Church of All Saints in the Vendée

"To know and to share Jesus Christ"

The Grapevine

February 2019

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My thanks to Revd Martyn Crompton who has written our Preface this month

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Preface

Dear Friends,

God so loved the world

Each morning as I say the Office I come to a section in the Intercessions inviting me to pray for 'the world and its needs.'

I ask myself, how can I? There are some countries I don't even know exist, others I would not be able to find on the map. Researchers tell us we can only have a meaningful relationship with 150 people at the most, so how can I pray for and know the needs of over 7 billion people, most of whom I will never meet?

Of course, I can't. But, as I am increasingly coming to realise, my faith and my prayer life is not all about me and what I do, but on God's nature and what He has done, and continues to do, in Jesus Christ.

God knows each person and, for that matter, each creature in the world He has made. Every human being is made in His image and He loves them all. He knows their needs, their hopes and their fears and reaches out to them in love through His Son Jesus Christ. Not one of them, not even a sparrow, lives and dies unknown to Him. Not one of them is beyond the reach of His love.

So, in my prayers for the world I thank God for His love which led Jesus to be born to be the Saviour of all who put their faith in Him.

Especially I thank Him for His love for those I have come to love, my family and my friends, but also for those billions, unknown to me, but precious to Him, whom He also loves and whom Jesus also came to save. And I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world whom He is already using to make His love known to them.

Our world can seem a dark and threatening place at times, but the birth of Jesus at Christmas, His death and resurrection at Easter remind me as I pray each day that the light of God's love continues to shine in the darkness and will never be overcome. Thanks be to God.

Martyn Crompton

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.

Last month we studied the Christian lives of children living in the Philippines; we coloured their flag, completed a quiz on the Philippines, learnt about their life and all the animals that live on these, some7,000, amazing islands. Then we shared a short story of their way of life and one day of a typical Christian family of two children, who lived with their grandparents, we learned how they praised God and lived life without materialistic things we take for granted. We ended with a prayer before going for Communion.

Francine and Jenny.

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

February into March 2019
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)

3rd February Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 5th Sunday before Lent/ (Candlemas)/ 4th Sunday after Epiphany/

Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 | 1 Corinthians ch.13 | Luke 2:22-40

(Psalm 48)

10th February Sunday 16h00 Holy Communion Salle/Puy de Serre 4th Sunday before Lent/ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6 1-8 (9-end) | 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 | Luke 5.1-11

(Psalm 138)

17th February Sunday NO SERVICE 3rd Sunday before Lent/ Septuagesima

Jeremiah 17.5-10 | 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 | Luke 6.17-26

(Psalm 1)

24th February Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion Salle/Puy de Serre 2nd Sunday before Lent Matthias the Apostle(or25/1)/

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end | Revelations ch.4 | Luke 8.22-25

(Psalm 65)

3rd March Sunday 1 1h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau Quinquagesima/ The Sunday Next Before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end or James 3.13-end | 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 | Luke 9.28-36 (37-43a)

(Psalm 99)

6th March Wednesday 16h00 Holy Communion Salle/Puy de Serre Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12 | 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10 | Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

(Psalm 51.1-18)

Dates for your Diary

February 2019

Please Note: All Services are subject to Priests and premises being available. Please check with website for late changes. www.allsaintsvendee.fr

1st	
2nd	
3rd	Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion, La Chapelle Palluau
4th	Monday 10.00 Ministry Team Meeting, Vicarage, St Vincent Sterlanges
5th	
6th	
7th	
8th	
9th	
10th	Sunday 1600 Holy Communion, Salle at Puy de Serre
11th	Monday Church Council Meeting, Vicarage, St. Vincent Sterlanges
12th	
13th	Valentines Charity Dinner Dance (contact Andrea Cornwall madamebutterfly@hotmail.com)
14th	
15th	
16th	
17th	Sunday NO SERVICE
18th	
19th	
20th	
21st	
22nd	
23rd	
24th	Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion, Salle at Puy de Serre
25th	
26th	
27th	
28th	

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

March 2019

1st	
2nd	
3rd	Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion, La Chapelle Palluau
4th	
5th	Tuesday Shrove Tuesday
6th	Ash Wednesday Service 16.00 Puy de Serre
7th	
8th	
9th	
10th	Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion, Puy de Serre
11th	
12th	
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17th	Sunday NO SERVICE St Patrick's Day
18th	
19th	
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22nd	
23rd	
24th	Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion, Puy de Serre
25th	
26th	
27th	
28th	
29th	
30th	Saturday AGM 14.30 Salle at Puy de Serre
31st	Mothering Sunday 11.00 Holy Communion

Future Dates for your Diary:

Coffee Morning at Thiré – Saturday 27th April, 10a.m.-12.30

Treasure Hunt - Tuesday 4th June - afternoon start, evening meal.

Vendée - Church Service Rota

February 2019

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES	PRCH	WL	ORG	CH	INT	READERS	WEL	NOTES
3/2/2019	*LCP	11:00	HC									5th Sunday before Lent/4th Sunday of Epiphany
10/3/2019	PDS(S)	16:00	HC				SSJ					4th Sunday before Lent/5th Sunday of Epiphany
17/2/2019	NO SERVICE											3rd Sunday before Lent/Septuagesima
24/2/2019	PDS(S)	11:00	HC				SSJ					2nd Sunday before Lent/Matthias

* *La Chapelle Palluau - Church Service Rota*

3rd February 2019

PLEASE NOTE All services in the West will now be held at La Chapelle Palluau on the 1st Sunday of the month

Date	Venue	Sunday	Service	Celebrant	Welcome	W/Leader	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice	Computer	Coffee
3/2/2019	11h00 LCP	5th Sunday before Lent/4th Sunday of Epiphany	HC								

Unfortunately, full details of these services are not yet available

Key to abbreviations: HC = Holy Communion; WW = Word & Worship

CoG - Colin Grimshaw; HD = Hazel Door; HG = Hester Grimshaw; JC = Jo Collinson; JB = Joyce Bossard; LiG = Linda Gorton; MC = Martyn Crompton; MW = Maureen Wills; ; PP = Peggy Pitcher; PW =Polly Ward; SM = Sally Mills.

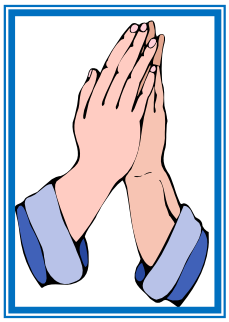
If you are unable to attend on a Sunday, please try to find someone to do your reading/intercessions for you and let the Worship Leader/Church Warden know of the change

February 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)	3rd February HC 11h00 LCP	10th February HC *16h00 Salle at PdS	17thFebruary No Service	24th February HC 11h00 Salle at PdS
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		*Green/ Kent		Kent/ Rackham
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		*Marian & Richard Rackham		Jenny Wilkinson
Altar Flowers (Liz Lapsley at PdS)				
Musicians +/-Organist (Polly Ward)		*Stuart		Stuart



Prayer List

In our prayers this month, we remember:

Barbara (UK friend of Polly)
Isi and family (friend of Pat and Roy)
Maureen
Mike
Penny & David (friends of David & Sally)
Pam and Brian
Suzy and Mick
Pat and Roy
Claire and Colin (David's sister and brother-in-law)
Dick Hardwick

….and for the recently bereaved and their families:

Iain and his daughter, **Morar**
and
The family and friends of **Revd Gareth Randall**

[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David Tel: 02 51 61 05 04 or Email: davidlpearson@orange.fr]

Altar Flowers

10th February - Maggie Calton 24th February - Liz Lapsley

Liz Lapsley has volunteered to organise the flowers for the Communion Table at Puy de Serre. Please contact Liz if you would like to help in any way. Tel: 02.51.52.58.01

Your Church Warden writes:

February 2019

Can I start by wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

We have enjoyed the celebrations of Christmas and must now start thinking about Easter which will soon be upon us. We begin with the series of Lent Lunches which are held to benefit Resto de Coeur. Lent this year begins on 10th March and if you would like to hold one of the Lunches, in the East or the West, we ask you to contact us.

Work continues on the church at Puy de Serre. The latest news is that it is hoped that it will finish some time in May. Keep your fingers crossed!!

David

Completely new Electoral Roll 2019

2019 is a year for the preparation of a completely new Electoral Roll for all Anglican Churches. The Electoral Roll starts again from scratch, meaning that

Everyone who wishes to be on the Roll needs to apply,

and old lists of electors are redundant.

The electoral roll acts as a "membership list" for churchgoers in the parish, and gives entitlement to vote at the Annual Meeting, or stand for office as Churchwarden or Council member.

Church rules for the preparation of the new roll are very specific and Roll application forms will shortly be available at each church.

The preparation of the Roll will be completed in early March and available for inspection at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting on the 30 March 2019.

Chris Green, Electoral Roll Officer.

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 (Iain McGregor) 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.

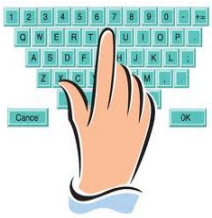
Do you pay English taxes?

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, Iain McGregor at iain.mcgregor53@gmail.com

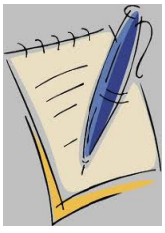
Forms are now available for you to complete.

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

Please send your contributions for the March edition to:
Jacqui at: **sjfamily66@hotmail.com**
before 15th February 2019



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:

Christingle report & photos"; Christmas Lunch photos; The Vicarage Garden; Father Gareth on "Wrath" (last in the series); A Valentine's Eve Invitation; Preliminary details of The Annual Treasure Hunt and Coffee Morning at Thiré; a Request for Feedback, Letters from our Readers, A Bookmark "Spreading the Word"…and much more…

ASV LADIES CIRCLE
Calendar not yet available

VICARAGE GARDEN

Many of the "second-home-owners" have closed up their houses here for the winter, I feel we cannot let them disappear without thanking them, and a few more permanent residents, for all their hard work in maintaining the vicarage garden in good order throughout the year.

It has made such a difference and has been much appreciated, so a big "Thank You" to you all. For several it has entailed just one two-hour session, whilst others have been able to go two or three times. All have said that it has not been too arduous so hopefully we will be able to entice a few more volunteers next year.

It is only a small garden, but still needs constant attention and we know that not only has Hazel appreciated it when staying there, but so have the neighbours been glad of the weed reduction. We will be making a new rota in the spring and will be asking everyone to consider giving just a couple of hours during the year in order to make the task less for the few. Please bear this in mind, and again, our thanks to all those who have taken part during 2018. God bless you all.
Marian

Christingle Service 16th December 2018.

On the 16th December 2018 we held a Christingle Service in the afternoon. It was a "service in the round" with the chairs arranged in a circle so we were all included. Everyone enjoyed the service and the thanksgiving prayers were beautifully read by members of the Sunday Club. After making our "Christingles" we lit the candles, put out the lights and sang Away in a Manger by candlelight - a magical and poignant moment just before Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who have been collecting using the candle-shaped collecting boxes. If you have not yet returned your collecting box to me, Chris Green, then please try to do so before the end of February and I can then send the total collected to The Children's Society to help them with their valuable work.

Again many thanks,

Chris Green.

Treasurer's Report for December 2018

Figures for September 2018:

Income: 3,127.40€ (boosted by a very generous donation from one of our congregation who is returning to the UK)

Expenditure: 354.88€

The End of Year Figures are as follows:

Income: 17,730.96€

Expenditure 12,646.75€

Giving us a surplus of positive Balance of 5,084.15

A full report will be available at the AGM

Iain McGregor.

(Treasurer).

After a wonderfully successful Marché de Noël this year, the organising committee was wondering whether the format should be changed in any way, and would welcome your input: whether as a member of the congregation; a local resident; someone with a maison secondaire; or just an interested bystander. We do feel that we need to widen the 'audience' if at all possible, and will obviously avoid clashing with our other existing events like 'not the annual plant and coffee-morning' and quizzes.

We ***could*** look at changing to a summer-based event: fête; bbq; afternoon teas;

We ***could*** look at remaining in St Hilaire de Voust, or moving back to Puy de Serre, or looking for other venues (where the Salle is cheap to hire!)

What events would you like to see organised?

Would you like to get involved, if you are not already involved?

Please let us have your feedback, so we can discuss your views at our next meeting in January, by emailing me, or by contacting any committee member.

Thank you!

Fiona McGregor mcgregor@lalogette.com

This invitation arrived via members of the congregation at Pompaire…..for more information please contact Andrea Cornwall at: madamebutterfly@hotmail.com

Now's your chance to dress up in those glitzy, glamourous items you've had in the back of the wardrobe with no opportunity to wear them

Couples and singles are equally welcome. In addition to the disco we have live music from Helen and Geoff, the Ukelele Band and Reaction Theatre's 'Out of Kilters' Scottish Dancing Group

Parking is easy, with a large car park and level access. https://goo.gl/maps/wDYEFargn1R2

If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please do not hesitate to email or call Fiona on 0625480330.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. To book by email please send your names and menu choices to fiona.mundy@hotmail.co.uk or johnblair@btopenworld) and pay the €20 either in person (if you are seeing us very soon) or by post.

To book by post please send your names, menu choices, and payment to Fiona Mundy, 2 LD Les Petites Rivieres, 79200 Chatillon sur Thouet, **or** John Blair, LD Bourichere, 79310 St Pardoux

Menu

Aperitif

Soupe de courgette et brie maison
Homemade Courgette and Brie Soup
OR/OU
Paté

Boeuf Bourguignon
OR/OU
Poulet à la Crème (avec riz ou purée)
Chicken in Cream Sauce (with rice or mashed potato)
OR/OU
Lasagne Végétarienne avec Salade
Vegetarian Lasagne with Salad

Crumble aux pommes fait maison avec de la crème
Homemade Apple Crumble with Cream
OR/OU
Crème au citron maison avec garniture à la framboise
Homemade Lemon Cream with Raspberry

Garnish
Coffee/Café

Xmas Lunch at Chez Chantal, L'Absie

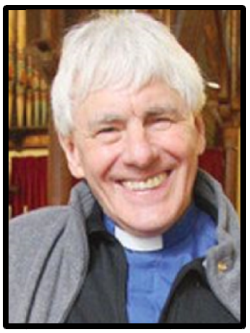
LETTERS AND COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Christine Anderson willchris49 @live.com	**Iain.drysdale.welsh@gmail.com**
I would like to thank the congregation of ASV for giving me such a warm welcome on my recent visit to the morning service at Puy de Serre in October. It was wonderful to worship with you and chat with many old friends. Willie and I send you all our best	Our house in La Mothe Achard has now been sold and I am now living with my daughter Morar in Rezé. I am sad to be leaving Vendee, but I am fortunate to have a daughter and family who Crompton and Hazel Door. Although she was enfeebled

wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year, Christine and Willie Anderson	in body and mind I am sure she was thankful for the prayers of those who visited her. Beneath the private and undemonstrative exterior, she had a quiet faith which would have helped to sustain her towards the end. With best wishes, Iain Welsh.

…and this submitted by Hazel Door:

Father Gareth was a superb Forward-Planner….
…..here is the last in his articles focussing on The Seven Deadly Sins which he wrote last year for publication in Grapevine….



The seven deadly sins

WRATH

And so to the last in our list of deadly sins - wrath. Like sloth, wrath is rather an archaic word – the modern word is anger. Paradoxically, the last would have been first in our alphabetical order of the seven deadly sins had we used anger to denote wrath.

According to my OED, wrath is derived from the Old English word, 'wræððu'. Its prime meaning is an expression of 'vehement or violent anger; intense exasperation or resentment; deep indignation.' It can mean 'a fit or spell of ire' and 'anger displayed in action'. (STRONG STUFF !)

Why is wrath wrong ? Because anger may inform what is the exact opposite of the teaching expressed at the heart of our faith: to love, to be kind, to be gentle, to show compassion. To be angry is lose our temper, to say and do what has the potential to hurt and to harm. Anger can prevent us from thinking clearly, from seeing what's best, as we express our indignation at what we clearly perceive to be wrong.

And that is why wrath may arguably be an appropriate response if rooted in our sense of what is right: outrage at injustice; anger at abuse; disgust at acts of terrorism or crimes against humanity - anything that smacks of failing to treat people with due respect. Were you not indignant seeing

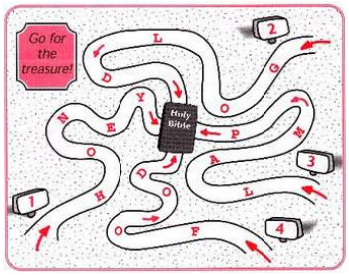
Grenville Tower burning in the night ? Righteous indignation has often informed social reform throughout history.

Personally, I do have anger management issues because the enthusiasm that informs my faith can have a shadow side as I burn with a sense of zeal for what is right and a desire to challenge that which is wrong and that may, unfortunately, place me in the wrong.

So, don't be angry if, for the last time, I again encourage you to write something in response. I'm sure Jacqui would be grateful to receive your fruitful reflections on wrath.

Gareth Randall,
Priest-in-charge,
St Bartholomew's Dinard

Dear All,



2 dates for your diary:

We have booked: **Treasure Hunt - Tuesday 4th June - afternoon start, evening meal.** Watch this space nearer the time.

Another date, : **Coffee Morning at Thiré – Saturday 27th April, 10a.m.-12.30**
(Any offers of help will be very much appreciated)

Please pass this information to friends and neighbours who may be interested.

God bless and love from Us.

Marian and Richard Rackham

Also…..

An Invitation to Join Us for

Country Dancing at Ste Hermine

Many of our Dancers join us for The Annual Treasure Hunt and Coffee Morning at Thiré. New entrants are welcome.

If you would like to come along for a fun, social evening, please contact Marian and Richard

All Saints Vendee
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Weekly Services in English.

Everyone welcome,

especially all denominations of Christians.

Details of services, Church magazine, venues etc. can be found on the website below.

www.allsaintsvendee.fr

Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest ….

Spreading the Word

It is currently difficult to print "business cards" for Church when having no resident vicar, no one in the vicarage etc. to publicise. But in an attempt to let people know that we do exist, how and where to contact the Church in hours of need, where to join us when on holiday, a substantial number of "bookmarks" have been produced with a view to getting them into as many gites, libraries, hotels, Tourist Offices as possible. Please can you assist with this? If you could take a few to your nearest Tourist Office, if you have gites near or owned by friends etc. please will you tell me how many you can circulate and I will endeavour to supply you with them. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Marian