

Church of All Saints in the Vendée

*“To know and to share Jesus Christ”*

 *The Grapevine* 

**August 2020**

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*4 thought August 2020*



As I recently said to a friend, these have been testing times.

I've had a number of enquiries about when we will be able to resume our worship and fellowship. Already I've been told about resuming quizzes and social events. What particularly concerns me is the tacit assumption that the virus is no longer a threat. The Pays de La Loire including the Vendée, has largely escaped major infections. BUT, in the last few days there has been a spike in the number of infections in the Mayenne, and in the north of the Vendée.

The official advice from the region health office is:

*Wearing a **mask** in places open to the public, **limited gatherings**, **hand washing** facilitated.*

*Three measures to reduce the risk of an epidemic outbreak when community spread of the virus is suspected in Mayenne.*

*The recommendations of the Pays de la Loire regional health agency in the light of epidemic indicators the day after July 14.*

*Dr Pierre Blaise, director of the PRS, ARS Pays de la Loire (07/15/2020)*

We cannot afford to be complacent. Gathering without following guidelines, mixing with strangers at social event, we are leaving not only our selves vulnerable, but also people closest to us.

Can't we worship in someone's garden? Yes, technically. BUT there must be hand sanitizer, the wearing of masks, and what about toilet facilities? Who will undertake to clean the toilet between users?

So I urge you all to be patient, prudent and prayerful. As a flippant young woman I frequently said "Okay, let go and let God" (don't know who originated that one). In real terms that is what we should be doing, there is a way forward, though we may not see it. But by trusting God, and believing in Him through His son Jesus Christ, I know that we will emerge from this crisis with faith restored and strengthened.

With every blessing,

*Hazel*

Genesis 49a

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## ***Prayer List***

***Please remember in your prayers:***



**Barbara  
David and Susan  
David and Chris  
Isi and family  
Jenny and Ray  
Malcolm**

**Pam and Brian  
Pat and David  
Dick  
Peter  
Heidi and her parents, Joël and Jo**

***....and for the bereaved:***

**The family and friends of:**

**Janice Adams  
Barbara  
Ken Ferguson  
Beccy Sackley  
Dot (Julie Taylor's mother)**

**Avril Simmons,  
Johnathan Mark Sykes.  
Tim Johnson  
Tim Bravington**

*[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](mailto:davidpearson@orange.fr)]*

*(This from Rosemary Bravington: Thank you all for praying for Tim. Much love, Rosemary xx)*



# Sunday Club



will take place once again in

the Salle at Puy de Serre when our services recommence.

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.

All children welcome from all denominations, we have lots of interest

*Please contact Jenny if you require more information:*

*email: [jennywilkinson213@gmail.com](mailto:jennywilkinson213@gmail.com)*

*Please see Page 14 for this month's activity.....*



## EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
2th August	LCP											8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
9 <sup>th</sup> August	PDS											9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
16 <sup>th</sup> August												10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	PDS											11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
30 <sup>th</sup> August												12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity
6 <sup>th</sup> September	LCP											13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity

*All services have been cancelled until the Restrictions are lifted  
Please check with the Church Wardens or website for updates.*

## FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

<b>2020 August</b>	
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	<i>All services have been cancelled until the Restrictions are lifted Please check with the Church Wardens or website for updates.</i>
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	

# CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

## August into September 2020

With the closure of all our services until further notice, our Lectionary Readings are included so you can use them for your personal devotions

If, and when, the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted, please refer to the Church Wardens or website for service times.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> August 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32.22-31

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.13-21

*Psalm 17.1-7, 16 [or 17.1-7]*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 1.8-2.10

Romans 12.1-8

Matthew 16.13-20

*Psalm 124*

### 9<sup>th</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

*Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b [or 105.1-10]*

### 30<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 3.1-15

Romans 12.9-end

Matthew 16.21-end

*Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45b [or Psalm 115]*

### 16<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 45 1-15

Romans 11 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15 [10-20] 21-28

*Psalm 133*

### 6<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12.1-14

Romans 13.8-end

Matthew 18.15-20

*Psalm 149*

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## *Your Churchwardens write:*

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### *August 2020*

Your Church Council are continuing to have a virtual meeting every week by means of Skype and each time we consider very carefully whether we can resume meeting for worship again or set a date for resumption. Unfortunately, the situation in France has changed recently and now the West is showing increased Coronavirus activity so the decision is still to wait.

In case you have not seen the figures, it is all dependent on the so-called Ro ( R zero) number. Before confinement (or "lockdown") the R number was 3.3 meaning that anyone infected with Covid-19 then infected, on average, a further 3.3 people. Experts and the government aimed to get this R number below 1 because then fewer people get infected and the virus stops circulating. During confinement in France the R number dropped to 0.7 but figures published on the 16th July show the R number has risen again to 1.05. Regrettably the R number varies across regions and for Brittany it is 2.62, Pays de la Loire (including Vendée) it is 1.5 and Nouvelle Aquitaine (including Deux Sevres) it is 1.37. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully but as someone wrote at the beginning " The virus cannot move - only people can. If people stop moving the virus stops moving."

Although we do not hold church services the work of ASV continues and that has a financial consequence. Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute to the planned giving scheme in order to support the future of ASV. Our Treasurer, Iain, would love to hear from anyone else who wishes to join the scheme or you can always send him a cheque with your contributions - cheques made payable to "The Congregations of All Saints, Vendée".

Finally continue with your own private worship, join in with virtual worship and pray for family, friends, neighbours and acquaintances and look forward to when we can all meet again.

*Doug and David*

### **Vacancy notice**

It has been said that in the work of the church there are always vacancies!!

Currently we have one vacancy on church council which we should love to fill now or at our 2020 Annual Meeting which is yet to be scheduled but should take place before the end of October. You need to be on the Electoral Roll and forms can be obtained from Chris Green if you need to join.

Another vacancy is for a "**Communications Officer**" to take over the Stirling work done by Marian in the past. There is no real "job description " for this post but we need someone who would be our link to the outside world such as magazines and other British organisations and they would have direct contact with the church council without necessarily being a council member.

If there is anyone who feels they can fill either (or both!) of these vacancies please let me know. I do not expect there will be a massive queue but I do have a ruler and some tape to mark the floor if there is, in order to maintain "Social Distancing." Seriously though I am available if you need more information.

*Doug Green*



# Dates for your Diary

## August



1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> Monday



# Dates for your Diary

## September



1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> Friday

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### **Training Day for Emergency First Aid**

*Training to HSE standard, leading to a certificate valid for 3 years*

**Was Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Postponed to October**



# Grapevine Treasurer's Report

June 2020:

Income: 692.00€

Expenditure: 527.80€

The balance, therefore, is positive for the month: 164.20€

*We have had no major bills this month, and I was at long last able to pay in the collection from the last church service held in Puy de Serre. I was very relieved to see a positive balance for once!*

*Keep healthy, keep isolated, and keep talking to each other!*

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)



*through the Standing Order Scheme*

## **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  
mcmgregor@lalogette.com



# These are YOUR pages.....

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



The Pugh's Invitation; Face Masks Requirements; Lent Lunches and Easter Raffle; Restos de Coeur; Ladies Circle Meetings update; So Sad; Puy de Fou experience; "Leisure from Ken Ivin.



## Lent and Easter



Welcome into slight circulation everyone! I still have **Lent Lunch and Easter Raffle** in my sights, but then my eye sight isn't as good as it might be! Until I hear when we are to resume normal services, in all meanings, there is little I can plan. But I would ask all those to whom I distributed raffle tickets, to start, or continue selling, if not lost. Those who haven't yet received any, will hopefully be offered some when more direct contact resumes. Alternatively, should you have any raffle tickets, feel free to sell some of those. Three very large containers of chocolates will now be out of date so I will be hoping to receive new contributions for the raffle, come the day. Meanwhile, I hope to hold both events as soon as normal service is resumed.

Keep watching this space!

Marian



## 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**

Thank you Sally Pearson, for this useful information which will enable us to follow the new COVID-19 guidelines for wearing a Face Mask:

## **Mandatory masks: France sets €135 fine for non-compliance**



Not wearing a mask in areas in which they are now mandatory in France risks a fine of €135 from today (July 20)

**People who do not wear a mask in enclosed and indoor public spaces in France from today (Monday July 20) now risk a fine of €135.**

### **Where are masks needed?**

Everywhere that is defined as an enclosed or indoor space, or where physical distancing is not possible. This includes public **shops, supermarkets, banks and covered markets.**

Other enclosed spaces, such as **meeting rooms (churches?), theatres, cinemas, restaurants, hotels, teaching centres, museums, and indoor sports halls** are already subject to their own “specific rules”, and also require the wearing of masks.

Masks are also mandatory on **public transport.**

### **Who has to wear one?**

**The masks are now mandatory for everyone over the age of 11,** but are prohibited for children under three. Children aged 3-11 only need to wear a mask if they have virus symptoms, for example, if they are waiting to be collected from school after falling ill. Once symptoms appear, they should also self-isolate.

### **What kind is allowed?**

Masks can be made of paper or fabric, and be shop-bought or handmade, as long as they conform to standards set by the *Association Française de Normalisation* (AFNOR).

Masks must be strong enough to properly cover the nose and mouth, and remain in place without needing to be adjusted.

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### **Hello friends at ASV.**

It has surely been a strange few months for everyone... and will continue to be for a while longer. We have eventually managed to move into our new home, in Mouilleron en Pareds, on June 16th, after two ferry cancellations and three months in UK lockdown on Mairs brothers drive!

Our new address is 8 rue de Plante Choux, which is actually situated on Rue Des Tilleuils near the periscolaire. Our phone numbers are ,

fixte 02 44 57 83 84, Mair Portable 07 52 67 26 58, John 07 52 67 26 44.

Email is [pughsnews15@gmail.com](mailto:pughsnews15@gmail.com)

We have a large garden and are hoping to be able to organise a bring-your-own picnic at some point, socially distancing of course. It would be lovely to meet up with "old" friends and to make new ones, especially in this time of isolation and confinement.

We have a lot of work to be getting on with in our house and garden, but are keen to hear from any ASV members who might need a hand in their garden.... Cutting back and tackling overgrown areas. We are offering this to those of you who would normally do it yourselves but have not been able to this year. There will be no payment required.

Looking forward to hearing from you, every blessing,

Mair and John Pugh.



## So Sad



I am sure we all feel that we appreciate the stalwart service Jacqui gives in the production of the Grapevine every month, and the music Stuart performs at services and "Singing Round the Piano" but do we actually let them know how much we appreciate them? It was with great sadness that I have learned that Stuart received a very poor response to his request for our favourite hymns. He asked us at the turn of the year if not before, certainly before confinement. Jacqui provided forms in the Grapevine to make it a simple task for us, forms were offered at the shared lunches. Why is there this lack of response?

If you submitted your choice several years ago and it hasn't changed, have you bothered to inform him of this? Is it apathy? Surely it cannot be lack of time when we have all been sitting in solitary state for so long. It takes Stuart a long time to collate the results, and he tries to incorporate our selection into services and singing sessions when he can and when appropriate. He is prepared to go to pains to supply this service. Yet where is the support offered to him?

My apologies for this tirade to the very few who have taken the trouble to send in a selection but I really feel very concerned about this, so much so that it has prompted this letter. Perhaps some people will respond and explain to me so that I can understand this situation.

Yours,  
a worried Marian

*(It is Marian's suggestion that I attach the Favourite Hymns Questionnaire in the hope you will feel inspired to complete and forward it to Stuart)*

Your Name: .....

I attend the church at: \*La Chapelle Palluau/\*Puy du Serre

Phone Number/Email Address: .....

### All Saints Vendée

#### Our Congregation's Favourite Hymns

So that the favourite hymns, which are known and loved by this congregation, can be included in our Church Services, please list below your "Top Five" hymns.

If possible, give the first line, the name of the hymnbook and the number where they can be found as well as the name of the tune - if there is a choice of tunes

(If your choice does not appear in any of our hymnbooks, please include the title and/or first line and we will do our best to locate it!)

<u>Title of Hymn or first line:</u>	<u>Hymnbook:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Tune:</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

\*Please cross out the statements which do not apply

Please hand this completed questionnaire to either Stuart or Jacqui Stainton-James or email it to us at: [sifamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sifamily66@hotmail.com)

*This received from Ken Ivin....*

*There's a lot of it about.....*



## Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare

*W.H. Davies*

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**“It’s hard to believe.....”**

*We have just read this on a Social Media site !     Doug*

### **" WARNING DONT GO TO PUY DE FOU**

Had a really disappointing time at Puy de Fou this week. Having read on their website about the safety measures they had taken to ensure social distancing and masks being obligatory we thought we would go. When we arrived the queuing to get into the Grand Parc was terrible with everybody queuing as normal and loads of people with no masks.

Once in the Parc it was even worse. We went to the Bird Show and there were even members of staff directing people to the seating areas with no masks. The seating had not been adapted at all so again no social distancing. When the show ended there was an announcement for people to remain seated until they are shown to leave by a member of staff but nobody took any notice whatsoever and it was just a free for all trying to get out.

We then decided to go and see The Vikings in the hope that the situation there was better. There was no queue it was just a crowd of people waiting to get into the show many without masks. Some were even in wheelchairs with no masks and staff were talking to people with no masks. The new measures mentioned on their website were simply not being enforced at all.

Throughout our time at the Parc we only saw two hand sanitisers and they were not marked up at all so nobody was using them as it was unclear what they were.

At this point we decided the risk was too great and headed back to the entrance to complain. We explained how outraged we were that none of the new Covid 19 precautions were being followed and that we wanted a full refund. We were told that this wasn't possible. Only after we demanded to see a more senior member of staff did they finally agree to a refund.

Just wanted to share our experience to warn others not to go."

# ASV LADIES' CIRCLE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm  
Sewing Circle

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30pm

Ladies Circle  
Annual shopping trip – venue tba

Thursday  
Sewing Circle

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Ladies Circle

Cakes: Ann

Jane`s Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2.30pm

Ladies Circle

Cakes: Jean

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

Ladies Circle

Cakes: Julie

Pamper Day: massage, hair and nails with Jenny,  
Maggie, Sandy and Barbara

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm

Sewing Circle

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 11am

General Meeting

Bring and Buy

**All meetings have been cancelled until further notice**

For more information, please contact: Joan Stewart:  
[jpsmorandiere@outlook.com](mailto:jpsmorandiere@outlook.com) or phone: 02 51 00 34 70

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I hope you have enjoyed this edition of "Grapevine".  
My thanks to all the Contributors.

I'm ever hopeful that this will be our final "Confinement" edition.  
Please consult the website for updates

**Please send your items for the AUGUST edition to:**  
Jacqui at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)  
**before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Requests to be included on the emailing list should be addressed to:  
Jacqui Stainton-James at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)





# Sunday Club



*August 2020*

**Let us pray**

**Thank you, God, for this new day  
In my school to work and play  
Please be with me all day long  
In every story game and song  
May all the happy things we do  
Make You, our father, happy too.**

**Amen**

**MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYER, AND WITH PERMISSION WE COULD HAVE IT PUBLISHED HERE IN GRAPEVINE, A TOPIC OF YOUR OWN OR OF THE CURRENT COVID19 SITUATION!**

**OUR STUDY THIS MONTH IS JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE!**

**PLEASE READ JOHN 2:1-11**

**Why do you think Jesus chose the wedding of Cana for his first miracle?**

**Activity. Draw or/and write what miracle you would perform if you had the power to create a miracle.**

**Keep safe, wash hands often, pray often. GOD BLESS.**

**Jennifer Wilkinson**

JUNE 23RD 2020