

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

 *The Grapevine* 

**February 2021**

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**GOOD NEWS:**

**Sign up for  
Lent Course  
online.**

(More information in  
Churchwardens' Report)

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*4 thought  
February 2021*



So there I was, wandering round my local supermarket, when I saw a whole display of galettes; not only that; but ingredients and equipment for homemade pancakes. The French call the season *Chandeleur*.

Now colour me confused, (even more than normal!) because of course I always associate pancakes with the English Shrove Tuesday.

So I did some digging.....

**Candlemas (candlelight feast)** is an ancient pagan and Latin feast, which then became a Christian religious feast corresponding to the presentation of Christ in the Temple and his recognition by Simeon as "Light of Israel". ... This festival takes place on February 2, or 40 days after Christmas. But nothing to do with Lent....

**Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday**, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter it was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins).

Okay so far? So what then is **Mardi Gras? Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday**, refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on **the day before Ash Wednesday**, which is known as **Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday"**, reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual Lenten sacrifices and fasting of the Lenten season.

Related popular practices are associated with **Shrovetide** celebrations before the fasting and religious obligations associated with the penitential season of Lent. But what then is **carnival???**

**Carnival, or Carnevale**, has been celebrated for centuries throughout Italy. The name is said to derive from the words carne vale - 'farewell to meat' - which explain the function of the celebration: an opportunity to indulge and use up such treats before the start of Lent (like an extended Pancake Day).

The North Yorkshire resort of Scarborough has a tradition established since at least 1903, and possibly before, of a mass long-rope skipping event on **Shrove Tuesday**. Other seaside towns have records of such events, and it is suggested that its origins lie in the local fishermen sorting their ropes and nets at this time of year and giving those not fit for fishing to children. Scarborough's event though is a little different, in that most others known about were Good Friday happenings. Since at least 1853 a dignitary or celebrity has rung a special bell at noon on **Shrove Tuesday**, supposedly to signal to housewives that they should begin pancake making when the tradition began. These days the bell is rung by the mayor or deputy mayor, to signal the start of the skipping.

So the correct chronological order is: Chandeleur, Mardi Gras/Carnival, Shrove Tuesday.

Lent in 2021 begins on Wednesday, February 17 and ends on Saturday, April 3. Obviously at the moment we have no idea if we can hold our normal Ash Wednesday Service, but do make sure that you are on the ASV members list so that we can keep everyone informed. Contact Doug Green [greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk) for inclusion. If there is sufficient interest, I shall be running a virtual Lent Course via Zoom, let me know asap for further information.

*Every Blessing,*

*Hazel*

# LECTIONARY READINGS

## February into March 2021

*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.*

### 7<sup>th</sup> February **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

*Psalm 104.26-end*

### 14<sup>th</sup> February **Sunday next before Lent**

2 Kings 2.1-12

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Mark 9.2-9

*Psalm 50.1-6*

### 21<sup>st</sup> February **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9.8-17

1 Peter 3.18-end

Mark 1.9-15

*Psalm 25.1-9*

### 28<sup>th</sup> February **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

Romans 4.13-end

Mark 8.31-end

*Psalm 22.23-end*

### 7<sup>th</sup> March **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20.1-17

1Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

*Psalm 19 [or 19.7-end]*

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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**

# Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers:*



**Ann**  
**Barbara**  
**Carol**  
**Chris and Julie**  
**David and Susan**  
**David and Chris**  
**Dick**  
**Heidi and her**  
*parents, Joël and Jo*

**Isi and family**  
**Ken Ivin**  
**Malcolm**  
**Millie-Jean, Hazel and Martins'**  
*granddaughter*  
**Pat and David**  
**Pat and Roy**  
**Peter**

*....and for the bereaved:*

### **The family and friends of:**

<i>Janice Adams</i>	<i>Sue Stock</i>
<i>Jenny Thorpe</i>	<i>Tim Johnson</i>
<i>Pam Davies</i>	<i>Tim Bravington</i>
<i>Ken Ferguson</i>	<i>Dot (Julie Taylor's mother)</i>
<i>Terry Fraser-Wilson</i>	

*[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]*

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## *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)*

*turn to page 13 of this edition of Grapevine to find our February message.....*



## *Churchwardens' Report*

### *for February 2021:*

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Wednesday, February 17th is the start of LENT 2021. Our Chaplain, Hazel, has offered to run an on-line Lent Course via Zoom and has asked people to contact her if they are interested. She has had very few replies to date. We wish to encourage more people to show an interest. Do not be put off by the word "course" - this will be an excellent opportunity to explore your own faith and understanding of Biblical events from the comfort of your own home. Please contact Hazel as soon as possible.

As well as using "Zoom" for Lent we are now holding on-line Sunday Services using Zoom on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. To join any of these Zoom events you must be on the Membership List so that we have your permission to contact you with the sign-on links each time. There are still quite a few members of our congregations who have not joined the Membership List so now cannot be reached directly. To join the Membership List, please send your name, address, email address and telephone numbers (fixed and mobile) to Doug using email (greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk) or phone if no email.

COVID-19 vaccinations have started in France for eligible people and we hope it will not be too long before it will be safe enough for us to meet again physically. In the meantime, stay in touch with each other, stay safe and continue with your own personal prayers and worship.

*Doug and David*

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### **Here are the details of the next Zoom-services:**

At the moment they are on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (as for the services held in person)

So,

**11h00 January 24th**

Nothing on January 31st (as a 5th Sunday!)

**11hr00 February 7th** (1st Sunday)

**11hr00 February 14th** (2nd Sunday)

Nothing on February 21<sup>st</sup> (as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

**11hr00 February 28th** (4th Sunday)

*Hazel*



# Dates for your Diary

## February 2021



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

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1<sup>st</sup> Monday

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday **Candlemas**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

11.00 Zoom online service

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sunday next before Lent

11.00 Zoom online service

16<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

17<sup>th</sup> **Ash Wednesday**

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.00 Zoom online service



# Dates for your Diary



March 2021

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1<sup>st</sup> Monday

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.00 Zoom online service

14<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

11.00 Zoom online service

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

11.00 Zoom online service

29<sup>th</sup> Monday of Holy Week

30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Holy Week

31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Holy Week



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## ***PLANNED GIVING THROUGH THE STANDING ORDER SCHEME***

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**Some people have been asking how to make a donation to ASV.**

**Here are the details:**

All Saints Vendée has had to change banks. I have written to everyone who contributes to the Planned Giving Scheme, asking them to change their virement (standing order). Please can anyone affected change their payments as soon as possible.

If anyone else would like to join the Planned Giving scheme, or to make a donation, please ask me for the details of the new banking arrangements. ([mcgregor@lalogette.com](mailto:mcgregor@lalogette.com))

### **ADVANTAGES:**

*If you set up a standing order* (virement) through your French bank, online, it is cost-free.

*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 significant rebate* (depending on your situation) at the end of each financial year.

*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!

### **DISADVANTAGES:**

I can't think of any, so why not come and join the party!

### **and for British residents:**

If you do *not* have a French bank account, but would like to support the work of ASV, 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)

## Grapevine Treasurer's report: December 2020:

Income: 982.00 €  
Expenditure: 382.61 €

With slightly fewer outgoings this month, the balance, therefore, is positive for the month: 599.39 €.

We are still awaiting a couple of bills, but have been blessed by some very generous donations.

*Wishing you all a joyful and healthy New Year!*

Iain McGregor  
(Treasurer)



### EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE 2021	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COME RS	NOTES
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Zoom	11.00										Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Zoom	11.00										Sunday next before Lent
17 <sup>th</sup> February												Ash Wednesday
21 <sup>st</sup> February												1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Zoom	11.00										2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Zoom	11.00										3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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### WEST VENDÉE – FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

Date 2021	Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)
7 <sup>th</sup> February		
14 <sup>th</sup> February		
21 <sup>st</sup> February		
28 <sup>th</sup> February		
7 <sup>th</sup> March		

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# These are YOUR pages.....

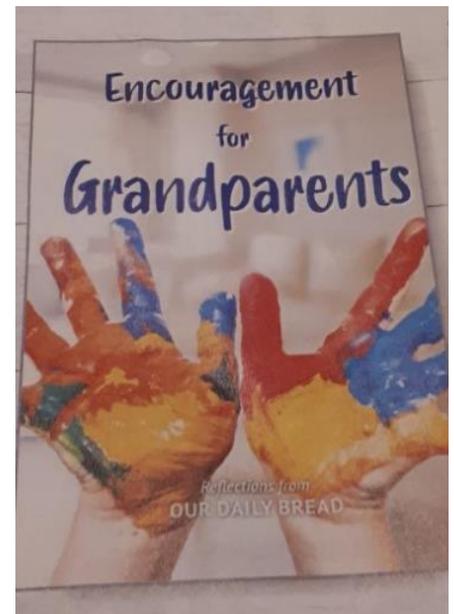


*My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine"  
"Our Daily Bread" available from The Pughs  
"Women's Fellowship" from Maggie and Marian;  
Hello Fresh, Hacking, and a Quiz from Polly;  
And even "Whiling away the hours"*



**Mair and John Pugh have a dozen "Our Daily Bread" Bible reading notes, starting on March 1st.**

If anyone would like one please email them with your address and they will deliver –



adhering to social distancing of course!

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



## **ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

*There are no dates planned for meetings during the Pandemic but as soon as meetings can take place "legally", members of the Fellowship will be contacted.*

*For more information, please contact: Maggie Calton at email: [magandant@orange.fr](mailto:magandant@orange.fr)  
and Marian Rackham at email: [richard.rackham@cegetel.net](mailto:richard.rackham@cegetel.net)*

*Here are 2 letters received from Polly, along with another Quiz. Polly's Quizzes are proving very popular so we hope you enjoy this one*

## **1 Hacking**

As most of you will realise, my email address was stolen / hacked during January and a lot of you had received emails purporting to come from me asking for advice or a favour or, eventually, cash.

I felt like apologising to you all but, on the other hand, I hadn't done anything wrong – I have no idea how they got access to my account – as an ex-computer security professional, I don't write my password on a piece of paper and stick it under the computer – in fact, my email password is not written anywhere – whether I will be able to continue like this as my memory becomes less reliable, I don't know but, for now, I will try.

Apparently, it will be a month before I can change my password so I have plenty of time to think of another – and it won't be the name of one of my dogs either.

It has caused me an amount of inconvenience as I have had to cancel my bank card ("they" were ordering from Amazon with my account) but, as far as I know, I have not lost any money – merely time and patience.

I wish I could say that for all of you but I hope that there were not too many problems and aggravations.

## **2 Hello Fresh**

Many of you may have seen these adverts on UK television for this product where you can order a box of ingredients designed to make a few predetermined recipes. Well, I decided to 'give it a go' and was very pleased with the results.

### **Price**

If you place an order with the French website, at the moment, you get your food at half price. You can order 3 different recipes at a time and enough for 1 or 2 persons. I ordered (and received) the ingredients to cook a 'Pad Thai' with prawns and chicken, a standard Chicken and Vegetables meal and vegetable filled tortillas with feta.

The order came, as promised, on Wednesday this week. As I was at the bank reporting my bank card compromised, the delivery man texted me and I texted back with instructions to leave it in the garage.

Mike Mylod and I prepared, cooked and ate the 'Pad Thai' yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed it and he is planning to return on Monday for the Tortillas. Barbara and I are eating the Chicken dinner today (Saturday).

I can recommend this food – especially at the introductory price. – but think I will probably carry on the orders after the promotion has finished especially if it means I don't have to think what to do with leftovers. Their quantities are generous – from yesterday I have a packet of noodles, half a carrot and half a cucumber left.

As far as I can gather, the menus change from time to time so it won't be a case of eating the same thing every week.

It is not possible to include examples of their instructions but I think this would be difficult. However, I am prepared to discuss these and to share them with anyone who is interested. Polly (Wardpolly@outlook.com)



**February Quiz – (Only) Connect these:**

Can you sort "The Wall" into 5 groups of 4 and identify what binds them together?

<b>BURN</b>	<b>BOUQUET</b>	<b>ACTS</b>	<b>MASON</b>
<b>TEMPLAR</b>	<b>LUKE</b>	<b>BALLOON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>RUNNEL</b>	<b>CONFETTI</b>	<b>CREEK</b>	<b>ROMANS</b>
<b>SHOESTRING</b>	<b>STATION</b>	<b>BAYOU</b>	<b>PETALS</b>
<b>GARTER</b>	<b>TITUS</b>	<b>BERGERAC</b>	<b>FORECAST</b>

*(Answers will appear in next month's Grapevine)*

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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](http://www.allsaintsvendee.fr)

**Please send your items for the March edition to:**

Jacqui at: [sjfamily66@hotmail.com](mailto:sjfamily66@hotmail.com)

**before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



*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*

## *February 2021*



*Let us pray especially during this pandemic,  
how it is affecting us all,  
but don't forget to include yourselves,  
and don't forget you are never alone for God's love is with us all, all the time.*

I praise you God that you love me when I'm happy.  
I praise you God you love me when I am sad.  
I praise you God that you love me when its daytime.  
I praise you God that you love me when its night time.  
I praise you God that you love me when I make wrong choices.  
I praise you Gid that you love me when I make the right choices.  
Amen.

*Keep safe.  
Keep smiling.  
God Bless.  
J. Wilkinson*



*P.S. Some editions ago, I wondered how everyone was whiling away these spare hours we are all experiencing throughout the Lockdowns. Here are some of the replies:*

*Making marmalade; Painting-by-numbers; embroidery; learning to play the guitar online; zoom-ballet classes(grandchildren); baking bread and ginger biscuits; reading "that book" which was at the bottom of the pile; lots of energetic gardening and decorating, and even laying a concrete floor!*

