

Church of All Saints in the Vendée

“To know and to share Jesus Christ”



The Grapevine



May 2018

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Thanks to our Reader, John Matthews, for contributing our Preface this month.



Preface



Dear Friends,

As I write this, in mid-April, the sun is shining, Spring has finally sprung and we're promised fine, warm, weather for the next few days. Tractors are (at 7.30am) already out in the fields, a cuckoo's calling, a nightingale is singing and the world is waking to a new day. Life begins to feel 'comfortable' again after the privations of a prolonged winter.

The month of May is very important in the Christian calendar, as we celebrate **Ascension Day** (the ascension of Jesus into heaven) on 10th, **Pentecost** (the descent of the Holy Spirit) on 20th, and **Trinity Sunday** (when we acknowledge the threefold nature of God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit) on 27th.

This follows Christ's defeating of death by his resurrection on Easter Day, and his appearances to his disciples to demonstrate this. Now he passes from a physical presence 'here' to being available to us 'everywhere'- and thus able to show his love for us by hearing and responding to our needs and prayers. In explaining to his disciples why he had to 'leave' them to return to the Father, Jesus told them he would send the Holy Spirit as Comforter, Friend and Guide.

The word 'Comforter' in this context, does not mean someone who helps us take things easy but comes from a Latin word which means 'to fortify'. So the Holy Spirit is with us to give us the strength we need to deal with life's challenges. While challenges are many at a national and international level, most of us will not have the opportunity to help resolve them, other than through our gifts of time and financial resources through those organisations in a position to make a difference.

However, wherever we live, we find ourselves involved in a world where there seems to be widespread difficulty in understanding **right** from **wrong**, where **truth** and **lies** are not **opposites** but **nuanced** concepts.

Where we come across injustice of any kind, oppression of the weak by the strong, innuendos about individuals etc., it takes courage to speak up for what is right, knowing that some people will disagree with us and could make life difficult for us. But if we enlist the help of the Holy Spirit, we will find God gives us the strength to find the right words, **to speak up, to stand and be counted.**

We can find it difficult to get on with some people, but that doesn't mean we should not love and help them. Here again, we can do this if we ask the Holy Spirit to help us. We know what Jesus would do and expects us to do. No-one ever promised us that being a Christian would be easy but, as we relax and enjoy life in these warmer months, let's not forget to look around us and try

to make a difference to the lives of those we meet who could use the help we could offer.

John

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May into July 2018

CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

HC = Holy Communion; MW- Morning Worship
LCP = La Chapelle Palluau PdS = Puy de Serre
(The Psalm for each week is included to guide your reading at home)

6th May Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11.00 Rogation Sunday
Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
Psalm 98

13th May Holy Communion Puy de Serre 11.00 Sunday after Ascension Day
Acts 1:15-17,21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
Psalm 1

20th May Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11.00 Pentecost/Whit Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Psalm 104:26-37

27th May Holy Communion Puy de Serre 11.00 Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
Psalm 29

3rd June Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11.00 1st Sunday after Trinity
1 Samuel 3:1-10 or Deuteronomy 5:12-15 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6
Psalm 139:1-58 or 81:1-10

10th June Holy Communion Puy de Serre 11.00 2nd Sunday after Trinity
1 Samuel 8:4-11 or Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35
Psalm 138 or 130

17th June Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11.00 3rd Sunday after Trinity
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13) or Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34
Psalm 20 or 92:1-4,12-15

24th June Holy Communion Puy de Serre 11.00 Birth of John the Baptist
Isaiah 40:1-11 Acts 13:14b-26 or Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 1:57 -66,80
Psalm 85:7-13

1st July Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11.00 5th Sunday after Trinity
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 or Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
Psalm 130 or 30.

8th July Holy Communion Puy de Serre 17.00 6th Sunday after Trinity
(We have just learned that the Salle is not available so this service has been cancelled but an alternative may be found so please check on the website)
2 Samuel 5:1-5 or Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
Psalm 48 or 123

**If you are a Reader, it will be necessary to please check with the
Worship Leader or Church Warden
for any last minute changes*



Dates for your

May 2018



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6th **Sunday 11.00 HC La Chapelle Palluau**

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10th **Thursday Ascension Day**
2.30pm Sewing Circle at the home of Joan Stewart

11th

12th

13th **Sunday 11.00 HC The Salle at Puy de Serre**

14th

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16th

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19th

20th **Whit Sunday/Pentecost 11.00 HC La Chapelle Palluau**

21st

22nd **Tuesday Ministry Team Meeting 10.00** at the Vicarage

23rd

24th **Thursday 2.30pm Ladies Circle**
Cakes: Mel Cream tea at Mel's. Bring your favourite doll/soft toy

25th

26th **Saturday Non-Annual Coffee Morning** at the home of Marian & Richard in Thiré.

27th **Trinity Sunday 11.00 HC The Salle at Puy de Serre**

28th

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A Treasure Hunt is being organised in the summer –
watch this space for details



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May into June 2018 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)	6 th May HC 1100 LCP	13 th May HC 1100 PdS	20 th May HC 1100 LCP	27 th May HC 1100 PdS	3 rd June HC 1100 LCP
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		Parkyn/ Martin		Martin/ Rackham	
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)					
Musicians +/- Organist (Polly Ward)				Stuart	



Sunday Club



*Sunday Club continues to take place 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.*

Barbara and Jenny

*[Please contact Barbara if you require more information:
Phone 02 51 40 51 59, email: bandrkenyon@orange.fr]*

Your Church Wardens write:



Easter Day was marked, this year, with a service in the West. The service was joined by a number from the East and we all enjoyed the celebration of this important day in the Church's calendar. This was followed by a bring and share lunch in the Salle.

The church in Puy de Serre has now closed so that major repair work can be carried out. Services are now being held in the Salle. The first was held on 8th April and some even preferred the more intimate atmosphere.

In April we welcomed Martyn Crompton for his first visit of 2018. I know that we all enjoy his ministry and look forward to meeting with him and Ginny again.

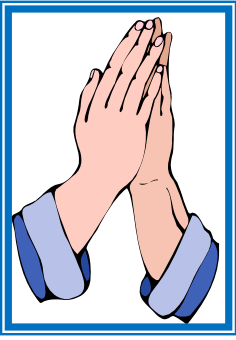
*David
(Puy de Serre)*



In the West, we are still looking for people to do intercessions and readings, as well as welcomers.

I have just returned from a busy and interesting Archdeaconry Synod, where there has been much discussion about the way forward in the Diocese. A full report will be in next month's Grapevine.

*Tonie
(La Chapelle Palluau)*



Prayer List

*In our prayers this month,
we remember:*

Anthea and Keith

Bill

Carole

Chris and Dawn (friends of Polly)

David and Chris (friends of
Richard and Marian)

Henriette

John and Barbara

Stella and Iain

Pam and Brian

Pat

Roy

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

Dick

Lucia

[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David]

This month, David has chosen a poem:

You are Lord:
O may all my being
Sing your sovereignty.
May it sing from,
And of, within,
And with, and to
The wonder
Of your ever present,
Ever radiant
Love and power,
Your all-sustaining essence,
Which human words
Cannot describe -
Yet dares

To adore.

Betty Mitchell



Do you **pay** French taxes?

If so, did you know that:

for every 100 euros that you give to our Church the taxman will reduce your tax bill by 60 euros thus a 100 euro donation will only cost you 40 euros (and you will be able to increase your donation!!!)

You simply need to make your donation in a recordable manner.

You can put your donation in numbered envelopes in the collection box, set up a standing order (virement) or send money to the planned giving officer (Mike Mylod) giving your name and address. At the end of the year your contributions will be totted up and a certificate issued. You enter this amount on your tax return (no need to send proof, just keep your certificate in case you are asked for it) and the taxman will reduce your tax bill by a figure equal to 60% of your donations.

Donations to the vicarage renovation can also qualify for tax relief if made through ASV.

Do you **pay** English taxes?

If so did you know that :

for every £1 donated the UK government will add a further 25p to your donation, not only that you will be able to claim the full value of your donation for tax relief!

We are currently looking to open an account with Stewardship in the UK to enable this.



If you feel that to you would be prepared to donate in this way, please contact the new Planned Giving Officer, Joan Stewart on 00 33 251 00 34 70

Start Planned Giving now or revise your donation.....

.....and let the taxman help our Church!



I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".

My thanks to all the Contributors and
I look forward to hearing from you next time

Please send your contributions for the
June edition to:

Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com
before 15th May



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



In this edition you will discover:

Moving House - Offers from Evelyn
"Why cry? Why not?" from Revd Gareth,
Ladies Circle - Schedule of 2018 Meetings
"Non-Annual Coffee Morning" Updates and Posters

*I have received this invitation to help Evelyn clear her house as she is about to move back to UK. If you are interested in any of the items, please contact Evelyn at her address or by email:
evelyn.smh@gmail.com*

I have sold my house, signing to be completed in May.

I have quite a few items that I cannot take back to England and am willing to give away:

sofa and chairs;
fridge;
freezer;
microwave;
washing machine;
large table and chairs;

old French furniture;
bicycle;
water butt;
metal ladder;
and garden furniture



If you know of anybody who would be interested in them, I don't want any money for them just a **donation to Cancer Research.**

I should like to sell a **flat screen Panasonic LED TXL47ET5E M+ TV and TV cabinet** and would like €100 for each.

* My **sit-on mower** will also be for sale although I must speak to my local mower man to advise me on a reasonable price.

I shall probably arrive in France *Monday 30th April for one week in which I must empty my house and sign.

Many thanks

Evelyn
La Morelière
79240 Largeasse
evelyn.smh@gmail.com

Here is an update about the mower and dates:

*The lawnmower is a Beal Performer 13.5/95H. I bought it 2009. I have asked my mower man who services it and he suggested that €1100 euro ono is a reasonable price for it.

*Due to a change of dates with the notaire we shall be leaving France again on Friday 4th May so now we will only be available from Monday evening to Thursday evening.

Why cry ? Why not ?

Forty days on from Easter Sunday is Ascension Day – this year Thursday 10th May. What has my attention about Luke’s account at the end of his gospel is that the disciples went back to Jerusalem happy. Intuitively, you would have thought they’d have been sad that they had lost for a second time in a short space of time someone they love.

That said, I wonder when it’s okay to cry ? At funerals no doubt. When someone you love is seriously ill ? When the one you love tells you that he/she doesn’t love you and that’s the end of it.

I grew up at time when it was said that boys don’t cry. I might have gone to an East London Boys’ Grammar School but the public school ethos of a stiff upper lip was then the norm.

So why was such control of our feelings thought to be laudable ? I’m guessing it’s because, in spite of whatever happens (and my parents were bombed out of Stepney in the Blitz), you have to get on with things and cope whatever. To have backbone, to be resolute in the face of adversity, was thought to be a good thing.

So why cry ? Because it expresses the hurt we feel, our unease, our unhappiness and by giving expression to our feelings, we can exorcise them. It is by saying that we are distressed and by having wept that we can dry our eyes after, hopefully, being comforted and supported by those who love and care for us.

So I’m guessing that as the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes quite rightly says, ‘there is a time for every purpose under heaven’. But what in your life has made you cry and when did you feel it right to hold back your tears ?

Probably, in this instance, you won’t want to share your thoughts with Jacqui for publication. But if you did . . . ?

*Gareth Randall,
Priest-in-charge,
St Bartholomew’s Dinard*



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018

Thursday 10th May, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 24th May, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes:Mel
Cream tea at Mel`s. Bring your favourite doll/soft toy

Thursday 14th June, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 28th June, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes:Pat M
Cheesemaking with Jane + Games with Sandy

Thursday 12th July, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 26th July, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes:Julie
Watercolour painting with Julie

Thursday 9th August, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 23rd August, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba

Thursday 13th September, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 27th September, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Debbie
Papercraft with Debbie [flowers]

Thursday 11th October, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 25th October, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jen
Dorset buttons with Joan

Thursday 8th November, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle

Thursday 22nd November, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes:Jane
Gentle exercise with Mel and Julie +painting baubles with Debs

Thursday 13th December, **11am**
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas! – crackers, table centres, wreaths,etc
Bring and share Christmas lunch

FINAL WARNING!

PLEASE remember.....

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26th May 2018

10.00h - 12.30h

15, rue de la Cure, THIRÉ

Coffee, Tea, Refreshments

**Books, "Vide Grenier", Tombola
Jewellery, Cake Stall, Plants, Raffle.**

Everybody welcome.

Free entrance

**Have you printed and displayed a poster or two yet,
or printed a few flyers for friends and neighbours?**

If not, PLEASE do so.

**The event is only as good as the publicity,
and if everyone does a little it helps to spread the word.**

Posters and flyers are available in this Grapevine and on the website

www.allsaintsvendee.fr.

They can also be obtained from Marian and Richard,

who will welcome all contributions for the stalls any time after 10th May 2018.

**Tel: 02 51 27 64 67 richard.rackham@cegetel.net
15 Rue de la Cure, THIRÉ, 85210**



COFFEE MORNING

Samedi 26 mai 2018

10h00 - 12h30

15, rue de la Cure, THIRÉ

Café, Thé, Plantes, tous sont gratuite!

Vente de Gateaux, Livres,
"Vide Grenier", Bijoux, Tombola etc.

Tout le monde est bienvenu,

Au profit
d'Eglise Anglicane,
La Vendée



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