

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

 *The Grapevine* 

October 2019

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Fore-Thought



From your Chaplain:



I've lived and worked in France for 23 years now, so you would be correct in thinking that I'm settled and happy here. I have a moan from time to time, (who doesn't?), about French bureaucracy, and wonder how some businesses actually manage to survive considering their inefficiency.

Shortly after I started work in 1998, I was summoned by CPAM for a medical, called a bilan de santé. Not sure why, I presented myself at the address in Poitiers at 8-30 in the morning, à jeune. I was checked in, my blood was taken, remember Tony Hancock in the blood donor? Then to my amazement, was offered croissants and coffee, before the next round of tests. To cut a long story short, I was deemed sound in wind, limb, ears, and eyes, (and other parts) and left the building just before 10-30. I was utterly amazed. Had I been at the mercy of the NHS, each test would have required a separate appointment, and report back appointment. Not so here. How organised is that?

Every five years since then, I have undergone the same battery of tests. It's reassuring to know that all is well, and that I am reasonably healthy. At least any problems identified are resolved before they cause greater trouble. So, in the coming months I'm hoping we can begin a "bilan" of the health of All Saints Vendée. There are several reasons for this. Not least is the somewhat malign influence of the "B" word. Our worshipping numbers are shrinking, consequently our giving is reduced. Get the Treasurer on the subject and he will tell you in great detail!

As many of you are aware, we face many challenges, not least of which is growing new leadership, when many of our previous and current leaders have moved elsewhere in France or are returning or have already returned to the UK. We recently held a workshop for new and existing Intercessors and Eucharistic Assistants, and it was hugely encouraging to have a great response, we will revisit at a future date.

I hope that we can undertake this audit and will be asking the Council to begin the necessary planning very shortly. Please pray for this initiative, that it might be what we need to carry us forward, becoming a stronger, vibrant and caring church community.

Please will you all, near or far, put your thinking caps on, and let me know your favourite hymns, and the reason why they are favourite? This all started from a remark that a friend made, after I had chosen the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" for a service. He said that it had been sung at their wedding, as indeed it was at ours. How many others have chosen that wonderful song for their wedding day? What other hymns might have significance to you? Do let me know. One day we may even have an in-house choir and it might be possible to have "Songs of Praise" type service!

Blessings

Hazel



Sunday Club



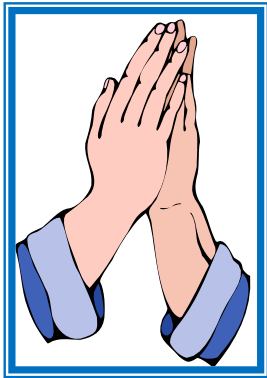
*Sunday Club continues to take place in the Salle at Puy de Serre.
If you know of any children who would like to join our Sunday Club
please bring them along at 11a.m.
They will be most welcome.*

Sunday Club will resume on the 13th October with stories, quizzes, fun games and sweets (JUST A FEW) XXJENNY

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

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Harriet (Granddaughter of
Tonie & Chris)

Barbara (UK friend of
Polly)

Barbara

Isi and family (friend of Pat
& Roy)

Jenny and Ray

Joan

Penny and David (friends of David & Sally)

Pam and Brian

Pat and Roy

Pat and David

Dick

Peter

Tim and Jill

Heidi and her parents Joël and Jo (family friends
of Hazel and Martin)

....and for the recently bereaved and their families:

Ted and his family, following the death of his wife **Joan** (**Marian's** elder sister)

Maggie C and her family, following the death of her brother, **David**.

Lisa, friend of Sally and David, following the death of her husband, **Steve**

Jonathan Mark Sykes, died unexpectedly on 2 September 2019, aged 58.
Please hold his sisters, **Hazel and Wendy**, niece **Samantha**, his carers and friends
in your prayers

[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]



October into November 2019

CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

HC = Holy Communion; MW- Morning Worship

LCP = La Chapelle Palluau PdS = Puy de Serre

Liturgical Colours for the day are included

The Psalm for each week is included to guide your reading at home

6th October Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lamentations 1.1-6 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10

Psalm 137 (or 137.1-6)

13th October Sunday 11h00 Harvest Festival/Holy Communion The Barn, La Pardiere 17th Sunday after Trinity

(Harvest Service) Isaiah 35: 1-10 Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Psalm 65

20th October Sunday - No Service

27th October Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre Last Sunday after Trinity

Joel 2.23-end 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 Luke 18.9-14

Psalm 65

3rd November Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 4th Sunday before Advent (red or green)

Isaiah 1.10-18 2 Thessalonians ch.1 Luke 19.1-10


Psalm 32.1-10



Dates for your Diary



October 2019

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	
6th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch
7th	
8th	
9th	
10th	Thursday, 2.30pm Sewing Circle Cakes: Topic:
11th	
12th	Saturday 14hr30 Decoration of The Barn for Harvest Festival.
13th	Sunday 11h00 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion at The Barn, La Pardiere. Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch
14th	
15th	
16th	
17th	
18th	
19th	
20th	Sunday No Service
21st	
22nd	
23rd	
24th	Thursday, 2.30pm Ladies' Circle Cakes: Jenny Topic: Lemon/orange curd [Jenny]
25th	
26th	
27th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch
28th	
29th	
30th	
31st	Thursday  Italian Night at Puy de Serre 17hr30 for 18hr00. <i>Contact Polly Ward for tickets</i>



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4th

5th



6th

7th Thursday 2.30pm **Sewing Circle**

Cakes: Topic:

8th

9th

10th Sunday 10h50  **Service of Remembrance** at Puy de Serre
followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Salle 

11th *(No Remembrance Service at Angles this year)*

12th

13th

14th

15th

16th

17th Sunday No Service

18th

19th

20th

21st

22nd

23rd Saturday **Winter Craft Fair** 11hr00-15hr00 (contact Marian Rackham)

24th Sunday 11h00 **Holy Communion** at Puy de Serre

25th Monday 10h00 **Ministry Team Meeting** at the Vicarage

26th

27th

28th

29th Friday **50th Anniversary Quiz**

30th

Notes for your December Diary:

1st December 11h00 Advent Service at La Chapelle Palluau

8th December 11h00 Lessons & Carols (no Communion) Puy de Serre

15th December 16h00 Christingle Service at Puy de Serre

22nd December 11h00 Holy Communion Puy de Serre

24th December 16h00 Christmas Eve Communion with Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards
at Puy de Serre

29th December No services

5th January 2020 Holly Communion La Chapelle Palluau


EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA
OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER 2019

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVIC E	PRES	PRCH	WL	ORG	CH	INT	READER S	WEL	NOTES
October												
06/10/2019	LCP	11:00	H.C.	MCr	MCr	MCr	S.S-J	JC	MCr	CG/HG		16 th after Trinity
13/10/2019	The Barn, La Pardiere	11:00	Celtic Harvest	HD	HD	DM	S.S-J	MK	MM	JM/BM	GK/ MK	Harvest Festival 17 th after Trinity
20/10/2019	No service											18 th after Trinity
27/10/2019	PDS	11:00	H.C	HD	HD	AC	-	MM	DG	PW/MC	DM/ CG	Last Sunday after Trinity
November												
3/11/2019	LCP	11:00	H.C	HD	HD	HD	S.S-J	JC	PW	LG/JB		4 th Sunday before Advent

October into November 2019 FORWARD PLANNING

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)	6th October HC 11h00 LCP	13th October Harvest/HC 11h00 Barn, La Pardiere	20th October	27th October HC 11h00 PdS	3rd November HC 11h00 LCP
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		-	No Service	Parkyn/ Green	
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		Jenny Wilkinson		Dee & Curtis Parkyn	
 <i>Altar Flowers will not be required in the Church at PdS. Thanks to everyone who provided flowers in the Salle.</i>		Decorating The Barn Saturday 12 th October			

Your Churchwardens write:



October 2019

On the 16th September a successful training day was held at Mike Mylod's house focussing on leading Intercessions and administering the Chalice as a Eucharistic Minister. Many thanks to Hazel for leading this training - especially as she had only just returned from the U.K., arriving at 0200 that day! Thanks also to Mike for hosting the event and to all who attended.

The "Grand Reopening" of Puy de Serre Church takes place 29th. September at 1100 and ASV members are invited. To avoid embarrassing our Catholic friends please note that non-Catholics should not take communion at this service. The planned Celtic Service has been postponed but only until 13th October which is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This will take place at "Kent's Barn" - thank you Geoff and Maggie- and Hazel is planning the service to have a Celtic theme. Please try to help Geoff and Maggie to decorate the barn for Harvest from 1430 on Saturday 12th October. Coffee and Bring and Share lunch as normal on the Sunday.

Looking ahead, our Remembrance Service will be on the 10th November, starting at 10.50, but we have decided not to visit the Halifax Bomber Crash site on Monday the 11th November. There are many reasons for this decision (distance, poor weather, dwindling numbers, logistics of providing refreshments etc.) but we will try to arrange a commemoration event in 2020 on the anniversary of the crash, June 24th.



And don't forget to alter your clocks on October 27th!



Doug and David

*P.S. A brief summary of the Key Points of the discussions of the Church Council Meeting held on 23/9/19 can now be found on the Website.
www.allsaintsvendee.fr/OurChurch*

Treasurer's Report for August 2019

Income: 1201.89€ (excluding a donation to be used in full to clear the land at the vicarage)

Expenditure: 1184.74€

The balance of: 17.15€ (therefore, remains positive for the month)

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



ADVANTAGES:

If you set up a standing order (virement) through your French bank, online, it is cost-free. If you need help doing this, please just ask me, or other council members.

You stay in total control of what you give – the standing order (virement) can be changed at any time, but only by you!

Only the treasurer knows how much you give per month.

You know what you are giving, and exactly when the money comes out of your account, and so your budgeting is much easier.

If you complete a French tax form, then you will get a rebate of 66% at the end of each financial year in which you have made a contribution. That means that a monthly virement of 30€ per month, will only cost you 10€ after tax. A monthly virement of 60€ will only cost you 20€ etc!

If your French tax bill is small, then you will pay no tax at all.

ASV can plan ahead much more effectively, as it knows what contributions are coming in, rather than guessing who is going to be at church!

If you would like to physically put something into the collection plate each service, then there should be small cards which you can collect on your way into church, which you can put into the collection plate as it is passed round.

DISADVANTAGES:

I can't think of any, so why not come and join the party!

British residents:

If you do not have a French bank account, but would like to support the work of ASV on a regular basis, then please contact me, and I can help you. Please note, you cannot use tax-efficient giving in both France and the UK.

Iain McGregor
Treasurer, ASV
mcgregor@laloquette.com



These are YOUR pages.....

*Once again, my thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine"
Your comments are much appreciated.*



Autumn + Christmas Craft Fair posters in French and English, Ladies' Circle, Recipes Please, Restos du Coeur, 4 go to Verona photo.



An Invitation for you



Italian Night

(Soirée Italienne / Pasto Notturmo Italiano)

Thursday 31 October

17h30 for 18h00

Salle Paroissiale, Puy de Serre

Tickets €15 each (Under 18 €10)

The Menu will include:

Welcome drink: - Prosecco

Starter course: - Cold meats, antipasto, pizza, salad

Main course (to be pre-ordered): -

Lasagne, Carbonara or Caesar Salad with either chicken or salmon

Cheese and Dessert: - help yourself to one or the other

Coffee

The meal will be accompanied by: - Red or White Italian wine or Bottled Italian water

Please contact Polly to pre-book and for more information

Don't forget.....



The time has come to send your

**Favourite Recipes
to Liz and Dee for the Recipe/Cookbook**



Dee at: c.parkyn@sky.com

Liz at: lizlapsley@aol.com



Time Flies! ...we're nearly there.....and Christmas is looming.

The nights are drawing in so it's time to think about the



**Autumn-Christmas Craft Fair
11h00-15h00
Saturday 23rd November 2019
at the Salle, Puy de Serre**



This is a fund-raising event which will need your support if it is to be successful. Please consider printing the posters and flyers (in French and English) and displaying them in all the shops you use, clubs you attend and anywhere which will attract people to the event. (Your car window is a good place but NOT the windscreen!)

Also, please print and circulate the raffle poster for the beautiful quilt.

If you have contributions for the Fair please contact Joan Stewart, Jenny Wilkinson or Marian Rackham.

We look forward to seeing you there so please make sure you put the date in your diary now!

See end pages for Raffle and Christmas Craft Fair Posters and Flyers to print and circulate



Mike Mylod is our link with
Restos du Coeur
and will continue to collect gifts of dry goods, etc.,
every 2nd Sunday of the month
at Puy de Serre to be delivered to the local depot.
Mike can be contacted by phone at: 02 51 51 07 36



Christmas Hamper Raffle



(Hamper for illustration only)

1. Christmas Cake
2. Christmas Pudding
3. Box of Christmas Crackers
4. Elizabeth Shaw Mints
5. Paterson's Shortbread Fingers
6. Coleman's Bread Sauce Pkt
7. Christmas Mulling Spices
8. Tesco's sage and onion Stuffing Mix
9. Tesco's finest cream Sherry
10. Tesco's Mincemeat
11. Tesco's Cranberry Sauce
12. Tesco's finest Cream Cracker Selection
13. Baxter's. Albert's Victorian Chutney
14. Tesco's Pickled Onions.
15. McKay's Scottish Raspberry preserve
16. Bisto Turkey Gravy
17. Packet of Christmas Serviettes
18. Christmas Candle
19. Box of Yorkshire Tea bags

Tickets
1 Euro

*Tickets will be available
from Dee & Curtis Parkyn
after the Sunday services*

ASV LADIES' CIRCLE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019

Thursday 10th October, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 7th November, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 24th October, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jenny
Topic: Lemon/orange curd [Jenny]

Thursday 21st November, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jodi
Topic: Jane`s mystery `thing`

Thursday 12th December, 11am
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas! – crackers, table centres, wreaths, etc
Bring and share Christmas Lunch



Singing Round the Piano.....again...

Please let Stuart know if you would like to join us for
a chance to sing your favourite hymns.



An invitation to join members of ASV at an event celebrating
The Vine, Lyrics and Song
on Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th October



Please contact Sally Pearson for more information (salvpearson@orange.fr)



I do hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".
My thanks to all the Contributors and
Please send your contributions for the
November edition to:
Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
before 15th October 2019



Requests to be included on the emailing list can be addressed to:
Jacqui Stainton-James at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

This could be yours!

ASV Ladies' Circle

This beautiful handmade patchwork quilt and cushion set is to be raffled at the

Christmas Craft Fair

at La Salle Parossiale, Puy de Serre

on Saturday 23rd November 2019 11h00—15h00

Second prize, a hamper of craft materials.

Tickets 1 Euro Proceeds to Alzheimer and cancer Charities



Come and support and see the wonderful range of craftwork for sale. Ideal Christmas Gifts.

All Saints Vendée



CHRISTMAS

CRAFT

11h00-15hr00

Saturday

23rd November 2019

FAIR

Exquisite hand made crafts,
Cards, Christmas gifts,
Christmas produce
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Free Entry

La Salle Parossiale, Puy de Serre



Light refreshments available

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MAIN, ARTICLES POUR BEBES,
ALIMENTS ANGLAIS DE NOEL, TOUT FAIT MAIN



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