

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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4-Thought
September 2022



As we approach Autumn, the nights are drawing in; and mercifully, at the time of writing this, it is much cooler than it has been.

Much of western Europe is smitten by drought, and ravaged by fire, some of them climatic, others deliberately started, a few accidental. Thousands of homes have been destroyed, many people have lost every possession they had. The Russian war against Ukraine continues, with increasingly worrying threats against "the west". I have even heard the word "Armageddon" bandied around!



What is Armageddon? According to my shorter Oxford dictionary: (in the New Testament)
the last battle between good and evil before the Day of Judgement. (Revelation 16. 16.)
or the place where the Armageddon will be fought.
Or a dramatic and catastrophic conflict, especially one seen as likely to destroy the world or the human race. "nuclear Armageddon".

Please hold all affected by events beyond their control in your prayers, and support them in whatever ways you can.

I'm sure you will all be familiar with the saying "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil was that good men should do nothing." (Allegedly attributed to Edmund Burke.) Last month I made a plea for support for ASV into the future, so far only ONE person has spoken to me!

Can it really be that the majority of readers of Grapevine are totally apathetic and don't care? I pray not. So please, not for me, but for the future of ASV, put your thinking hats on, and please get in touch with ideas, recommendations, suggestions about our way forward. It would break my heart if my last task as your Chaplain would be to sign over all the assets of ASV to the Diocese. Which as things stand currently is a possibility.

Unlike the events listed above, this is not beyond our control, but we **all** need to be involved. I look forward to hearing from you. Hazel

	<p>Did you know PREVIOUS SERMONS and TALKS can be read at: www.allsaintsvendee.fr See John's Talk at Vouvant in August</p>	
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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: davidpearson@orange.fr]



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

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

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



Churchwardens' Notes for September Grapevine 2022



As we write this, we are looking forward to the third and last Sunday Morning Worship service at the Church in Vouvant. It has been a delight to attend these services and it is hoped that we may be able to hold another service there during the Advent/Christmas period.

Our Harvest service this year at Puy de Serre will be held on 9 October. It is not envisaged that we decorate the Church, but we will be accepting dry goods to be taken to Resto de Coeur, as ever, a very worthwhile cause. As Mike Mylod continues his recovery, Anne Condie has kindly agreed to take over his role as collector until he is ready to take up the reins once again. So do continue to donate goods on the second Sunday of the month at Puy de Serre (i.e. the first service of the month).

Please do not hesitate to come forward if you feel you could offer help in one of the many areas within our church such as flower provision for the Altar, helping to make coffee after services, reading the Bible texts in services, laying the Altar for communion, or, with a little training, becoming a chalice bearer, intercessor or worship leader. We also need someone prepared to take charge of communications, to advertise our presence in the community. It was unfortunate that we were unable to have either coffee or bring and share lunch on 14 August at Puy de Serre, but no-one informed us that the Salle would be in use. Iain McGregor, our Treasurer is normally in contact with the person in charge of the Salle. A communications person could take that on, leaving Iain one less task to do.



Please continue to think about donating towards a new organ. At present, Stuart takes his own instrument to both Puy de Serre and La Chapelle Palluau, and Ann brings hers to PDS. Stuart is investigating the best option, so every little counts.

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.

The cooler, damper weather has come as some relief. Now we can get back to the tasks of mowing, strimming and weeding!

Blessings,
Your Churchwardens, Doug and Margaret



Dates for your Diary



September 2022

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

1st September Thursday

4th Sunday ~~11hr00—Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau~~ CANCELLED

8th Thursday 2pm Sewing Circle

11th Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

18th Sunday

22nd Thursday 2pm Ladies Circle Macramé – led by Jane Lock
plus starting makes for Table Top sale in November Cakes: Jean

25th Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

30th September Friday



Dates for your Diary



October 2022

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1st October Saturday

2nd Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at La Chapelle Palluau

9th Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion and Harvest Festival at Puy de Serre
+ Restos collection point

13th Thursday Sewing Circle

16th Sunday

23rd Sunday 11hr00 Holy Communion at Puy de Serre

27th Thursday 2pm Ladies Circle Cards and tags

28th Friday 18hr00 QUIZ at the Salle in Puy de Serre

30th Sunday

31st October Monday All Souls Day

Forward Planning



Table Top Sale -

24th November 2p.m.

Ladies Circle - Everyone is invited

Grapevine Treasurer's Report:

July 2022:

Income: 1384.47 €

Expenditure: 594.96 €

We have a positive balance for the month: 789.51 €.

At last, the monthly income has outstripped expenditure!

Our income from Planned Giving is now the lowest since 2019. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please let me know at mcgregor@lalogette.com.



Remember -

... the Organ Fund to replace our broken organ is now 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 September into October 2022

4th September

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

Psalm 139.1-5,12-18 (or 139.1-7)

25th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Luke 16.19-end

Psalm 91.1-6,14-end (or 91.11-end)

11th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

Psalm 14

2nd October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lamentations 1.1-6

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

Psalm 137 (or 137.1-6)

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 4 th September	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD	SERVICE		SS-J	CANCELLED				12 th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 11 th September	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		AC			DG	Sunday Club		13 th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 25 th September	Puy de Serre	11.00	HC	HD		HD			JM	SP DP		15 th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 2 nd October	La Chapelle Palluau	11.00	HC	HD			SS-J					16 th Sunday after Trinity

FORWARD PLANNING *September into October*

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)	11th September HC 11h00 Salle at PdS	25th September HC 11h00 Salle at PdS
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny	Jenny
Flower Rota (Barbara Matthews at PdS)	✓	✓



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; **TABLE TOP SALE;** ; Resto du Cœur; "There's going to be a Quiz"; The Remnants' Meeting; Sunday Club Don't forget....English Books Sale;



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ - ADVANCE NOTICE -FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

There will be a Quiz at Puy de Serre Salle. Further details to follow but it will start at 6.00pm, and the cost will probably be 10 euros to include food.



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

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

Jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

Jennywilkinson213@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022


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
Ladies Circle
Cards and tags

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

The Remnants - Sunday the 14th August



Our August Meeting of "The Remnants" took place in Soulans at Peggy's home. Though we were few, just five of us, we had such a happy and positive meeting together. The Lord was with us. Linda and Nigel were full of their up-and-coming cruise on the new Queen Mary, end of August. Peggy was ever thankful for the wonderful treatment for her skin Cancer and the nurses coming twice a day. Lovely to see their cheerful faces at the door. Myself and Pascal my son, so content with the summer we have spent.

Despite the terrible heat, we have had lovely moments. The sea, close by, is such a blessing with its freshness and constant movement. Only God could give us these wonderful gifts. We had thoughts of Jo who has so much pain in her shoulder, and is waiting for her operation, in September. She couldn't be with us.

Our meeting opened with prayers of thankfulness for people and countries and situations that are in great need, mentioning Ukraine and Afghanistan. Then we listened to the daily service on the BBC of the 8/8. The topic was Travel, which included not only travel for pleasure but the forced travel of refugees. In the Bible the word "refugees" doesn't exist, they talk of the people wandering from place to place, like Abraham. They could only rely on God to guide them. Life itself is a journey, with its ups and downs and we can take guidance from the Proverbs to help us to make wise decisions. All this was discussed in the daily service, guiding us in our prayers and thoughts.



We finished our meeting with tea or coffee and some special cakes Linda had received from Scotland and Peggy's ginger biscuits.

Joyce



Calling Avid ReadersThere was chat regarding



English language reading material

at the first Bring & 'not' Share lunch at PDS under the carport. I mentioned a collection of books lodged at La Mulette on the road into Chantonnay from Mouilleron Saint Germain (en Pareds). Well, the update on that is the books have been moved to the garage of Susan Kershaw, secretary of the Animal Rescue charity "Association Nuage 85390". Buying the books supports Nuage. (At this current time there is also facility to contribute to

the local Ukraine refugees fund if you prefer)

Sue has made her garage available for anyone attending ASV who would find themselves passing by after the services. Opening times on Sundays will be from 2pm.

John Pugh

(This is how to find the books when travelling east towards Chantonnay)

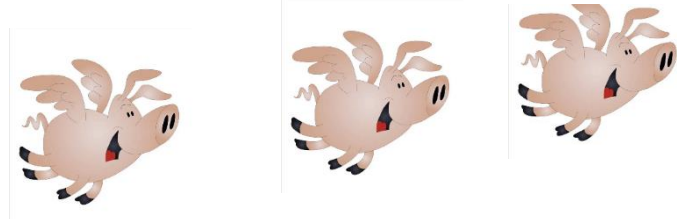
From Mouilleron-en-Pareds, follow the D949 bis in the Chantonnay direction. Straight on at both the big crossroads (first one Bazoges-en-Pareds / Chavagnes le Redoux, second one La Jaudonnière / Sigournais). At the third, small crossroads with the big cross "Mission 1950", turn LEFT (direction Les Mazes and St Philbert du Pont Charrault). 250 metres down the road, on the left, is a big farmhouse with a huge barn. **About 5 metres past the barn, turn sharp RIGHT, following a sign that says "Pigautier, Livraisons"**. The house is then immediately on the right with a long, white, low PVC fence and parking space in front of it. There is a wind turbine on the roof, visible even from the crossroads!



Sunday Club



Pigs might fly!



What was Jesus referring to in saying it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to gain eternal life ([Matthew 19:24](#); [Mark 10:25](#); [Luke 18:25](#)) ?

Some people imagine that the needle Jesus was speaking of was the Needle Gate, found in the wall surrounding Jerusalem, a particularly low and narrow gate – a tight squeeze for a camel. There is, however, no evidence such a gate ever existed.

Others claim that the word translated as “camel” (from the Greek: *kamelos*) should actually be “cable” (Greek: *kamilos*). Then the verse would read that it is easier for a cable (or rope) to go through the eye of a needle - still more than a little tricky!



The most likely explanation is that Jesus was using hyperbole, a figure of speech that exaggerates to give a bigger impact, to make what you’re saying more remarkable. Jesus used this technique at other times, referring to a “plank” in one’s eye ([Matthew 7:3-5](#)) and even swallowing a camel ([Matthew 23:24](#)) !

The Persians expressed the idea of the impossible or extremely unlikely by saying it would be easier to put an elephant through the eye of a needle. The largest animal in Israel was a camel, so that made more sense to Jewish people. We don’t have elephants or camels around here, so we’re more likely to say, « pigs might fly », or if we’re speaking French, « quand les poules auront des dents » - when hens have teeth.

Jesus taught us that it’s what’s in our hearts that counts in God’s view, not what we have in the bank.

Trudy



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 and comments for the **October edition** to:

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