have the dubious honour of running this year's event and we have fixed the date as Tuesday May 12.

Further details from Maggie Kent or Chris Green (see page7)

Easter Raffle

As I will not be holding a Coffee Morning this year, and noting the success of the "Curtis Christmas Raffle", I have decided to gather a few items together for an Easter one. This will be subject to PCC approval! Hence, I would appreciate any appropriate contributions to be included, and as many offers to sell a few tickets nearer the time as possible.

Yours for ever hopeful, Marian

(Please reply to Marian's email address at:

richard.rackham@cegetel.net or phone: 02 51 27 64 67)



Mike Mylod is our link with **Restos du Coeur** and will continue to collect gifts of dry goods, etc., every 2nd Sunday of the month at Puy de Serre to be delivered to the local depot.



Mike can be contacted by phone at: 02 51 51 07 36

Thanks to Ken Ivin who would like to share his story with readers of the "Grapevine":



Hi I was born and brought up in the Rhondda and came across this from 1904! Might be of interest perhaps?

Kind regards,
Ken



Past Times - Hannah Street, Porth

Porth in English means gateway and following the name it is the starting point of the Rhondda Fach and Fawr valleys.

I grew up just a short distance from Hannah street and in those days, you could purchase just about everything that you needed. Indeed, one of my Friday errands was to go to Hannah street to the local florist Jean Potheary who also doubled as a florist and to collect Hake which was shipped overnight from

Grimsby by rail and collected at the station at the top of Hannah street. There was no meat in our house on Fridays.

Porth was a mining community and Hannah Street had some Italian cafes and whose owners came from Bardi in northern Italy to 'service' the needs of the miners. Indeed, they covered the working hours of the miners.

We then witnessed the growth of the Catholic Church and it was somewhat strange when in school to listen to the children of the Italians speaking Italian with a Welsh accent.

The second world war reflected the fact that we were at war with the Italians and it is a fact that lots of the fathers of my friends were taken to near Bridgend and interned in prison.

Today Porth still has many descendants of the original Italian settlers.

Hannah Street housed about three or four Chapels all built by the miners out of local stone. Then Wales until the 1960's was 'dry' on Sunday and the chapels were filled three times during the day and for a youngster it was rather frightening to hear the resounding performances of the Baritones in the delivery of Cwm Rhondda which translated means the Rhondda Valley.

Then on Sundays it was a meeting around the family bible and then walking to Chapel and in one's best Sunday clothing.

Later, on Sunday the girls and boys in their best clothes used to walk through Hannah Street with the girls on one side and the boys on another. Whilst called for whatever reason 'The chicken walk' it was absolutely innocent and it followed the habits of our parents.



Hannah Street from 1910.
All the chapels were built by miners out of local stone.
The Chapel is first on the right.

Ken Ivin



*Very intense concentration
making African pictures!*

ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020

*Thursday 12th March, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 26th March, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle – at Marian`s
Cakes: Marian
Paper weaving with Marian*

*Thursday 9th April, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 23rd April, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Everyone
St George`s Day tea with hats! [Please bring something English for tea, sweet or savoury]*

*Thursday 14th May, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 28th May, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jaynie [bara brith]
How to make Welsh cakes with Ann*

*Thursday 11th June, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 25th June, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle – at Marian`s
Cakes: Mel
Ladies Circle Olympics!*

*Thursday 9th July, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 23rd July, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Everyone
Annual Strawberry tea and games with Sandy*

*Thursday 13th August, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 27th August, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba*

*Thursday 10th September, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 24th September, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Ann
Jane`s Day*

*Thursday 8th October, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 22nd October, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jean
Making Christmas cards with Dot*

*Thursday 12th November, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 26th November, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Julie
Pamper Day: massage, hair and nails with Jenny,
Maggie, Sandy and Barbara*

*Thursday 10th December, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle*

*Thursday 17th December, 11am
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas!
Bring and share Christmas lunch*

*For more information, please contact:
Joan Stewart: jpsmorandiere@outlook.com
02 51 00 34 70*

“SINGING ROUND THE PIANO...AGAIN” ...&...AGAIN & AGAIN!



Here is the date for our third
“Singing round the piano....again”:

Wednesday 18th March.

We will meet at **14h30 at our home,**
1 rue du Moulin in Mouilleron-en-Pareds



If you would like to join us, please
email: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
if possible, adding your favourite hymns
or phone us on: 02 51 50 49 78



In 2007, we circulated a Questionnaire to the congregations in the Vendée asking for everyone to let us know their favourite hymns so they could be incorporated into future services. We feel it is time to circulate the same questionnaire to establish your current favourite hymns

so

Please make your choices on the attached questionnaire and return it to us either by email, by hand or by post to us at:

1 rue du Moulin, MOUILLERON-EN-PAREDS, 85390 Mouilleron St Germain

We look forward to receiving your choices by 30th April 2020

Stuart and Jacqui



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of
"Grapevine".

My thanks to all the Contributors.

Please send items for the APRIL edition to:

Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

before 15th March 2020



Requests to be included on the emailing list can be addressed to:

Jacqui Stainton-James at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

Please return this questionnaire to Jacqui & Stuart by 30th April 2020

Your Name:

I attend the church at: *La Chapelle Palluau/*Puy du Serre

Phone Number/Email Address:

2020
All Saints Vendée
Our Congregation's Favourite Hymns

So that the favourite hymns, which are known and loved by this congregation, can be included in our Church Services, please list below your "Top Five" hymns.

If possible, give the first line, the name of the hymnbook and the number where they can be found as well as the name of the tune - if there is a choice of tunes

(If your choice does not appear in any of our hymnbooks, please include the title and/or first line and we will do our best to locate it!)

<u>Title of Hymn or first line:</u>	<u>Hymnbook :</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Tune:</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

[If you feel strongly, you can list your Non-Favourite hymn(s) on the reverse!]

*Please cross out the statements which do not apply

Please hand this completed questionnaire to either Stuart or Jacqui Stainton-James or email it to us at: sifamily66@hotmail.com

or post it to us at:

1 rue du Moulin, Mouilleron-en-Pareds, 85390 MOUILLERON ST GERMAIN