

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



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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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4-Thought October 2023



So the nights are beginning to draw in, though it does not yet seem quite the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. As I have, in recent months, I checked the diary of Saints for this month. It's a long list so here are edited highlights:

- 4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226
- 6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644
- 12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
- 12 Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
- 15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582
- 16 Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and
Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555
- 18 Luke the Evangelist
- 26 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

You already know of my attachment to St. Francis. Another name caught my eye on this list, so I read more... St. Cedd of Lastingham.

This month marks 55 years since Martin and I were married, for the first few years we lived in a place called Lichfield famous for its Cathedral of St Chad. Later we moved to North Yorkshire to a small market town called Pickering. Okay, you ask, what is the connection? Well, Lastingham is in an area called Ryedale, about six miles west of Pickering. St Cedd died of the plague in 664 and his brother took over as abbot. The brother? St. Chad, who moved shortly afterwards to Lichfield. Life is full of fascinating coincidences, or God incidences?

We, thankfully, don't know what our days may bring. Tomorrow is always a new page, new experiences, some good, some bad. We move through those events in trust and faith, trust in our Lord and faith in His Father. It has become my habit to say the following each day before I sit at my computer, I hope one day to be able to look back and think I managed that today!!

Hazel.

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
 or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
 or brought low for you;

let me be full,
 let me be empty,
let me have all things,
 let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
 to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'

Grapevine Treasurer's Report: August 2023:

Income: 943.40 €

Expenditure: 1573.25 €

We have a **negative** balance for the month: -629.85 €

As I indicated last month, this month's figures show a deficit, having paid a few bills that came in in August.

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



Sunday Club

"No one will be turned away,
everyone is welcome

Calling all children, including holidaymakers,
to attend Sunday Club.

Do **please** let us know a couple of days in advance, if you'd like to come, so that we can prepare something special for you."



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

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

SO

KEEP READING.....

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Colin and Hester
Gini and Martyn
Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo
Liam (*Polly's nephew*)
Nel (*Mair & John Pugh's*
daughter)

Pat and **Roy**
Polly
Bob (*Revd Caroline's*
Husband)
Jo and **Brian**

...and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of
Malcolm Butcher

The family and friends of
Richard (Dick) Hardwick

The family and friends of
Bill Stocking

The family and friends of
Eelan Hodgson

The family and friends of
Jean Gibbs

*[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David Pearson.
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Churchwardens' Notes For October 2023

FUNDRAISING

Your Council are very aware that, apart from the quiz evenings, there has been very little fundraising carried out by ASV. We need your help! We need fresh ideas and volunteers to run any fundraising event both for ASV or an event where all or some of the profits go to another charity. Please "put your thinking caps on" and contact us or any Council member to discuss your ideas. It will be a great help if you could contact us in the near future so ideas can be prioritised at the next Council meeting at the beginning of November. Many thanks!

QUIZZES


We said a sad farewell to Dee and Curtis at the quiz in September prior to their return to the U.K. - we will miss them! The quiz was very successful and many thanks to everyone who attended - many of whom were not congregation members - and to everyone who helped in any way or made a dessert for the meal. The next quiz will be in November (probably the 17th but "date to be confirmed ") so we do hope you can come and bring friends and neighbours - everyone has enjoyed themselves so far!

FUTURE SERVICES

A few dates to note for future services:-

08/10/2023 Harvest Thanksgiving service at PDS.

Please bring dry goods that can be donated to Restos du Coeur.

12/11/2023  Remembrance Service at PDS - poppies will be available soon.

10/12/2023 Holy Communion at PDS 11.00 and then]

10/12/2023 Christingle Service, 1600 via ZOOM.]

17/12/2023 Lessons and Carols service at VOUVANT Church 1100.

24/12/2023 Christmas Eve - Holy Communion - time and venue to be confirmed.

Looking forward to seeing you at Church and at social events. Remember the future of ASV is in your hands. Please feel free to discuss any ideas with us - or if you would like to run a fundraising event.

With our love and blessings
Margaret and Doug



Dates for your Diary

October 2023



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

8th Sunday 11hr00 **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** at Puy d Serre.
Please bring dry goods that can be donated to Restos du Coeur.

15th Sunday

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

29th Sunday 02hr00 **Clocks go BACK**

31st October Tuesday All Souls Day

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



Dates for your Diary



November 2023

1st November Wednesday All Saints Day

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

11th Saturday Armistice Day

12th Sunday 10hr50 start for **Remembrance Service** at Puy de Serre

- poppies will be available soon.



16th Thursday **Ladies Circle** - Jane will be showing us how to “clean green”

17th Friday **Quiz?** (Contact Fiona because confirmation of venue is still required)

19th No service

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

30th November Thursday St Andrew's Day

Forward Planning for your December Diary:

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EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER

DATE 2023	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRESIDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	INTERCESSOR	READERS	NOTES
Sunday 1 st October	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD	HD		SS-J			
Sunday 8 th October	Puy De Serre	11.00	HC	HD	HD	AC	SS-J	MK	GK/DP	
Sunday 15 th October	No Service									
Sunday 22 nd October	Puy De Serre	11.00	HC	HD	HD	JM	AM	MM	KS/AC	
Sunday 29 th October	No service									
Sunday 1 st November	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00					SS-J			

**IF YOU FIND YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT CHURCH ON "YOUR" DAY,
PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE A SWAP AND INFORM THE WORSHIP LEADER**

FORWARD PLANNING

OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER

Responsibility (Organiser)	8th October Puy de Serre 11hr00	22 nd October Puy de Serre 11hr00
Refreshments after the service in Salle at Puy de Serre (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny (Please note: No Bring & Share Lunch)	Jenny (Please note: No Bring & Share Lunch)
Flower Rota (Contact Barbara Matthews)	-	-

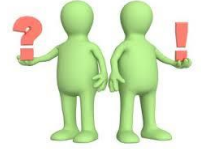
This Forward Planning Rota displays those essential responsibilities which make our Services and Refreshments afterwards possible. If you feel able to "fill in the blanks," please contact the Organiser concerned.



These are YOUR pages.....

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

The Remnants; Ladies Circle; Resto du Cœur; Keeping in Touch; 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

... .. 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
See : [Revd Martyn Crompton's recent sermon](#)





Sunday Club



Something to chew over...

The first lesson is written in The Wisdom of Solomon, the seventh chapter, beginning at the seventh verse:

« I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth. I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them; but I did not know that she was their mother.

I learned without guile and I impart without grudging; I do not hide her wealth, for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals; those who get it obtain friendship with God, commended for the gifts that come from instruction. »

Trudy

*“I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love,
even when there’s no one there.
And I believe in God,
even when He is silent.
I believe through any trial,
there is always a way*

*But sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
to know someone’s there
But a voice rises within me, saying
Hold on my child,
I’ll give you strength,
I’ll give you hope.
Just stay a little while*

*I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love
even when there’s no one there
But I believe in God
even when He is silent
I believe through any trial
there is always a way.*

*May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace....”*

— Unknown (written during WW2, on the wall of a cellar, by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp)

Trudy

The Remnants

September 2023

La Chapelle Palluau



Today we feel that autumn is arriving and our hot summer is coming to an end. Days are drawing in and at 8:30pm night is already preparing its arrival. Also, the oh so dark mornings! that I dislike, missing the bright early mornings of summer.

The Remnants met at my house on the 27th August, five of us. Alison and Ian and Peggy, and the so welcome arrival of Jo. Our meeting was warm and friendly as we continued to discuss Samuel and the place he took in the lineage of Jesus. It's always interesting to learn how each person and events in the Bible fit into this history. With all the terrible happenings of recently, and human suffering are we all living through this history?

We sang our hymns and each had prayers to offer, and a shared lunch was the cherry on the cake.

Our next meeting at Linda and Nigel the 10th of September was equally enjoyable, where we discussed Blessings. We were eight, Alison and Ian and Peggy, Linda and Nigel, Christine, Joyce and Jo. We sang Happy Birthday to Peggy for her 93rd birthday. It was a very hot day and we had the fan going, and Lexi the dog joining in our time together.

Nigel read one of his beloved psalms that reflected on the trials of our world. Linda talked of what Blessings are, and how each of us should see them and be thankful.

Coffee and biscuits were enjoyed afterwards, and the dates set for future meeting.

Joyce



ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

The Ladies' Circle Meeting and Sewing Group

Women's Fellowship - Ladies Group -

We're always happy to receive new members – Everyone is welcome

October 18th Thursday - subject to be arranged.

November 16th Thursday - Jane will be showing us how to clean green.

Contact either Joan Stewart or Jenny

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It's a real joy to hear from our ASV friends....Keeping in touch....

Dear Friends,

It has been good to be with you again this summer. Thank you again for your prayers for Gini and myself. We will both be seeing our doctors when we get home in September and, provided all goes well we hope to return in November for a few weeks.

During our stay we have heard of the deaths of three of our friends. In church we missed seeing friends who are no longer with us, either because they have returned to the UK or have died. This is a sad reminder of our own mortality.

In my case, and I'm sure I'm not alone, I am aware that energy levels are decreasing, as is my capacity for remembering, seeing, even with glasses, and hearing, even with aids. Meanwhile increasing aches and pains remind me that my body no longer works as well as it used to do and will continue to deteriorate with age.

Our Christian faith tells us we need not fear. Jesus died and rose again and we believe so shall we. Death has lost its sting. When our time on earth comes to an end a place awaits us in heaven. As the hymn says, 'When the roll is called up yonder, we'll be there.' Thanks be to God.

But the ageing process, with its discomforts and losses, is not pleasant and we can find ourselves wondering what tomorrow holds, and how we may cope with its arrival. God only knows what may come our way but He has promised to be with us no matter what. Nothing can ever separate us from His love for us in Jesus.

Here is a prayer I found this week which blessed me. May it also bless you.

The day is gone, and I give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Evening is at hand, furnish it with brightness.

*As day has its evening so has life, the eve of life is old age,
age has overtaken me, furnish it with brightness.*

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

*Even in my old age be Thou He, and even to hoar hairs carry me, do Thou make,
do Thou bear, do Thou carry and deliver me.*

Abide with me Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent of this fretful life.

Let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness.

From the Private Prayers of Lancelot Andrewes

With our love and prayers,
Martyn and Gini

This from friends of ASV in Melbourne Oz who visited Puy de Serre five years ago.....

A little boy was waiting for his mother. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a laugh; "You're kidding me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

Liz and John

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

Please send your items and comments for the **November edition**
to: Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com **before 15th October 2023**

