

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



**November 2022**

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



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## 4-Thought October 2022



Having just returned from a visit to the UK, I'm left wondering if there is such a thing as "ferry lag"??

Our planned return on the night crossing from Portsmouth to Ouistreham at 22-45 BST, was delayed, and in fact did not leave until after midnight, UK time. We'd spent 10 days with family, and struggled to adjust to the hour time difference, yes I know we're getting on a bit. So the ferry docks at it's scheduled arrival time of 06-45 (CET) leaving us with around 4 and three quarter hours rest/sleep. We have been struggling to catch up ever since! We get to go through this all over again when the clocks go back at the end of October..... such fun!

Despite its ending, we had a very happy time, we visited the parish where we used to worship, and caught up with the few friends who still remain. Mainly though, the focus was on family, four generations gathered for lunch, and we met our newest great-grandson for the first time.

Family with all the twists and turns are important.

We will, towards the end of this month, begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of the Christ child. His ancestry is important, impressive even. You can re-read it for yourselves in either Matthew's Gospel or in Luke's Gospel. But, to me, the most important thing is that He was born into a loving, caring unit, a father and mother who loved him and sheltered him. Mark 6:3 tells us that Jesus had four younger brothers and at least two sisters, the children of Mary and Joseph. The sisters' names have not been preserved, but the brothers were called James (in the Hebrew, Jacob), Joses (in the Hebrew, Joseph, after his father), Simon, and Judas or Juda (also known as Jude).

Unfortunately, there are many children who are not fortunate in that way, please hold them in your thoughts and prayers, and, where you can, support them however you are able. All Saints, Vendée has long supported The Church of England's Children's Society, through giving at Christingle, either by filling the cardboard candle, soon to be available, or by putting an envelope clearly marked Children's Society, into the collection plate, please consider doing so again this year.

Every blessing,

Hazel



## LECTIONARY READINGS November into December 2022

<p><u>6<sup>th</sup> November</u> <u>Third Sunday before Advent</u> Job 19.23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end Luke 20.27-38 <i>Psalm 17.1-9(or 17.1-8)</i></p> <p><u>13<sup>th</sup> November</u> <u>Second Sunday before Advent</u> <u>Remembrance Sunday</u> Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19 <i>Psalm 98</i></p>	<p><u>27<sup>th</sup> November</u> <u>First Sunday of Advent</u> Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-end Matthew 24.36-44 <i>Psalm 122</i></p> <p><u>4<sup>th</sup> December</u> <u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12 <i>Psalm 72.1-7,18-19 (or 72.1-7)</i></p>
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# Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers:*



Colin and Hester  
Ann and Peter (friends of  
David and Sally)  
Anne  
Dick  
Gini and Martyn  
Heidi and Millie-Jean and  
their parents, Joël and Jo  
Ken

Liam (Polly's nephew)  
Maggie  
Malcolm  
Menna (Mair Pugh's Mum  
and Nel  
Pat and Roy  
Polly

*...and for the bereaved:*

The family and friends of  
**Peter Somerville**

The family and friends of  
**Eelan Hodgson**

The family and friends of  
**Ann Hopkins**

*[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](mailto:davidpearson@orange.fr)]*

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## Sunday Club



No one will be turned away,  
everyone is welcomed

We are now open for children to attend Sunday Club  
activities  
including Holidaymakers.

*Please contact Jenny if you require more information:  
email: [jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)*

...and there's much more...  
..... KEEP READING.....




## Churchwardens' Notes For November 2022

Recently, both Doug and Chris and Geoff and I have returned from holidays. Much as we would like to continue with the long, hot days, the seasons take their turn and the nights draw in. It's good to see rain at last - although we would prefer that it fell during the night!

We have missed services at churches in the Vendée and look forward to the season of Advent.

Don't forget that our annual service of **Lessons and Carols** will be held this year at Vouvant church at 1600 on Sunday 11 December. Do tell your friends, as many non-churchgoers like to come and sing carols with us. The venue is different this year and the service will be in both French and English.

Before that of course, we have our  **Remembrance Service** , which will be held on 13 November at Puy de Serre. Please be there a few minutes before 1100, so that we may partake in the two minutes silence on the hour.

We will again be having a **Christingle Service** by the medium of ZOOM, as last year. It will be held on Sunday 18 December at 1100. Do contact Fiona McGregor for ZOOM details.

Our **Christmas Eve Communion** service will be held at Puy de Serre at 1600 on Saturday 24 December.

Other services soon include **Advent Sunday** at Puy de Serre on Sunday 27 November, not forgetting the two communion services at La Chapelle Palluau on 6 November and 4 December.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend the **Ladies Circle Table Top Sale** to be held at Joan Stewart's on Thursday 24 November at 1400.

Finally, enjoy the season, and don't forget to **put the clocks back one hour on Sunday 30 October**. We have no services on that Sunday, so relish the lie-in!

Blessings to you all,

Your Churchwardens  
Doug and Margaret



# Dates for your Diary



November 2022


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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday November

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

10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 14hr00 **Sewing Circle**

11<sup>th</sup> Friday **Remembrance Day** 

13<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Sunday** 10hr50 for 11hr00 Holy Communion at  Puy de Serre

18<sup>th</sup> Friday- **Quiz** 18hr00 at The Salle Puy de Serre.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
14hr00



Ladies Circle

**Table Top sale** – Invite friends for a cuppa.

Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

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

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30<sup>th</sup> November Wednesday

Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens in case of any alterations.



# Dates for your Diary

December 2022



1<sup>st</sup> December Thursday

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

8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 14hr00 **Sewing Circle**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday 16hr00 **9 Lessons & Carols in French and English** at Vouvant

Thursday 15th 11hr00 **Ladies Circle** Get ready for Christmas!  
Bring and share Christmas lunch

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday. 11hr00 **Christingle Service** by Zoom

24<sup>th</sup> Saturday **Christmas Eve Service** 16hr00 at Puy de Serre

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Christmas Day**

31<sup>st</sup> December

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Sunday No Service

Please check with the website and/or the Churchwardens in case of any alterations.

# Grapevine Treasurer's Report:

September 2022:

Income: 1405.19 € (including Organ Fund donations)

Expenditure: 1037.11 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 368.08 €.

Please remember that, with people returning to the UK, our income from Planned Giving is now the lowest since 2019. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please let me know at [mcgregor@lalogette.com](mailto:mcgregor@lalogette.com).

Remember -



... the Organ Fund to replace our broken organ is still open for receiving donations. Please either send your donations directly to me, or you can put something in an envelope in the collection plate, clearly marked "Organ Fund". It now stands at 565 €, still about 300€ short of our target.

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)

# EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRESIDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGANIST	CHALICE	INTERCESSOR	READERS	WELCOMERS	NOTES
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Puy De Serre	10.50 for 11.00	Remembrance Day HC				SSJ					
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	No Service											
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Puy De Serre	11.00					AM					
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00					SSJ					

## NOVEMBER INTO DECEMBER

### *FORWARD PLANNING – November into December*

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.

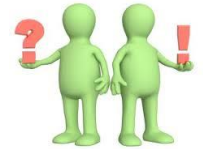
Responsibility (Organiser)	13 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Salle at PdS	27 <sup>th</sup> November HC Salle at PdS
Salle Setup/Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny	Clare
Flower Rota (Barbara Matthews at PdS)	✓	✓





These are YOUR pages.....

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



I look forward to receiving your comments as well:

Ladies Circle  TABLE TOP SALE; Resto du Cœur; Quiz details; Sunday Club, P.S. How to get your Crit'Air Sticker

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There's going to be

ANOTHER

ASV Fun



**NOVEMBER :** Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 18.00 hrs  
Place: The Salle at Puy de Serre.  
Cost: 10€ to include the meal

Booking: By Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the latest  
(with details of your group and vegetarian option)

To: Fiona McGregor [mccgregor@lalogette.com](mailto:mccgregor@lalogette.com) 02 51 53 82 55



ASV is holding another **Fun Quiz**.

All are welcome - so please invite your family, friends and neighbours!

Curtis and Dee Parkyn are hosting the Quiz, with lots of easy-to-answer questions (we hope!), and Jenny and her small team are providing the meal.

As before, there will be tables of 5-6, so if you want to enter with a group, please let me know, alternatively if you want to come alone or as a couple, I can put you into a group - a great way to make new friends! Any proceeds will go to All Saints Vendée.

Please bring any 'nibbles' you want to sustain you during the first few rounds before the meal, and your own cutlery, drink and glasses.

Please let me know if you require the vegetarian option.



# 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**

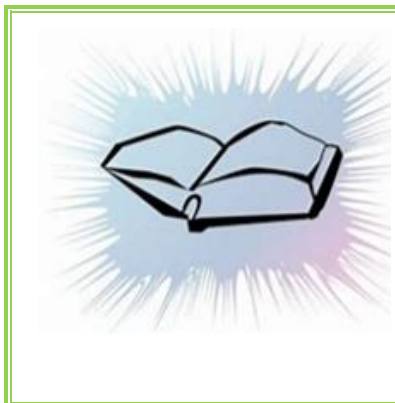
..... and just to add:

With the rising cost of living, there are more folk than ever in need of basic food, cleaning materials and toiletries. Collections are made at Puy de Serre at the first service of the month there (i.e. the second Sunday of each month).

The local group that we support at Coulonges-sur-l'Autize say that, in particular, they have need for tins of ready meals like Ravioli and Cassoulet.

Please continue to help. Many, many thanks for your continued support.

Maggie K



Did you know  
PREVIOUS SERMONS and  
TALKS  
can be read at:  
[www.allsaintsvendee.fr](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)



## ASV LADIES' CIRCLE



'Everyone is invited'

Join us for a cuppa and cake and browse the goodies we have in store for you!

Thursday 24th November at 2pm.

La Morandiere, Mouilleron-en-Pareds.

Put the date in your diary now, it will help you get ready for the festive season!

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](mailto:Jpsmorandiere@outlook.com)

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

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

Thursday 10th **November**, 2pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 8th **December**, 2pm

Sewing Circle



**Table top sale**

Thursday 24th **November**, 2pm

Ladies Circle – Invite friends for a cuppa.

Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

Thursday 15th **December**, 11am

Ladies Circle

Get ready for Christmas!

Bring and share Christmas lunch



# Sunday Club



## The Proud Rose

In a dessert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her looks, her only complaint she was growing next to, whom she thought was an ugly Cactus.

Every day the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, but the cactus remained quiet, and all the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

Then one scorching summer the dessert became so dry there was no water left for the plants, the rose quickly began to wilt, her beautiful petals and leaves dried up losing their lush colours, when she turned to the cactus, she noticed a bird was drinking into the cactus for water. Although the rose felt ashamed, she asked the cactus if she could have some water, and the kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the hot summer as good friends.



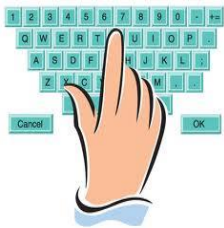
The moral of this story is:  
Never judge anyone by their looks.  
Always speak well of others.



The Rose in this story was very fortunate the Cactus wasn't judgemental.

Read James 2: 13.

Jenny



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 and comments for the **November** edition to:  
Jacqui at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)  
**before 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



### **P.S. Did you know? France is going Green!!**

*If you intend to visit various towns and/or use the Autoroutes in France, it is necessary to purchase a **Crit'Air Vignette** for your car. Without the sticker, in certain circumstances you could be fined. It is remarkably easy to obtain the Sticker online, it costs 3.70euro (including postage). All you need when you apply is information available on your Carte Grise. (If in England, you will need a legible photo or scan of your registration certificate). A temporary certificate can be downloaded for use until the official sticker for your windscreen arrives by post. Here is the official government website:*

[www.certificat-air.gouv.fr](http://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr) *(Do not use any other website – there are scams around)*