

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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## 4-Thought October 2022



My grateful thanks to those who responded to my plea in last month's Grapevine. Some very thought-provoking answers which will give the Church council plenty to think about.

We're heading to autumn, and soon will be celebrating our Harvest Festival, our appeal is not for perishable goods, but dried so that we can, as in years gone by, donate them to Restos du Coeur.

The Restaurants du Cœur (literally Restaurants of the Heart but meaning Restaurants of Love), is a French charity, the main activity of which is to distribute food packages and hot meals to those in need. The association targets homeless and those with a low or a very low income (single families, old people with a low pension, young adults...). The association also helps people to find housing and supports other projects. This not-for-profit association has the "reconnu d'utilité publique" (recognized as being of public interest) status which exempts it from specific taxes.

The comedian and actor Coluche launched the idea of the Restos du Cœur on 26 September 1985. "I have a little idea, a bit like this... If there are people who would be interested in sponsoring a free soup kitchen, we'd start first in Paris and then spread to France's big cities." The first Resto du Coeur opened on 21 December that year and soon multiplied all over the country. The goal of the founders was to give away 2,000 to 3,000 meals per day; 8.5 million meals were distributed in the first winter alone. In 2018, 130 million meals were served. All Saints Vendée is pleased and proud to be able to support the organisation. We are indebted to Mike Mylod for all he has done as our liaison with the local branch and look forward to welcoming him back once he has recovered from illness. (with thanks to Wikipedia).

I'm sure you will all have other reminders, but, remember that the clocks go back on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Enjoy the extra hour!!

Hazel

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## **HM Queen Elizabeth II (21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022)**

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Despite her 96 years, her death has come as a shock to many. I'm sure we all have special personal memories in different ways from her long and glorious reign.

ASV had a special communion service on the Sunday following her death at Balmoral. Doug Green has placed an entry in the online Book of Condolence from all of us. Should any one wish to record their own then the Church of England has a site: <https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen/her-majesty-queen-book-condolence>

Other sites are available.

*From The Bishop in Europe: The Rt Revd Robert Innes, has spoken of his great sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Queen, who was 96, died this afternoon at Balmoral. In a statement, Bishop Robert offered his condolences to the Royal Family, describing the Queen as a deeply loved and cherished monarch whose Christian faith had been her strength and guide.*

*"It is with the greatest sadness that we have learned of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. On behalf of the Diocese in Europe, I would like to send my condolences to the Royal Family at this painful time. We will remember them in our prayers. Queen Elizabeth's Christian faith was her strength and guide throughout her life. It will be a comfort to us as we mourn her passing."*

President Macron said in an address:

*She held a special status in France and a special place in the hearts of the French people. No foreign sovereign has climbed the stairs of the Élysée Palace more often than she, who honoured France with six state visits and met each of its presidents. For her, French was not a mere relic of Norman ancestry that persisted in so many customs, but an intimate, cherished language. The Queen of sixteen kingdoms loved France, which loved her back. This evening, the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are mourning their Queen. The people of France join them in their grief.*

*She who stood with the giants of the twentieth century on the path of history has now left to join them. The French Republic and the people of France extend their long-standing friendship and deep sorrow to His Majesty the King, to the Royal Family, to His Majesty's Government and to the British people.*

He further commented: "to us she was THE Queen."

Let us pray for our newly proclaimed King. That he will be guided by the Lord as he fulfils his duties as the King of the United Kingdom. God save the King.

Hazel



**Below is an excerpt from the British Ambassador's message to the British community at a condolence service held at St. George's on the passing of Her late Majesty The Queen:**

*Her Majesty was the only monarch that the majority of British people ever knew. She was a constant in our lives and in those of millions of people in the realms, the Commonwealth and the entire world. She embodied what it meant to be British and gave to her nation steadfast leadership, courage, joy, and, when necessary, hope.*

*Tributes to HM the Queen have flowed in from around the world. But I wanted to mention her relationship with France in particular. As President Macron said, "She loved France and France loved her back". She was a fluent French speaker, courtesy of her mother's desire that she should master the language as a child. She made many visits here during her life. Her first official visit, as Princess Elizabeth, was in 1948 and reminds us of the remarkable continuity that she has represented, connecting us all across generations. Over the years, she met 10 French Presidents and had a deep appreciation of the subtleties of the relations between our countries – our history of shared sacrifice and of friendly rivalry. As she put it once, "the Latin and Anglo-Saxon worlds are like oil and vinegar: very different but you need them both to make a proper dressing."*

*Her contribution to the relations between our countries will outlast her. As M. le Président put it "Le lien entre la France et le Royaume-Uni est indéfectible. Nous continuerons à le tisser, en suivant le chemin tracé par Sa Majesté la Reine Elizabeth II."*

*I would like to thank the British community for your support at this sad moment for our nation, and to the many members of the French Government and other leading figures for your displays of condolence.*

*I will finish by sharing a couplet from the poem 'Floral Tribute' that Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate has written to mark Her Majesty's passing:*

*"The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,  
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight."*

*God Save The King*

*The British Ambassador to France,  
Dame Menna Rawlings*

*Chaplain, All Saints, Vendée*

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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  
Peter  
Polly

*...and for the bereaved:*

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: davidlpearson@orange.fr]*



## Churchwardens' Notes for October 2022

These notes are being written a few days after the death of Queen Elizabeth on the 8th. September. As announced in church, an entry has been made in the online Book of Condolence on behalf of All Saints, Vendée. If you wish to make your own entry the book can be found on the website [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk). The ASV entry reads:-

"From France, the congregations of the Anglican Chaplaincy of All Saints, Vendée wish to record their profound sense of loss following the death of our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth. We give thanks to God for her life and dedication to duty which was an inspiration to us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with our new sovereign King Charles and all the Royal Family at this sad time."

**Future of ASV** - We repeat the plea that we need new ideas. The future of All Saints Vendee is in our hands. Please think and pray about this as Hazel specially asked us. If we want our church community to continue, we need to think clearly about our future and do something about it.

**Lay involvement** - There are many jobs to do to make our church run smoothly but fewer people to do them. We are still looking forward to welcoming "new blood" to join us in any of the present jobs and, also, a volunteer is needed to become our Communications Officer to liaise with external publications for example. We also need a Sacristan at PDS. Please talk to us if you need more information.



**Organ Fund** - Some donations have been made but, we are sure, there will be more. Please send donations to our treasurer or place them in an envelope marked "organ fund" and place in the collection basket. Thank you.

**Dates for your diary** - These are the significant dates in the next three months.

9th October - Harvest Thanksgiving service at PDS. No decorations in church but please bring dry, non-perishable goods that can be taken to Resto de Coeur for distribution.

28th October - Friday- Quiz at PDS with a second, hopefully, on 18th November.

13th November. Remembrance Sunday PDS

11th December. 1600 hrs -Bilingual Lessons and Carols Service at Vouvant Church not PDS.

18th December. 1100, Christingle Service by Zoom

24th December, 1600 Christmas Eve Communion at PDS

Please note the Quiz on the 28th October. This is the resumption of our social events and we look forward to seeing friends old and new. Please try to form a team with friends and neighbours to swell the numbers - or just come and we will form teams on the night.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Doug and Margaret



# Dates for your Diary

## October 2022



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

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1<sup>st</sup> October Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at La Chapelle Palluau

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** and **Harvest Festival** at Puy de Serre  
+ Restos collection point

13<sup>th</sup> Thursday **Sewing Circle**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11hr00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2pm **Ladies Circle** Cards and tags

28<sup>th</sup> Friday 18hr00 **QUIZ** at the Salle in Puy de Serre

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> October Monday All Souls Day

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# 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 2pm **Sewing Circle**

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

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

18<sup>th</sup> Friday- **Quiz** at PDS – to be confirmed.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2pm



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

31<sup>st</sup> November Thursday

## Forward Planning:

11th December. 1600 **Bilingual Lessons and Carols Service** at Vouvant Church, not PDS.

18th December. 1100 **Christingle Service** by Zoom

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# Grapevine Treasurer's Report:

August 2022:

Income: 772.00 €

Expenditure: 430.94 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 340.91 €.

A very quiet month financially! (It was August, after all!)

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 [mgregor@laloette.com](mailto:mgregor@laloette.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".

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)



## LECTIONARY READINGS October into November 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lamentations 1.1-6

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

*Psalm 137 (or 137.1-6)*

23<sup>rd</sup> October

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Joel 2.23-end

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Luke 18.9-14

*Psalm 65 (or 65.1-7)*

9<sup>th</sup> October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7

2 Timothy 2. 8-15

Luke 17.11-19

*Psalm 66.1-11*

6<sup>th</sup> November

The Third Sunday before Advent

Job 19.23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2,1-5, 13-end

Luke 20.27-38

*Psalm 17.1-9 (or 17. 1-8)*





# 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.....



## EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

### SEPTEMBER INTO OCTOBER

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
Sunday 2nd October	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Puy de Serre	11.00	Harvest Thanksgiving HC	HD		AC			DP	BC JM		17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		MK			SP	CM GK		Last Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### FORWARD PLANNING - October into November

	9 <sup>th</sup> October HC - Harvest 11h00 Salle at PdS	23 <sup>rd</sup> October HC 11h00 Salle at PdS
Responsibility (Organiser)		
Salle Setup/Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		
Flower Rota (Barbara Matthews at PdS)	✓	✓

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.



*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:*



*ASV Ladies Circle*

*Resto du Cœur;*

*Quiz details; Sunday Club, Olwyn-Ann Cook writes..., The Remnants meet again*

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# ASV Fun



Date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 18.00 hrs

Place: The Salle at Puy de Serre.

Cost: 10€ to include the meal

Booking: By Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the latest  
(with details of your group and vegetarian option)

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



ASV is holding a 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.

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**

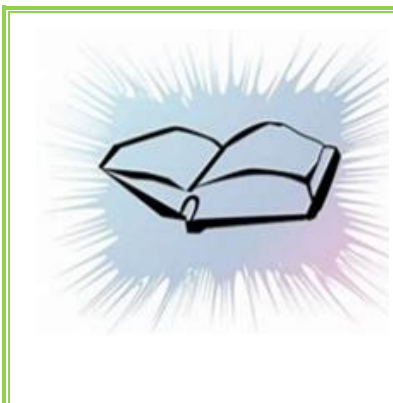
..... and just to add:

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)





*After the last Grapevine, I received this newsy letter from Olwyn-Ann Cook in Australia. We love to hear from our friends around the world and Olwyn-Ann's friends who are still "in the West" will remember times spent together.*

Hi,

Just got the newsletter and really enjoyed reading it. I do miss the church of the Vendée and the meetings in-between I used to attend in the West.

The church I attend here is losing members - as are so many others but we soldier on trying to get more younger people involved and interested.

On a personal note, I was found to have skin cancer on my cheek which necessitated surgery, testing of the lymph nodes and a skin graft. Thankfully I was given the all-clear last week, just have to go back to the hospital every 4 months and then have a skin check head to toe every 6 months at my doctors. The hospital system here gets knocked, a bit like the NHS, but I found it was marvellous - I was petrified having got to my age and never having had a general aesthetic but from surgeons to ward orderlies they were just awesome.

One really good thing happened in the Cook family this week, my son Neville who transferred from the RN to the RAN in 2007 was promoted to Captain RAN. Talk about a proud mum!! When I was asked, with his wife Angie, to put his new insignia up I thought my heart would burst with pride. Not bad for a young lad who joined as an erk in 1986 and worked his way up through the ranks.



We here are waiting for Spring to arrive, it's been a bad winter on the whole and in the past couple of weeks we've had lots of - temperatures, getting as low as -7 a few times.

Take care and God bless.

Warmest regards

Olwyn-Anne

# 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

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

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

Thursday 27th **October**, 2pm  
Ladies Circle  
Cards and tags

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

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

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



### Table top sale

Thursday 24th **November**, 2pm

Ladies Circle – Invite friends for a cuppa.

Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

## The Remnants - 18<sup>th</sup> September



Amid all the celebrations for our Queen's life, The Remnants met in tiny corner of Vendée, far from the amazing queuers, waiting to pay last homage to Elizabeth II, "For a Life Well Lived."

We met at the home of Alison and Ian and this Sunday we were 10 in number. Happily, we were joined by ex-members now living in UK, Jane and Graham, and Christine and Raffé. It was lovely to have them, bringing a freshness to our meeting, as we caught up with their lives.

It was a wonderful crisp sunny day, (what a relief from the heat of summer which seemed to go on and on) as Alison led us, bringing in the wonderful happenings in London: The winding seraphic queue of peoples of all nations, all colours, handicapped, children, grandmothers, helping each other, sharing the tears and the cake, showing what the Queen most valued, love and caring.

We read a verse from Ecclesiasticus 'there is a Time for Everything', a time to be Happy and a time to Grieve. There was an atmosphere of the Queen's own motto when reading 1Corinthiens 4 Jesus urging believers to - Imitate Me.

We sang wonderful hymns, appropriate for the day, :  
In Christ Alone, Power of Christ, How deep is His Love.

Surely out of these celebrations in UK will come many good things.

Afterwards we had tea and coffee and a catch-up with the news of the visitors. Also, Linda and Nigel's cruise on the Queen Mary where the news of the Queen's death was announced and the Captain and crew organized a service for the passengers which was well attended and greatly appreciated.



Joyce





## Sunday Club



*What would you do if Jesus came to your house??  
Something to read and think about!  
Let me know your thoughts when we next meet.*

### IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day  
or two  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what  
you'd do.  
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to  
such an honored guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him would  
be the very best.  
And you would keep assuring Him you're  
glad to have Him there  
That serving Him in your own home is joy  
beyond compare.

But—when you saw Him coming, would you  
meet Him at the door  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your  
heav'nly visitor?  
Or would you have to change your clothes  
before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the bibles  
where they'd been?  
Would you turn off the radio and hope He  
hadn't heard  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last loud,  
hasty word?  
Would you hide your worldly music and put  
some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would  
you rush about  
And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or  
two with you,  
Would you go right on doing the things you  
always do?  
Would you keep right on saying the things  
you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from  
day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its  
usual pace,  
And would you find it hard each meal to say  
table grace?  
Would you sing the songs you always sing  
and read the books you read  
And let Him know the things on which your  
mind and spirit feed?  
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere  
you'd planned to go,  
Or would you maybe change your plans for  
just a day or so?

Author Unknown

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Jenny



# Sunday Club



Please tell me a story...



Jesus was known as Joseph, the carpenter's son. He didn't seem to be different from other men in Nazareth, yet people flocked to hear Him in the sort of numbers we associate with major football games and rock concerts.

What attracted them? Jesus was a storyteller: we call His stories parables, such as The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast (Matthew 13:31-35; Mark 4:30-32); The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 3:18-21), (Luke 10:30-37).

He knew how to weave His message, what He wanted to teach us, into stories about everyday things and events that everyone could relate to. We human beings love stories: as soon as we have learnt a bit of language, we want our parents to tell us stories, and once we know the stories, we don't allow our parents to get them wrong!

When Jesus walked the Earth, there was no television or the internet, so a good storyteller was highly prized. And when His audience discovered that this Story Teller could heal the sick in mind and body, feed the hungry and forgive sins, they knew they were in the presence of someone very special, unique: the Messiah, the Son of God, Our Saviour.

Trudy



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".  
My thanks to all the Contributors.

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before 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022

