

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

 *The Grapevine* 

August 2018

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Thanks to Revd Gareth Randall who has contributed our August Preface.



Preface



Dear Friends,



Plus ça change ?

Last month, Pippa Hales ends her prayers of intercessions for our Sunday service of Holy Communion in St Bart's Dinard with this prayer from 1584:

O God,
whose grace is sufficient for all our needs;
lift us, we beseech you, above all the doubts
and anxieties of the present time
into the calm of your presence,
that guarded by your peace,
we may serve you without fear all the days of our life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

What struck me forcibly and may well have caught your attention, too, is just how topical the prayer sounds for the times in which we find ourselves today. 'Doubts?' 'Anxieties?' Let's not mention Brexit; populism; the possibility of terrorism; waves of migrants trying to reach Europe. Let's not mention growing older and possible concerns re health care, the value of the pound and low interest rates.

But it's NOT the problems that make me want to share the prayer with you but what is promised that so resonates with me: 'calm', 'peace', to be able to be of service freed from all 'fear' – all three flowing from that opening clause in the prayer: 'whose grace is sufficient for all our needs'.

What I believe to be at the heart of our faith is a loving God who cares for us, as a father his children, who is there for us even when we feel we're on our own, alone in the face of trouble. And his gift to us is his grace, freely given to us, grace sufficient to cope, no matter what. So when my house back in England was flooded last March on the coldest weekend of the year by a burst water tank in the attic, the disaster turned into an opportunity for my friends and family and former parishioners to be there for me and to help me deal with what needed doing.

Hope I haven't been too negative. For me, Christianity is positively real and enables us really to cope, no matter what. So goodbye doubts and anxieties; welcome peace and calm - 'grâce à Dieu'.

Have a good summer.

Every blessing,

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

August into September 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)

The First Reading (in italics is the continuous sequence of readings; the normal print reading is that related to the other 2 for the day):

5th August Holy Communion 11.00 La Chapelle Palluau 10th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 78:23-29

12th August Holy Communion 11.00 The Salle at Puy de Serre 11th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33 1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 John 6: 35,41-51
Psalm 130 or Psalm 34: 1-8

19th August Holy Communion 11.00 La Chapelle Palluau 12th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 2:10-12: 3:3-14 Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
Psalm 111 or Psalm 34:9-14

26th August Holy Communion 11.00 The Salle at Puy de Serre 13th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Joshua 1-2a,14-18
Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 56-69
Psalm 84 or Psalm 34:15-22

2nd September Holy Communion 11.00 La Chapelle Palluau 14th Sunday after Trinity

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1: 17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, 15

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

Altar Flowers

12th August = Joan Stewart; 26th August = Liz Lapsley

Liz 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.

It will be Harvest Festival on the 9th September. Perhaps you have some decorating ideas for this special service?

If so, please phone Liz. Tel: 02.51.52.58.01





Dates for your August 2018 *Diary*

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th **Sunday 11.00 HC La Chapelle Palluau**

6th

7th

8th

9th **Thursday , 2.30pm Sewing Circle**

10th

11th

12th **Sunday 11.00 HC The Salle at Puy de Serre**

13th

14th

15th

16th

17th

18th

19th **Sunday 11.00 HC La Chapelle Palluau**

20th

21st **Tuesday 10am Ministry Team Meeting** at the Vicarage

22nd

23rd **Thursday 2.30pm Ladies Circle**

Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba

24th

25th

26th **Sunday 11.00 HC The Salle at Puy de Serre**

27th

28th

29th

30th

31st



Dates for your September 2018 Diary



1st

2nd **Sunday 11.00 La Chapelle Palluau**

3rd

4th

5th

6th Thursday 10.00 **Church Council Meeting** at the Vicarage

7th Friday **Quiz** (for details contact Polly Ward)

8th

9th **Sunday 11.00 MW Harvest Thanksgiving, The Salle at Puy de Serre**

10th

11th

12th

13th Thursday , 2.30pm **Sewing Circle**

14th

15th

16th **Sunday 11.00 La Chapelle Palluau**

17th

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19th

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23rd **Sunday 11.00 HC The Salle at Puy de Serre**

24th

25th

26th

27th Thursday 2.30pm **Ladies Circle**

Cakes: Debbie; **Papercraft with Debbie [flowers]**

28th Friday **Greek Supper** starting at 18.30 at the Salle in Puy de Serre

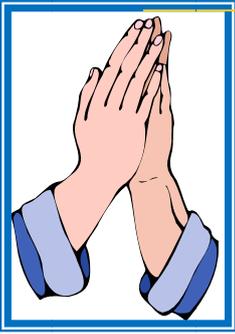


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30th **Sunday Fifth Sunday**

31st

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)

Suzy and Mick (daughter and son-in-
law of Colin & Hester)

Maureen

Mike

Stella and Iain

Pam and Brian

Pat

Roy

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

Iain and his daughter **Morar**

*[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David
Tel: 0251 61 05 04 or Email: davidlpearson@orange.fr]*



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]*

August 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)	5 th August HC 1100 LCP	12 th August HC 1100 Salle at PdS	19 th August HC 1100 LCP	26 th August HC 1100 Salle at PdS
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)		Parkyn, Ward & Calton		Ward, Calton & Rackham
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)		Maggie Calton & Jane		Marian & Richard Rackham
Altar Flowers (Liz Lapsley at PdS)		Joan Stewart		Liz Lapsley
Musicians +/-Organist (Polly Ward)		Stuart		Stuart

Puy de Serre Church Service Rota

August 2018

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES	PRCH	WL	ORG	CH	INT	READERS	WEL	NOTES
05/08/ 2018	* LCP	11:00										10th after Trinity
12/08/ 2018	PDS(S)	11:00	HC		HD	JM	SSJ	MK	DP	BM & MC	BC & AC	11th after Trinity
19/08/ 2018	* LCP	11:00										12th after Trinity
26/08/ 2018	PDS(S)	11:00	HC		MC	AC	SSJ	CG	DG	DM & PM	RR & MR	13th after Trinity

* For LCP, please see overleaf....

La Chapelle Palluau Church Service Rota

August to October 2018											
PLEASE NOTE All services in the West will now be held at La Chappelle Palluau											
Date	Venue	Sunday	Service	Celebrant	Welcome	W/Leader	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice	Computer	Coffee
05-Aug	LCP	10th after Trinity	HC	HD		TC	CoG/HG	PP	JC	TC	HG
19-Aug	LCP	12th after Trinity	HC	MC		PW	LiG/PP	JC	PW	Books	
02-Sep	LCP	14th after Trinity	HC	HD		TC	SM/JC	pp	TC	TC	HG
16-Sep	LCP	16th after Trinity	HC	HD		PW	LiG/JB	TC	CC	TC	JB
07-Oct	LCP	19th after Trinity	Morning Worship	----		TC	SM/JC	PP	-----	Books	LG
Key to abbreviations: CC = Chris Chandler; 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; TC = Tonie Chandler.											
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 know of the change											

Your Church Wardens' from East and West write:



July 2018

We hope that you are enjoying this warm summer weather, although, possibly some of the gardeners amongst us would like to see a bit of rain! The Tour de France, this year, spent its first three days in our region. Hopefully you managed to see some of it. It has a very special atmosphere and should be seen at least once. It seems to have made the main roads very quiet. On the Tuesday morning, a trip to Nantes was very quiet. The roads have never

been so quiet!

*Services in August will be as usual. On the 5th and 19th in the West and the 12th and 26th in the East. Please Note that there will be **no** Home Church during this month. Many of the group are away at various times which made planning rather difficult. Home church will resume on September 9th.*

Tonie & David



Treasurer's Report for June 2018

Treasurer's Report for June 2018:

Income for June 2018:	1105,62€
Outgoings:	744,83€

The Half-yearly Figures for the Church Accounts (January to June 2018):

Income:	8084.31€
Outgoings:	8407.77€

Planned giving: 2887.00€
(which represents only 36% of the income of All Saints Vendée).

Technically, therefore, we are losing money at the rate of, on average, 54€ per month, but, hopefully, when the Planned Giving Forms are finally ready, there will be a number of us who will be willing and able to contribute in this way!

*Iain McGregor.
(Treasurer).*



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 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
August edition to:

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



*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:

Ladies Circle Calendar; "Greek Night Details"; "Averice";
Treasure Hunt report & photos;
...and much more...



ASV LADIES CIRCLE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018

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



Greek Supper on Friday 28 September.

Tickets (price €14) are now available



Starters – varied – will be on the tables to help yourselves

Main Course - choice

Beef stew (Stifado)

Roast Chicken Greek style (Kotopoulo sto fourno)

Barbecued 'skewers' of Pork (Souvlaki) or Swordfish (xiphias)

will be served with vegetables and oven roasted potatoes

Desserts – varied – will be served on the tables for you to help yourselves

(these will include fresh fruit, yoghurt and pastries)

Coffee or tea

A glass of Greek wine will be included (red, white or rose) and probably a Greek apero

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The Seven Deadly Sins 2

Avarice

Last month, I left you with the challenge to name the seven deadly sins. In alphabetical order they are: 'avarice, envy, gluttony, lust, pride, sloth and wrath'. If you could name more than four, then you did better than me !

What I'd like to do over the next seven months is to write about each one in turn but before I do, two key words to define. First, 'sin' which indicates wrong-doing, a falling short of the mark expected of us. Second, 'deadly', that which is harmful, poisonous, potentially fatal.

And so to avarice. According to my two volume Oxford English Dictionary (OED), avarice comes from Old French 'avarice' and Latin 'avaritia'. Avarice means to be greedy, to possess an inordinate desire of getting and of hoarding wealth. Cupidity. So there we have it: greed in a material, monetary, financial sense. A disproportionate desire to obtain and to store up riches.

Okay, avarice is clearly something that Jesus condemns in his teaching and parables. (What passages in the Bible can you think of that help to inform our thinking on riches?) Wealth is good if we are proper stewards of our wealth. But if wealth becomes an end in itself rather than a means to an end, then it clearly cannot be a good.

I'm guessing that in my life time, in the City of London, getting rich has been a great motivator but when does ambition get perverted? I'm guessing it's how you use your well gotten gains that stops them from becoming poisonous.

By their fruits shall ye know them and stewardship for any church is one of our key concerns.

If you'd like to comment, don't be greedy – share your thoughts with Jacqui

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





TREASURE HUNT

4th July 2018



Would the glorious weather hold out for our eleven intrepid teams? Thankfully yes! We were blessed with sunshine until the final few minutes at the conclusion of the 'hunt', when the heavens opened and the rains came, accompanied by thunder and lightning, but nothing could dampen our spirits. We themed the afternoon on US Independence Day, so plenty of red, white and blue was in evidence.

We started with teams of three or four setting off at ten minute intervals from the car park in Breuil Barret. After attempting to answer 28 questions, each team arrived in the village of Moutiers-sous-Chantemerle to face Doug, Chris and Trudy and some testing games..... Then on and on, answering a further 41 questions, before arriving at Chez Chantal, the restaurant in l'Absie.

Everyone did extremely well and after an excellent meal, we announced the winners and told everyone what the answers should have been! Despite a certain amount of 'good natured heckling', the results were well received! The prize, comprising a Treasure Chest of gifts donated by the entrants, was won by the team calling themselves the 'Smart Idiots'. It was a close contest, the winners getting only three points more than the next two teams who drew for second and third places.

We have enjoyed organising the Treasure Hunt, despite the time and work involved! It was essentially a social occasion, but with entrance fees and a raffle, we also managed to raise 291 euro for Church funds. It was good to see some teams entering the 'hunt' other than Churchgoers. It was pleasing that one such team won the prize. Well done to all the participants. We hope you all enjoyed taking part.

Any takers to set one next year?!

Chris and Doug Green, Margaret and Geoff Kent and Trudy Coates

The Winning Team with Treasure



The Guardian of the Treasure



Meal after the Treasure Hunt



It was lovely to welcome «old» friends, Graham and Jenny Salt, to church and lunch afterwards in the Salle. They were visiting us from their new home in Spain. Here are some of their holiday snaps!!

