

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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THE CHURCH
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The early part of this month of June will be packed with pageantry and events, not only for her Majesty the Queen's official birthday, normally held jointly with the ceremony of Trooping the Colour but, in case you missed the announcement, this year it comes with the celebration of 70 years of her reign. It must be a poignant time for her, centred as it is on the death of her father King George VI, at the age of 56.

Throughout her long life and reign, she has witnessed so many changes, in geo-politics, in society, in government(s), too many to list here. Probably the change with the most impact was the growth of television. Following the reopening of tv after the end of the war, in 1946, and the transmission of the Olympics in 1948, the biggest outside broadcast was that of the Queen's coronation in 1952. I remember watching it, together with most of the family and many of the neighbours, crammed into our sitting room at home.

When she became Queen she also became head of the Church of England. According to the web site "Royal UK" :

The Sovereign holds the title 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England'. These titles date back to the reign of King Henry VIII, who was initially granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' in 1521 by Pope Leo X. When Henry VIII renounced the spiritual authority of the Papacy in 1534 he was proclaimed 'supreme head on earth' of the Church of England. This was repealed by Queen Mary I but reinstated during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who was proclaimed 'Supreme Governor' of the Church of England.

The Queen's relationship with the Church of England was symbolised at the Coronation in 1953 when Her Majesty was anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and took an oath to "maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England".

On the advice of the Prime Minister the Queen appoints Archbishops, Bishops and Deans of the Church of England, who then swear an oath of allegiance and pay homage to Her Majesty. Church of England deacons and parish priests also swear an oath of allegiance to the Sovereign.

The Church of England has produced prayers and liturgy for use during the celebrations, additionally there are prayers for individual use on the web site:

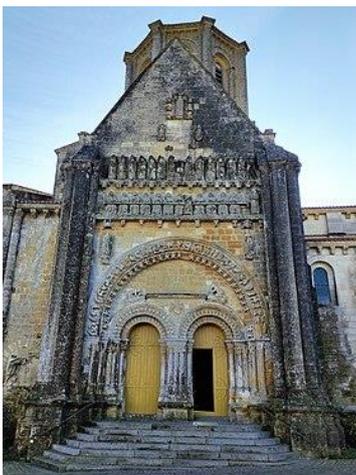
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/liturgical-resources-hm-queens-platinum-jubilee>.

Whatever your plans, spend a few moments giving thanks to God for her life and work.

Hazel

.....and.....

Church of Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption in Vouvant



Following discussions earlier in the year, there will be a service of the Word (Morning Prayer) in the church in the village of Vouvant. This has been facilitated by one of our members and supported by the French Organist of the church.

**It is hoped that some of the visitors to the site will join us.
As with all our worship, all are welcome.**

The service will take place only on the third Sundays of the months of June, July, and August.

The service will start at 11.00, and coffee will be available afterwards at the Chateau de la Recette just down the village from the church. (Details from Hazel: rev.hazel@wanadoo.fr)

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Ann, Brian and family
Ann and Peter
(friends of David and Sally)

Anne

Dick

Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo

Ken

Liam (Polly's nephew)

Malcolm

Pat and Roy

Peter

Sally and David

[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

Grapevine Treasurer's Report

April 2022:

Income: **726.50 €**

Expenditure: **889.71 €**

We have a negative balance for the month: **-163.21 €.**

The negative balance was not unexpected, as costs have been rising - it is the first negative balance this year. We will keep a careful eye on progress!

Iain McGregor

(Treasurer)



Churchwardens' Notes for June 2022

CHAPLAIN'S LICENCE. We are pleased to report that Bishop Robert has renewed Hazel's licence to continue as our Chaplain for a further three years. We look forward to working with her, certainly for the next year, but our own appointments are only for one year at a time. We were re-elected at the AGM (see summary elsewhere in Grapevine) and Hazel formally admitted us to our office, on behalf of the Bishop, at Puy de Serre on May 8th.

BISHOP'S VISIT. A brief report is shown elsewhere in Grapevine but here is just a little more detail of the discussions. The Bishop and Archdeacon emphasised that throughout the Diocese in Europe the Chaplaincies are having to adjust to a post-Brexit and post-COVID world. There has been a great reluctance, in the past, for clergy to take up posts in Europe post-Brexit and All Saints, Vendée is extremely fortunate to have a licensed Chaplain - one of the few Chaplaincies in France in this position! Brexit also caused a marked migration of members of congregations back to the U.K. and then we were hit with covid-19 restrictions which closed churches! Not everyone was able to adjust to online services and it is only now, after two years, that we can begin to return to near-normal services in church. Not everyone has returned and it should be the first aim of Chaplaincies to "in-reach" to encourage their congregations to return. We can then resume our out-reach activities.

CHURCH SERVICES. As mentioned above we are trying to return to "normal" by taking small steps at a time. Strict hygiene measures are still taken but for Holy Communion we now go up to the Lord's Table and Hazel puts a small drop of wine on each wafer so we take both the body and blood without sharing a common cup (not yet). We have recommenced coffee in the hall after the service and are enjoying this fellowship as before. So please return to church if you have been reluctant - we would love to see you!!

FUTURE EVENTS. We need to start some social events. Please contact us with any ideas you may have for repeating any events we have held in the past that you have enjoyed, or any new ideas for events that we could hold in the future. We are not necessarily asking you to run these events - although we would be delighted if you did! - but we need ideas please!

We would love to hear from you! Our phone numbers and email addresses are published on page one. Please feel free to contact us.

With our love and prayers

Doug and Margaret



VISIT OF BISHOP ROBERT TO ASV

The Bishop of Europe, Robert Innes has just completed a visit to all the Chaplaincies of South West France. His visit to All Saints, Vendée took place on Monday, 2nd May where he took a service of Morning Prayer.

He was accompanied by the Archdeacon of France, and the Area Dean of SW France. This was the first visit of this kind but it was hoped to become an annual event. After the service, Bishop Robert gave a short talk outlining how he viewed recent events and how they had impacted on the Diocese of Europe which stretches from Finland down to Morocco and Portugal across to Russia and Ukraine.

Over coffee our three visitors mingled and chatted to church members and then we sat down to an informal Question and Answer session which was very informative. The Bishop's visit had been very hectic for him and it was unfortunate that the only time he could visit us was that Monday morning when there were not many church members available to participate. Nevertheless, it was felt by everyone to have been a very enjoyable and informative morning.

Doug



BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual Meeting of All Saints, Vendee took place on the 26th April, 2022 at 16h00. Authorisation had been received to again hold this meeting on the internet using the Zoom platform.

- * There were 16 people logged on to the meeting
- * Apologies for absence had been received from 12 people
- * The President, Rev. Hazel Door, opened the meeting with prayers.
- * After a word of welcome there was a moment of silence to remember those who had died during the past year.
- * Margaret Kent and Douglas Green were elected as Churchwardens to serve a one-year term.
- * The minutes of the AGM held on the 9th May 2021 were accepted
- * The Electoral Roll report was received. It contains 47 names
- * Fiona McGregor was re-elected to the Church Council to serve a 3-year term.
- * Martin Door will continue his 3-year appointment (2021-2024) as one of our Archdeaconry Synod Representatives. There is still a casual vacancy for a second representative
- * Curtis Parkyn was again appointed as our Independent Examiner and was thanked for his diligence
- * The other reports, circulate in advance of the meeting, were all received and accepted
- * Our President and Chaplain Hazel concluded the meeting with her report and thanks.

The meeting closed with the Grace

Doug Green, Church Warden



Dates for your Diary



June 2022

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

1st June Wednesday

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

9th Thursday 2pm **Sewing Circle**

12th **Trinity Sunday** 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

19th Sunday 11hr00 **Service pf the Word (Morning Prayer) at Church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption at Vouvant (85120)**

23rd Thursday, 2pm **Ladies Circle** Glass painting. Glass painting pens and glasses provided led by Irene.

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

30th June Thursday



Dates for your Diary



July 2022

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

1st July Friday

3rd Sunday 11hr00 La Chapelle Palluau

10th Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

14th Thursday 2pm Sewing Circle

17th Sunday 11hr00 Service of the Word (Morning Prayer) at Church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption at Vouvant (85120)

24th Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

28th Thursday 2pm Ladies Circle Screen printing – led by Jenny; Cakes: Jenny

31st July Sunday

Note also: Sunday 21st August

11hr00 Service of the Word (Morning Prayer) at Church of Notre Dame de l'Assomption at Vouvant (85120)

LECTIONARY READINGS

June into July 2022

5th June

Day of Pentecost / Whit Sunday

Acts 2.1-21
 or Genesis 11.1-9
 Romans 8.14-17
 or Acts 2.1-21
 John 14.8-17 [25-27]
Psalm 104.26-36,37b
(or 104.26-end)

26th June Second Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14
 Galatians 5.1,13-25
 Luke 9.51-end
Psalm 77.1-2,11-end (or 77.11-end)

12th June Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31
 Romans 5.1-5
 John 16.12-15
Psalm 8

3rd July Third Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 5.1-14
 Galatians 6.[1-6]7-16
 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
Psalm 30

19th June First Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19.1-4[5-7] 8-15a
 Galatians 3.23-end
 Luke 8.26-39
Psalm 42;43(or Psalm 42 or 43)



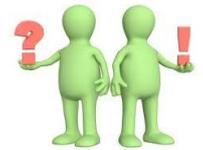
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JUNE INTO JULY

DATE 2022	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
Sunday 5 th June	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD								Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
Sunday 12 th June	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		AC			MK	JP MP		Trinity Sunday
Sunday 19 th June	Vouvant	11.00	Service of the Word (Morning Prayer)									1 st Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 26 th June	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		MM			JM	MC BC		2 nd Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 3 rd July	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00										Thomas the Apostle & 3 rd Sunday after Trinity



These are YOUR pages.....



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

Vicarage Garden,
ASV Ladies Circle;
"Resto du Coeur";
Sunday Club



Vicarage Garden 'Team'

It was suggested at the ASV AGM that there was a secret gardener doing the Vicarage Garden. It was never meant to be a secret... it is us! We took it over as per a request from Marian Rackham when we first came back to France in the summer of 2020... to join a team which actually did not seem to exist.

We have happily potted in and out of the little front garden, weeding the borders and keeping the gravel area tidy, about once a month.

We are sure that most of you know that we are spending more and more time in the UK for family reasons, and therefore it would be really useful if there was one other person, or a couple, who could do the same for the garden when we are not around. It is not onerous and we could perhaps liaise by email regarding visits so that they are not too close together.

Please contact us by email...pughsnews15@gmail.com if you think you can help.

Thank you, and happy gardening!

Praying for rain as we type this!

Mair and John Pugh.

ASV LADIES' CIRCLE

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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Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022

Thursday 9th **June**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 23rd **June**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Glass painting.
Glass painting pens and glasses provided -
led by Irene.
Cakes: Irene

Thursday 14th **July**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 28th **July**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Screen printing –
led by Jenny
Cakes: Jenny

Thursday 11th **August**, 2pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 25th **August**, 2pm
Ladies Circle
**Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue
tba**

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

Thursday 22nd **September**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Macrame –
led by Jane Lock, plus starting makes for
table top sale in November
Cakes: Jean

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

Thursday 27th **October**, 2pm Cards and
tags –
led by Julie and Mel
Cakes: Maggie

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

Thursday 24th **November**, 2pm
Ladies Circle Table top sale –
Invite friends for a cuppa
Cakes: Pat, Jaynie and Joan

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

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



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**



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

P.S. This from Trudy:

Sign seen outside a church in Edinburgh :

"We are not gods, we are God's"

...and there's more...

..... KEEP READING.....



**Did you know
PREVIOUS SERMONS and
TALKS**

can be read at:

www.allsaintsvendee.fr



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 **July edition** to:

Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

before 15th June 2022





Sunday Club



THE DUCK AND THE DEVIL

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm, he was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practised in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw grandma's pet duck, and, out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck Square in

the head, and killed it. He was 😱 shocked and grieved.

In a panic, he hid the dead body in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally let's wash the dishes but Sally said "Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen". Then she whispered to him "remember the duck?" So, Johnny did the dishes.

Later, the Grandparents asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I am sorry but I need Sally to help make the supper". Sally just smiled and said, "well Johnny told me he wanted to help make supper" she whispered again to Johnny "remember the duck?"

So Johnny stayed behind to help make supper, and this continued for several days doing Sally's chores until finally he had had enough. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed her duck. Grandma knelt down and gave him a hug, and said "sweetheart I know, you see I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgive you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you"

THE LESSON:

Whatever is in our past, whatever you have done the 😈 devil keeps throwing it up in your face whatever it was, lying, cheating, fear, anger, bitterness etc.,

YOU NEED TO KNOW that God was standing at the window and he saw the whole thing.....he has seen your whole life; He wants you to know that he loves you and that you are forgiven.

He is just wondering how long you will let the DEVIL make a slave out of you.

He not only forgives you he forgets.....It is by GOD'S GRACE and MERCY we are saved.

Read Psalm 139:1-3

Hebrew 8:12

John 8:34-36

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from wickedness.

AMEN

Jenny and Trudy