

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

The Grapevine

October 2021

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PREFACE – 4-Thought October 2021



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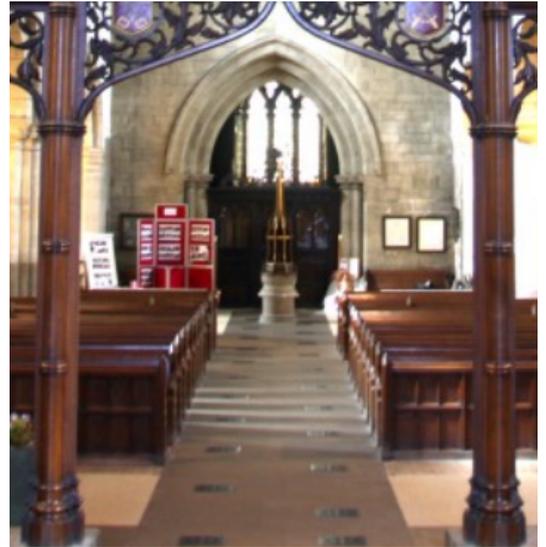
Though I really suppose that this should be titled *afterthought*???

Our first Parish Picnic was thoroughly enjoyed, able to meet in the open air and rekindle friendships, so much so that there have been requests for it to become an annual event, so watch this space....

After a long period of time, we are at last able to meet in person for worship, and to share in the fellowship of communion. Our first service at Puy de Serre was not without problems, being locked out of the church for a start, then the electrics began cutting out, and because of the delay in starting, we had to contend with the bells of the Angelus! The 29 of us who gathered, despite the necessary restrictions that Covid places upon us, were able to share communion together, and resume our normal patterns of worship.



Earlier, in August, Martin and I were able to return to the UK, just avoiding quarantine, the goalposts were moved at 0400 the day we travelled. Many of you will remember my request for prayer for our newborn great grandson, who needed open heart surgery within 12 days of his birth. I've been happy to report on his subsequent progress. Our visit was to attend his Baptism, a



delightful family event. Especially since it took place in the church where Martin and I had worshipped for over twenty years, a beautiful building with probably the finest set of medieval wall paintings in the UK, the font dates back to the earliest church on the site, from Saxon times.

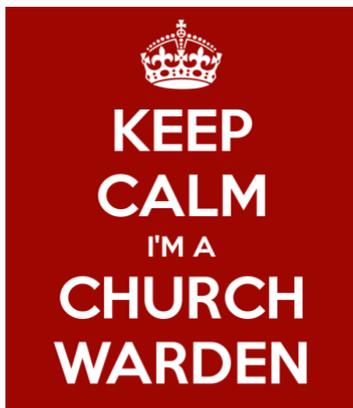
Anthony James Carl Pickering, with proud Mum and Dad and sister Phoebe, (oh and Great Granny Hazel who baptised him!)



ASV looks forward to welcoming you back to in person worship, we wonder if there would be interest in continuing with an occasional Zoom service? Do let me know:

rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr

Hazel



Churchwardens' Notes

for October 2021

PICNIC - On the 1st of September we had a very enjoyable picnic with 27 people attending. All Covid precautions were taken and we were able to meet in safety to share fellowship and catch up on each other's news. Everyone had a great time with the Sunday Club enjoying playing table tennis and pétanque!

It has been suggested that this becomes an annual event and your council have already had preliminary thoughts about this, possibly using a more central venue or combining a picnic with a forest walk.

CHURCH SERVICES - On the 12th September we were delighted to restart church services at Puy de Serre after a gap of 18 months. There were a few "teething problems" (like a locked church!) but everyone was pleased to be worshipping together again and receiving Communion. A second service will take place at PDS on the 26th. September and we will restart at La Chapelle Palluau on the 3rd. October. For the safety and well-being of everyone your Chaplain and Council have drawn up a set of protocols which are in accordance with all the rules and guidelines of the French government, French Church and the Church of England. These will be kept under constant review but, for the time being, the following will apply:

- a list of attendees will be made but only kept for a short time if not needed.
- **MASKS** must be worn by the congregation at all times. Hand sanitizer will be available but a personal bottle is advised.
- Singing of **HYMNS** is allowed but masks must remain in place.
- please SIT where directed as near to the front as possible as we need to Use every other pew and maintain some social distancing (and to hear - See below)
- the Microphone probably will not be used to avoid the need to sanitize the mic after each user. The readers and intercessor will be asked to stand at the front of the congregation and project their voices. They can remove masks when in position to speak.
- the service will be a Communion Service but we will not use the "red books". Hazel has condensed the



- service into a word document, so that you will be able to say the responses. A second document can be produced with the words to the hymns to be used (we cannot use hymn books). These documents will be emailed to those on the Contact List with a few spare, sanitised, copies in church. **PLEASE PRINT THESE DOCUMENTS** and bring them with you to the service for your personal use. Also please take the printouts away with you but retain the service sheet for the next service.
- During Communion, the President (Hazel) will distribute Wafers only and will bring the Sacrament to the congregation. She will drop the wafer into your hand by passing along the empty pew in front of you. Please wait until she has moved on, then briefly remove your mask to consume the Sacrament.
- To share "The Peace", please just turn, smile and greet your neighbours, do not walk around.
- **RETIRING COLLECTION** - there will be a basket placed at the back of church for you to drop in your collection money at the end of the service. - When leaving the church please avoid stopping in the aisles - we know you will want to chat but it is safer outside!
- there will be no communal coffee or lunch at the end of the service - this will be reviewed later. (Why not bring your own coffee and meet friends in the car park?)

Yes, we are "playing safe" for now but we will review these guidelines in the future. We hope these assurances will enable you to return to church and we really look forward to worshipping with you.

Doug and Margaret

LECTIONARY READINGS

October into November 2021

Our Lectionary Readings are included so you can use them for your personal devotions

As and when the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted, please refer to the Church Wardens or website for service times.

3rd October 18th Sunday after Trinity

Job 1.1;2.1-10
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16
Psalm 26

10th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Job 23.1-9,16-end
Hebrews 4.12-end
Mark 10.17-31
Psalm 22.1-15

17th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

Job 38.1-7[34-end]
Hebrews 5.1-10
Mark 10.35-45
Psalm 104.1-10,26,35c[or 104.1-10]

24th October Last Sunday after Trinity

Job 42.1-6,10-end
Hebrews 7.23-end
Mark 10.46-end
Psalm 34.1-8,19-end [or 34.1-8]

30th October 4th Sunday Before Advent/ All Saints Day

Deuteronomy 6.1-9
Hebrews 9.11-14
Mark 12.28-34
Psalm 119.1-8
Wisdom 3.1-9 or Isaiah 25.6-9
Revelation 21.1-6a
John 11.32-44
Psalm 24.1-6

7th November 3rd Sunday Before Advent

Jonah 3.1-5,10
Hebrews 9.24-end
Mark 1.14-20
Psalm 62.5-end



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 the end of this edition of Grapevine to find our October message

Dates for your Diary



October 2021

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

1st October Friday

3rd Sunday 11h00 First Service at La Chapelle
Palluau .

7th Thursday 2pm Ladies' Circle Sewing Group *Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com*

10th Sunday 11h00 Service at Puy de Serre

14th Thursday Ladies Circle Activity to be decided. *Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com*

17th Sunday

24th Sunday 11h00 Service at Puy de Serre

31st Sunday

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November 2021



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1st November Monday

7th Sunday 11h00 First Service at La Chapelle Palluau

14th Sunday 11h00 Service at Puy de Serre

21th Sunday

28th Sunday 11h00 Service at Puy de Serre

31st November Wednesday

Please Note : **Future Dates:**

9th December Sewing group

16th December Ladies "Christmas do"

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Anne
Barbara
David and Chris
Dick
Heidi and Millie-Jean and
their parents, Joël and Jo'.

Ken
Malcolm
Pat and Roy
Peter

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:

Richard Batten (Maggie Kent's brother) Nan Rothwell
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*[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:

August 2021:

Income: 627.00 €

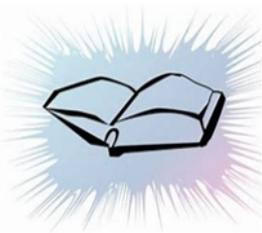
Expenditure: 759.77 €

Once again, the only income was the planned giving contributions, for which many thanks.

Once more, the bills we have had to pay have been enough to tip us into the red by 132.77€.

If anyone else wishes to join the planned giving scheme, please contact me.
Keep smiling, keep safe!

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



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

www.allsaintsvendee.fr



EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

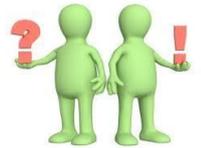
DATE 2021	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES- IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN- IST	CHALICE	INTER- CESSOR	READERS	WEL- COMERS	NOTES
3 rd October	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00					SS-J					18 th Sunday after Trinity
10 th October	Puy de Serre	11.00					SS-J					19 th Sunday after Trinity
17 th October												20 th Sunday after Trinity
24 th October	Puy de Serre	11.00					SS-J					Last Sunday after Trinity
31 st October												4 th Sunday before Advent/ All Saints Day

WEST VENDÉE – FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

Date 2021	Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)
3 rd October	LCP	
10 th October	PdS	-
17 th October		
24 th October	PdS	
31 st October		



These are YOUR pages.....



My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine":
ASV Picnic and Photos, "Women's Fellowship";
"Resto du Coeur", "Sunday Club"



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 Mouilleron-en-Pareds: 02 51 51 07 36**

ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Hi everyone,

See "Dates for your Diary" for details of our next meetings.

Love

Joan

Details from Joan at: jpsmorandiere@outlook.com



This is our small select and our very friendly sewing group, held once a month on a Thursday afternoon, we can choose whatever we would like to work on and are currently about to launch our latest charity project: Each doing a 12inch patchwork square of a yellow star of your own design, which will be sewn together and, when completed, make a bedspread. it will be raffled and all monies go to charity !!

Everyone welcome to join our group with tea, cake and natter.

Last week we were making baby bibs and other things like scarves, and a finished project of Joan's of which she will demonstrate the logistics next week.

EVERYONE WELCOME, or just come along and socialise ☺☺

Contact either Maggie Carlton, Joan Stewart, or myself.

jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com





...If you go down to the Woods today...



ASV Picnic



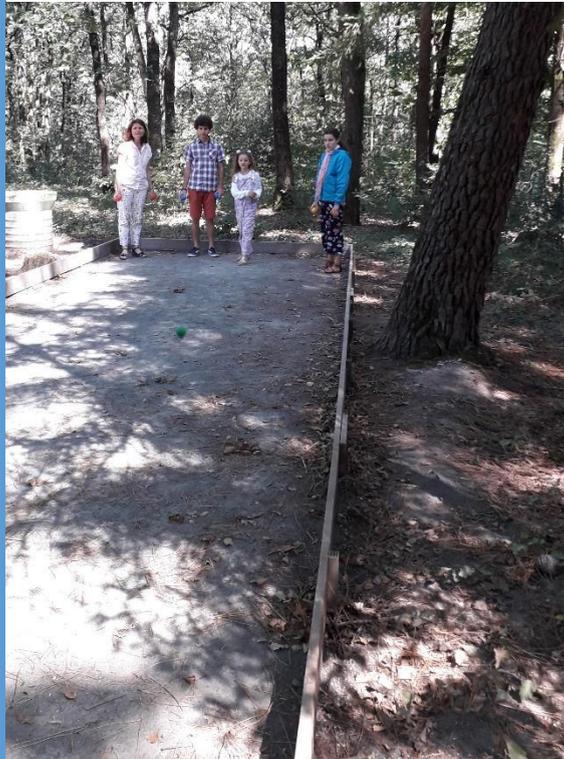


Sunday Club

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ASV Picnic in the Woods



Petanque and PingPong



.....and there's more.....



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The Stories Jesus Told: The great party

By Lisa Debney

Actions: Sign 'VIP' using the Makaton alphabet.

There once was a man who wanted to host a party for friends, the ones he loved most, his nearest and dearest, the VIPs.

There'd be wine and nibbles and really posh cheese.

Come to my party, it's soon and its free.

Come to my party for VIPs!

'Right,' said the servant, 'that's a good plan. I'll deliver the invitations by hand to all the best people in all the best lands, the ones who go to parties.'

They'll come to a party that's soon and free.

They'll come to a party for VIPs!

On the day of the party the table was set. 'Right,' said the servant, 'I'll go out and get all the guests we've invited. They won't regret the day they came to this party.'

Oh, come to my party, it's soon and its free.

Come to my party for VIPs!

But the guests made excuses, they just didn't care.

They were buying a field, or washing their hair.

They said, 'Oh, I'm so sorry I just can't be there.

I'm too busy to come to your party!' **We can't come to a party that's soon and free.**

We can't come that party, we're VIPs!

'Cancel the party!' the servant said,
'They're all doing other things instead.
They're making excuses, there's some still in bed.
They don't want to come to your party.'

**They won't come to a party that's soon and free. They
won't come to a party for VIPs.**

'But servant', he said, 'you don't understand.
The party is ready, the party is planned, so go
back and search all the rest of the land for the
guests who will come to my party.
The ones who aren't rich, the ones who don't boast, the
ones with the least, not the ones with the most. These
are the people I want to host, the ones I want at my
party.'

**They'll come to my party, it's soon and its free.
They'll come to my party as my VIPs!**

And the guests poured in, they
danced and had fun. 'That's
better,' the man said, 'My party's
begun.

But look, there's still room, let's invite some more: the
ones who aren't local and ones who are poor.
Invite the whole world and throw open the door.
There's plenty of room at this party.' **Oh, come to a
party that's soon and free.**

Oh, come to a party, my VIPs!

There once was a man who wanted to host a
party for friends, the ones he loved most, his
nearest and dearest, the VIPs.
I hear that means you and also means me.
It's for the many, not for the few.
Come as you are and bring a friend too. The
only thing you that have to do is say, 'Yes, I will
come to your party.' **So come to the party, its
soon and its free.**

Come to the party, you're God's VIP!

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity (233280)



**We must remind ourselves God loves us all,
no one is excluded.**



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 November edition to:
Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
before 15th October 2021



