

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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THE CHURCH
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May 2022



Birthdays are very much in the news at the time of writing this. Boris Johnson and his birthday "partygate", Her Majesty the Queen with her milestone 96th birthday. Last week Martin and I rejoiced at the birth of our great grandson Jaxson, our sixth great. Last month my aunt, Hazel, turned 98, she celebrated whilst battling covid!

What do we actually commemorate? Getting older, wiser? As we age, do we look forward or back? Milestone birthdays are those special landmark ages which are deserving of a little more attention than a simple card and cake. They're a time to celebrate your life so far and look ahead to the future; they're a time to reflect on what you've achieved, overcome and enjoyed since the last milestone, and certainly not a time to lament growing older.

Woody Allen famously said: *"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."*

We don't need something to look forward to, in order to actually be happy. We have to start living for what is right in front of us, not what might be in front of us in a couple of months, weeks or years. But what is right here and right now. Hold your friends tighter and closer. Love without condition and without reserve. Talk to people you see often, even if you think you might come off as weird, just do it. Don't wait for "momentous milestones" to be happy and to enjoy. Do that every day. Every day is a gift from God. We should treat it as such. Celebrate every day, every birthday, every little thing that comes along. Live, laugh, love and pray, giving thanks for all we have, in the knowledge and love of Christ our Saviour.

Hazel

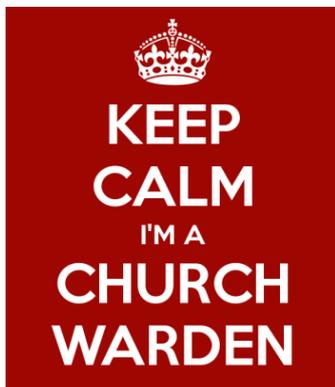
Visit of the Rt. Rev'd Robert Innes, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe.

We are delighted to be able to confirm that Bishop Robert will be joining us for Morning Prayer in the Salle St. Augustine, Puy de Serre, on Monday 2nd of May 2022. The service will start around 09-30. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us, refreshments will be served after worship, to enable as many people as possible to meet him. He will be accompanied by the Archdeacon of France, the Venerable Peter Hooper.

.....and....

Training Day in Emergency First Aid.

This will take place on Monday 30th May starting at 0930, in the Salle at Puy de Serre. There are still a couple of places left so don't delay, contact Hazel as soon as possible to sign up!!!!



Churchwardens' Report May 2022

The sun was shining brightly through the beautiful stained-glass windows of St Pierre's church at la Chapelle Palluau on Easter Sunday. As you know, we don't usually have a service on the third Sunday of each month, but an exception was made for Easter. The Rev Hazel Door presided and the service was led by John Matthews. It was pleasing to see 24 people in the congregation, including one couple on holiday and two other couples with 'maisons secondaire'. We enjoyed coffee and cakes and some of us then went to the home of Colin and Hester Grimshaw where we were welcomed to a bring and share/picnic lunch. So, many thanks to them. It was altogether a lovely way to spend Easter.

On 2 May, the Bishop of Europe is due to pay us a fleeting visit. He will be accompanied by the Archdeacon of France and our Area Dean. The Bishop hopes to lead a short Worship Service in the Salle at Puy de Serre, followed by meeting the congregations. At the time of writing this piece, I'm afraid we have no more details to give to you as yet.

We hope as many of you on the electoral role as possible will 'attend' the ZOOM AGM on Tuesday 26 April. Don't forget that there are still places available on the First Aid Course planned for Monday 30 May. Contact Hazel for further details.

Iain has already sent £375 to the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Ukraine, thanks to your generosity. We are sure that he will be happy to send on any further donations you may wish to make.

With Covid restrictions now easing, things are slowly getting back to 'normal'. Hazel is now tincturing the wafers with wine for Holy Communion and we are receiving the Host from her at the altar as we used to do. Also, at Puy de Serre, we have hot drinks available at the Salle after the services. Let us pray that the situation improves further and that those who do fall prey to the virus, do not get it too seriously.

Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers. We are all so blessed to live in this peaceful corner of Europe. One cannot imagine what suffering and heartache the Ukrainians are experiencing. May God be with them.

Your Churchwardens,
Doug and Margaret

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Ann, Brian and family
Ann and Peter
(friends of David and Sally)
Anne
Dick
Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo

Ken
Liam (Polly's nephew)
Malcolm
Pat and Roy
Peter
Sally

....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]*



LECTIONARY READINGS May into June 2022

1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.1-6 (7-20)
(or Zeph.3.14-end)
Revelations 5.11-end
John 21.1-19
Psalm 30

2nd May Philip & James, Apostles (transferred from 1st May)

Isaiah 30.15-21
Ephesians 1.3-10
John 14.1-14
Psalm 119.1-8

8th May 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-end
(or Genesis 7.1-5,11-18;
8.6-18;9.8-13)
Revelations 7.9-end
John 10.22-30
Psalm 23

22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.9-15
(or Ezekiel 37.1-14)
Revelations 21.10,22-22.5
John 14.23-29
or John 5.1-9
Psalm 67

5th June Day of Pentecost/Whit Sunday

Acts 2.1-21
or Genesis 11.1-9
Romans 8.14-17
or Acts 2.1-21
John 14.8-17 [25-27]
Psalm 104.26-36,37b
(or 104.26-end)

Bishop's Lenten Appeal



I'm pleased to let you know that £325.00 have been transferred to the Diocese in Europe account for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal in support of the people of Ukraine. Thank you so very much for your great generosity. We know that this will go directly to where it is most needed.

If there are any more contributions, please give them to me or a member of the Council by the end of April.

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer, ASV)



Grapevine Treasurer's Report

March 2022:

Income: 755.00 €

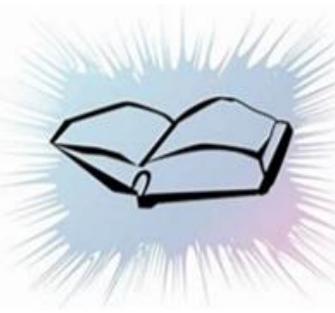
Expenditure: 291.09 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 463.91 €.

It has been a quiet month, and the figures are much the same as for February.

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



	<p>Did you know PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS can be read at: www.allsaintsvendee.fr</p>	
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Dates for your Diary



May 2022

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

1st May Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau**

2nd Monday **9hr30 Morning Prayer. Visit of Bishop Robert** along with the Archdeacon of France, the Venerable Peter Hooper, **Morning Prayer** will take place in the Salle St. Augustine at Puy de Serre. The service and will be followed by refreshments.

8th Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

12th Thursday 2pm **Sewing Circle** Make a washbag – led by Jane Hovey

15th Sunday No service

22nd Sunday **11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

26th Thursday, **Ascension Day**

2pm **Ladies Circle** Queen`s Jubilee tea.

Please wear your tiara and bring appropriate royal dishes!

Cakes: Everyone

29th Sunday No Service

30th Monday 09.30 **Training Day in Emergency First Aid**, The Salle at Puy de Serre
(Please contact Rev. Hazel if you would like to attend)



31st May Tuesday



Dates for your Diary



June 2022

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

1st June Wednesday

5th Sunday 11hr00 **Whit Sunday** Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau

9th Thursday 2pm **Sewing Circle**

12th Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

19th Sunday **Vouvant**

23rd Thursday, 2pm **Ladies Circle** Glass painting.

Glass painting pens and glasses provided -
led by Irene.

26th Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion at Puy de Serre**

30th June Thursday

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

MAY TO JUNE

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
Sunday 1 st May	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					3 rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday 8 th May	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		DG			JW	SC		4 th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 22 nd May	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		CG			DG	IMG FMG		6 th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 5 th June	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)



Emergency First Aid Course.



As part of our general safeguarding requirements, we should have folk able to deliver emergency first aid. I'm sure that most of us have an inkling of what may be required should an emergency occur in church, but perhaps not the confidence that our level of training is up to date? My own certificate was valid for three years, but, sadly lapsed several years ago, and I know that procedures have been updated drastically in that period. That is why the

Council are supporting and, yes, subsidising,

**A training day
starting at 9.30am on Monday 30th May
at the Salle at Puy de Serre.**

We are fortunate to have a qualified duo of trainers visiting for a full day, which will take place in the Salle at Puy de Serre.

Bring your own packed lunch, but coffee/tea etc. will be provided.

Places have to be limited, in order to ensure that everyone gets the benefit, so waste no more time, and get your names down as soon as possible.

Contact Hazel by email: rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr to secure your place.

*There are still a couple of places left so don't delay,
contact Hazel as soon as possible to sign up!!!!*



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

Now turn to Page 10 of this edition of Grapevine to find our May message...



These are YOUR pages.....



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

*ASV Ladies Circle;
"Resto du Coeur";
"Sunday Club"
Ukraine appeal*



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



Sunday Club

May 2022



Before Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he told his disciples how he was going to prepare a place for them in Heaven.

Read John 14:1-3 grab some pencil and paper draw a simple floor plan of what your ideal house would be like in Heaven. Imagine what you would like to do in each room, have fun with your imagination.

But remember even our best idea for a place to live is nothing compared to what Jesus is preparing for us in Heaven.

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED

is for the blood he gave,

GREEN

is for the grass he made.

YELLOW

is for the sun so bright,

ORANGE

is for the edge of the night.

BLACK

is for the sins we made,

WHITE

is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE

is for his hour of sorrow,

PINK

is for our new tomorrow.

*An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.*

*May the joy of Christ's Resurrection fill
your heart and bless your life.*

-UNKNOWN

Let's us pray to the Lord, thanking Jesus for giving up his life so we can live with him someday in Heaven.

Dear Lord it is such a joy to celebrate Easter and to remember how you rose from the grave to live with us. Help us to follow you and not the ways of darkness, for you are the truth, the life, and the light. AMEN

Jenny

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

Jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

Thursday 12th **May**, 2pm
Sewing Circle Make a washbag –
led by Jane Hovey

Thursday 26th **May**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Queen's Jubilee tea.
Please wear your tiara and bring
appropriate royal dishes!
Cakes: Everyone

Thursday 9th **June**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 23rd **June**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Glass painting.
Glass painting pens and glasses provided -
led by Irene.
Cakes: Irene

Thursday 14th **July**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 28th **July**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Screen printing –
led by Jenny
Cakes: Jenny

Thursday 11th **August**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 25th **August**, 2pm
Ladies Circle
Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue
tba

Thursday 8th **September**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 22nd **September**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Macrame –
led by Jane Lock, plus starting makes for
table top sale in November
Cakes: Jean

Thursday 13th **October**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 27th **October**, 2pm Cards and
tags –
led by Julie and Mel
Cakes: Maggie

Thursday 10th **November**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 24th **November**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Table top sale –
Invite friends for a cuppa
Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

Thursday 8th **December**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 15th **December**, 11am
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas!
Bring and share Christmas lunch



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Your feed

Favourites

Recent



ons pour le centre d'hébergement des réfugiés Ukrainiens de Mouilleron-Saint Germain à Domain St Sauveur. Nous commençons à avoir de nouveaux besoins:

- * Shampooing et gel douche (le stock est épuisé)
 - * Déodorants masculins et féminins
 - * Cotons-tiges et cotons démaquillants
 - * Rasoirs féminins, crème dépilatoire et mousse à raser féminine.
 - * Crèmes hydratantes
 - * Mousse à raser masculine.
 - * Éponges
 - * Lessives
 - * Produits détergents pour le linge et adoucissant
 - * Produits pour l'entretien des espaces personnels.
 - * Tapis d'éveil
 - * Valises
 - * chaussures d'été pour hommes et femmes pointures 39-45
- Merci d'avance pour ce que vous pourrez faire 🍌

Last week they were also requesting outdoor games for children, books. also in English, craft items for adults. sewing, knitting etc.

Mair Pugh, Polly Ward and I live in Mouilleron St Germain, close to Domain St Sauveur, the old seminary, which has been converted into a holiday home for families.

Now, 100 Ukrainian refugees are being housed there and so we three were happy to collect and donate necessities for the families as requested in this Facebook message by the Civil Defence folks at St Sauveur→→→

Surprisingly, when we attempted to donate at the Maire and Domaine St Sauveur itself, we were told : "No thankyou very much, the families have all that is required for their needs"

So

If anyone knows where we can donate the goods listed, it would be appreciated

please let me know.....

Jacqui



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



Send your items for the June edition to: Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com before 15th May 2022