

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

 *The Grapevine* 

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4 thought – August 2021

When I last checked my bank balances in the UK, I was surprised how healthy the balances were. Then I realised that, because of Covid we had not been back to the UK since February 2020, so I had not been doing any extra shopping. Wish my French account was in the same state! But then I got to thinking about the finances of Chaplaincy. Like many of us, ASV still has bills to pay, bills attached to the Vicarage, (insurances, taxes foncières and so on and so on). The vicarage is a tremendous asset for ASV, and will no doubt be an important consideration to future clergy.

The Archdeaconry asks us for a financial contribution each year, as does the Diocese, though in 2021, the first was waived, and the second much reduced. We owe an enormous thankyou to Iain McGregor, our treasurer, who scrupulously oversees our expenditure and juggles with income shortfalls. We need to remain financially viable, in the event of serious difficulty, leading to the closure of ASV, then all the assets revert to the Diocese. An event all of us will resist. But being ASV is not just about finances. During our lockdown periods we have become impoverished, in terms of fellowship.

There is a light on the horizon, in that we hope to resume "live" worship early in September, and my optimistic hope is that all of you who have been unable to come to church, will have saved up what you would have put in the collection plate, and bring it then. Though I can almost hear Iain comment about the task of counting it!!!! Please, please, try to review your giving, as I shall be doing. I'm looking forward to greeting you all once again.

I'm heartened by the coming picnic, and urge **all** members of ASV to attend, so that we can renew our friendships, catch up on each other's news and simply have a good time.

Finally, my grateful thanks to Jacqui, particularly for her patience. A few of you are aware that I had an accident to my left foot 10 days ago. Stupidly, wearing open-toe sandals, I was helping to move the pool cover, and the anchor point ran into my toes. I have a deep cut to the tip of my big toe, broken the bones, and lifted the nail by about 90%. It hurt quite a lot and the time and still does. I had not realised how many nerve endings there are in something as basic as a big toe!!!!

Hazel

LECTIONARY READINGS **August into September 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.

1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

Ephesians 4.1-16

John 6.24-35

Psalm 51.1-13

22nd August 12th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 8 [1,6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Ephesians 6.10-20

John 6.56-69

Psalm 6.56-69

8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

John 6.35, 41-51

Psalm 130

29th August 13th Sunday after Trinity

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

James 1.17-end

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9 [or 45.1-7]

15th August The Blessed Virgin Mary **11th Sunday after Trinity**

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14

Ephesians 5.15-20

John 6.51-58

Psalm 111

5th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7.24-end

Psalm 125



Churchwardens' Notes

for August 2021

CHURCH SERVICES ARE RESUMING - and PICNIC DATES

Puy de Serre - Services 12th. September 2021 then the 26th.

La Chapelle Palluau - first service 3rd October 2021

Two picnics - 1st September and another at the end of September (TBA)

As reported in previous "CW notes" your council have been keeping the Covid-19 situation under constant review and it was our wish to resume church services as soon as it was safe and practical to do so. At the council meeting on the 8th July, we took the decision to restart services in September. Subsequent discussions with a representative of the LCP congregation revealed that many would be away on the first Sunday in September so the LCP start has been delayed by a month. At the council meeting it was agreed that a social event just before the services restarted would give people chance to have a good chat with each other before we met to worship - hence the idea of a picnic. A central location was identified for everyone but now, in view of the delayed start to LCP, we have decided to hold two picnics, on different days but both open to all. The first picnic will be at :-

LE BOIS DU ROC site Puy de Serre, from 10hr30 on Wednesday 1st. September 2021.

The site is in the woods with plenty of car parking, toilets, some picnic tables, a table tennis table, a Pétanque (boules) pitch and a large hall which can be used if the weather is wet. The site is located just off the D89 road and is not far from the PDS Mairie. From the Mairie, go West past the hall we use, fork left towards Vouvant and the site is clearly marked on the left. The picnic is open to all - just bring your own food and drink (not Bring-and-share), your cutlery, crockery and if possible, picnic chairs and a table. We can all have a good "catch-up" after not meeting for so long and then recommence worship later in church.

You will note that the council meeting was on the 8th July when the Covid daily infections were very low. Unfortunately, the situation has changed and infection rates are rising again so we may have to revise all of the above nearer the date - an update will be published later. In any case, in church we will have to adhere to the Diocese in Europe guidelines which are contained in a letter from Bishops Robert and David and is published in full elsewhere in this edition of Grapevine. Please contact any member of Council if you need clarification. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the situation, hold online Zoom services and encourage you all to continue with your own private worship until we can all meet again.

With love and prayers,
Doug and Margaret

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The Bishop in Europe:
The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes



The Suffragan Bishop in Europe
The Right Reverend Dr. David Hamid

19 July 2021

For Clergy, Readers and Churchwardens

Dear Sister and Brothers

Many of you who are in touch with UK news will be aware that today, 19 July, the majority of legal restrictions regarding the control and management of the COVID-19 pandemic were lifted in England, with some variations in the other nations of the UK. Consequently, the Church of England has issued updated advice and guidance to coincide with the UK government's policy.

- It is important to note that this is guidance that is directed at the Church of England *in England*, as it is the UK which has relaxed the measures in force. In our Diocese in Europe we as bishops have reviewed the recent update and are convinced that considerable reflection and further preparation is needed, taking account the various national, regional and ecumenical protocols that are in place in our varied contexts, before we make any adjustments to our current diocesan guidelines issued last May. We therefore wish to advise you that the current diocesan guidance (18 May 2021) will remain applicable for the present time. <https://europe.anglican.org/downloads/coronavirus-guidance-for-church-officersin-the-diocese-in-europe---revised-may-2021.pdf> We will review this position by early September and advise you then of any significant adjustments in that guidance.

The reasons for our decision are as follows:

1. Whilst infection rates do not appear to be increasing at the alarming rate observed in the UK, the EU Centre for Disease Prevention and Control does note increasing trends in cases across EU countries; and latest WHO Europe data covering the whole of our continent indicates there have been over 500,000 new confirmed cases between mid-June and mid-July. The pandemic is not over.
2. Our responsibility as Christians for our neighbour means we must take due care to protect any who may be more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be.
3. Whilst the Church of England guidance places the responsibility for decisions about how to proceed with the incumbent (and we would assume that the incumbent would share such decision-making with the Church Council) we sense that we are not yet at the stage where most of our Chaplains would want to make such decisions, with all the risk-assessments and considerations that would be involved. Furthermore, the summer months may not be the best time to be expecting such full local consultation to take place effectively.

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4. While we maintain our present guidance, these months of summer will give us a valuable opportunity to observe the experience of the more liberal guidance in English churches.

We are deeply aware of the yearning among the people of the diocese for a return to more normal Church life and liturgical practice. We therefore will use this summer period to consider how to move forward safely. Our updated guidance in September will also take into account, as before, the expert medical advice we receive from Dr Simon Clift of Thrive Worldwide, our occupational health consultants.

We trust you will understand our more cautious and phased approach than may be the case in England. Our paramount concern is for the care, wellbeing, and safety of our clergy and communities.

This comes with our thanks for your sustained efforts to provide for the fullest expression of Church life possible in these extraordinary times.

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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+ David

+David Hamid

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Next Zoom-services – see “Dates for your Diary”:

Services take place on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month plus other special days.

Everyone is welcome. Do join us and, if you are not already on the ASV Contact List, please get in touch with Doug Green for inclusion on that list: greensinfrance@yahoo.co.uk.



Dates for your Diary



August 2021

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

1st Sunday 11h00 **Zoom Service**

8th Sunday 11h00 **Zoom Service**

12th Thursday 2pm **Ladies' Circle: Sewing Group** at La Morandière
Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

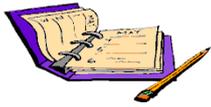
15th Sunday No service

22nd Sunday 11h00 **Zoom Service**

26th Thursday 2pm **Ladies' Circle: Activity to be decided**
Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

29th Sunday No Service

31st Tuesday



Dates for your Diary



September 2021

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

1st September Wednesday **Picnic** 10hr30 LE BOIS DU ROC site Puy de Serre

For directions, see ChurchWardens' Report Contact: GreensinFrance@yahoo.co.uk

5th Sunday No Service

9th Thursday 2pm **Ladies' Circle Sewing Group** Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

12th Sunday 11hr00 **Service** Puy de Serre -

19th Sunday

23rd Thursday **Ladies Circle** Activity to be decided. Contact jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

26th Sunday 11hr 00 **Service** Puy de Serre

30th Thursday September

Note: 2nd Picnic - at the end of September (TBA)

3rd October 2021 La Chapelle Palluau - first service

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Anne
Barbara
David and Chris
Dick
Hazel and Martin
Heidi and **Millie-Jean** and
their parents, Joël and Jo'.

Ken
Malcolm
Mike
Pat and David
Pat and Roy
Peter

....and for the bereaved:

The family and friends of:

Richard Batten
(Maggie Kent's brother)
Herbie Floate

Janice Adams
Sue Stock

*[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]*

Grapevine Treasurer's report:

June 2021:

Income: **860.07 €**

Expenditure: **436.73 €**

This month we luckily made it into the 'green' again,
with a positive balance of

423.34 €.

This was largely due to a donation and vide- sours in lieu of the church plate collection.

Hopefully, others will be able to repeat this generosity when we can finally meet in person again, as our expenditure will increase when we do have 'real' services, and it will be difficult to maintain our finances.

If anyone else wishes to join the planned giving scheme, please contact me.
Keep smiling, keep safe!

Iain McGregor
(Treasurer)



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

Now turn to the end of this edition of Grapevine to find our August message.....



EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA

DATE 2021	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES-IDENT	PREACHER	WORSHIP LEADER	ORGAN-IST	CHALICE	INTER-CESSOR	READERS	WEL-COMERS	NOTES
1 st August	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									9 th Sunday after Trinity
8 th August	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									10 th Sunday after Trinity
15 th August	No service											11 th Sunday after Trinity
22 nd August	Zoom	11.00	Morning Worship									12 th Sunday after Trinity
29 th August	No service											13 th Sunday after Trinity
5 th September	No service											14 th Sunday after Trinity

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

WEST VENDÉE – FORWARD PLANNING ROTA

Date 2021	Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)
1 st August		
8 th August		
15 th August		
22 nd August		
29 th August		
5 th September		

All church services have been cancelled until the Restrictions are lifted
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These are YOUR pages.....



*My thanks to all the Contributors of notices and articles for this month's "Grapevine"
This month there are: 2 "Leavers' Letters"; "Women's Fellowship"; "Resto du Coeur",
"Sunday Club", Polly's "World Cities in Bygone Years" Quiz
and Ken Ivin's "Welsh Memories"*



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**



Dear friends,

Most of you now know that we have returned to the UK. It's really great to be close to our family again after a long time away from them, but we also left with heavy hearts. Over the 13 years that we spent in France we made many good friends that we will miss terribly and we will always treasure our time being part of the ASV community.

As I write this, we are hoping to complete the purchase of our new residence today and should be moved in by the end of July. Once we have managed to get the broadband installed, we hope to be able to join you for some of the Zoom services and I am sure that from time to time we will be able to visit France to see you.

We would have liked to have had a gathering before we left but, unfortunately, the dreaded Covid put a stop to that.

With our love to you all

David & Pat

Dear Members of All Saints Vendée

This will presumably be my last letter to you all written whilst still in residence of my adopted country. I am due to return, D.V., to UK and the family late August so I am taking the opportunity to thank you all, congregations both East and West, for your love, friendship and support in numerous ways over past years. Both Richard and I appreciated the strong friendship experienced whilst living here amongst you all, both from permanent residents and those with holiday homes. Now it is time for me to return to UK and the family, leaving behind my life here, but taking with me many happy memories.

Thank you all. Marian

ASV WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Hi everyone,

Future Planning: Our meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, so:

8th July Sewing group

22nd July Ladies Circle: Cardmaking and sorting of available materials

12th August Sewing group

26th August Ladies Circle: Activity to be decided

9th September Sewing group

23rd September Ladies Circle : Activity to be decided

Meetings start at 2pm...

Joan

Details from Joan at: jpsmorandiere@outlook.com

Photos taken at the latest meeting by Jenny of The Sewing Group:





Sunday Club

August 2021



Hello everyone, hope you're all enjoying your summer vacations.

For our Sunday Club this month I have found something that will answer some of your questions, or enlighten your learning of our faith. Of course, if you have any other question, please don't hesitate to ask.

THE PILGRIM WAY: THE LORDS PRAYER

*** Pilgrim, how do we deepen our love to God?**

We deepen our love for God through reading the Bible,
Participating in the life of the Church,
And through worship and prayer.

***What is worship?**

To worship is to lift up our hearts to God.
We join our prayer to the prayer of the Son to the Father
In the power of the Holy Spirit.

***How did Jesus teach his disciples to pray?**

He taught them this prayer:

Our Father In heaven
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Forever and ever.

AMEN

***What does this teach us about prayer?**

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to praise God,
To seek God's will,
To ask for God's help every day,
To say sorry for our sins and to be forgiving
And to resist all evil.

*** How do Christians worship together?**

Christians gather to praise God to listen to the Holy Scriptures,
To pray for the needs of the world
And to share in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

*** What is a Sacrament?**

A Sacrament is a pledge of God's love and a gift of God's life.
God takes earthly things like, water, bread and wine
And invests them with grace.
A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign
Of an inward and spiritual grace.

***What is Holy Communion ?**

In Holy Communion, Christians celebrate the mighty acts of God.
Jesus had supper with his disciples on the night before he died.
He took the Bread and the Wine and he said,
"This is my body broken for you.
This is my blood shed for you.
Do this in remembrance of me "
In sharing the Holy Communion
We are nourished by his risen life today.

***The Sacrament is also called the Eucharist, why?**

Eucharist means: thanksgiving,
Christians give thanks for God's grace in the life,
The death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

***Why is Sunday the principal day for Christian worship ?**

Christians worship on Sunday Because that is the day Jesus Christ Rose from the dead.
For Christians it is the first day of the week.
Amen
God Bless.
Jenny.



**Did you miss the last Zoom-Service?
or maybe you're a little Hard-of-Hearing?**



**Did you know it's possible to read
PREVIOUS SERMONS at:**

www.allsaintsvendee.fr



These thoughts are from Ken Ivin, who has been busy researching during the Pandemic:



Essentially Monmouth CC gave us the land and a friend and myself developed the plot for those who suffer from, let us say, considerable health problems and the like.

We have people coming daily and Chris, my friend, and myself are proud with respect of our achievement and to see individuals becoming involved fills one with pride.

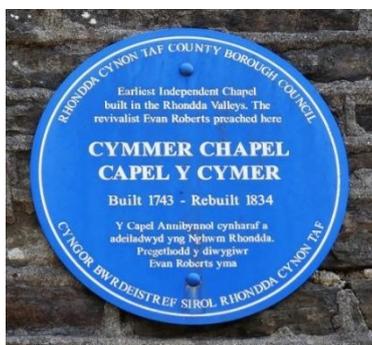
Chris and I developed the land but now it is for those who need some help and support. Mencap and the like.

The soil is wonderful and Monmouth CC are so very pleased.



Ken continues:

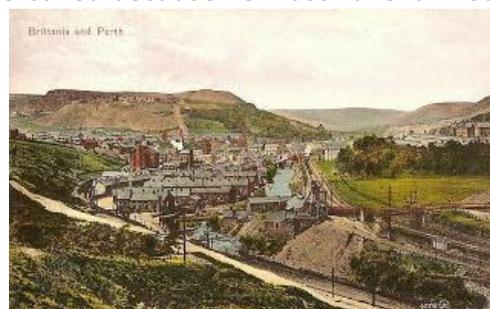
It was as a result of researching my family tree about ten years ago that I first became aware of Capel y Cymmer, and the fact that it was the oldest chapel in the Rhondda. It is situated on the edge of Porth, about a mile and a half north of our first family home in Trehafod. But it was only when I found out a few months ago that Evan Roberts had preached there in 1904 that I began to find out a bit about the history of the chapel.



I realised that I was researching somewhere very special when in the Glamorgan Record Office a short while ago I opened a big flat cardboard folder I had ordered which was about four feet by two and a half. I found it contained an extraordinarily beautiful treasure which made me gasp. It was a hand-drawn and lovingly hand-painted plan of the burial ground of Capel y Cymmer made in 1877, the year of the Tynewydd Colliery disaster. Shown in great detail was the location in the burial ground of every single grave, each one of which was uniquely and painstakingly drawn. The graves were numbered, and down the lefthand side of the chart in brown ink were

the carefully handwritten names of all those buried there. Each name represents a forgotten story of faith and of the grace of God.

Among the earliest entries on the list was William Tynfryn Ystrad - so-called because he must have farmed Tynfryn, located several miles up the Rhondda Fawr at Ystrad. Also, there was Daniel y Maswn (Daniel the Mason) - did he help build the original chapel? Then there was Shan o'r Pwll (Shan of the Pit) - very likely a reference to pre-industrial coal mining on a domestic scale. Maybe Shan had a small outcrop of coal behind the house which was excavated and sold to people living nearby. Also, there was Sarah y Cottage, who must either have been a spinster or a widow - did chapel members club together to pay for a headstone for a dearly loved mother in Israel?



Cymmer

The miners were drinking too much alcohol so Thomas and Evans opened a factory for soft drinks and in 1897.

Former Corona bottling plant, Porth

This building, now home to a community arts facility called The Factory, was formerly the bottling plant for **Corona** soft drinks.



Two local grocers, William Evans and William Thomas, were concerned that miners in the Rhondda were spending too much of their incomes on alcohol. To ensure that attractive soft drinks were readily available, they opened a factory on this site in 1897 to carbonate and bottle water, with fruit flavours added. Their first adverts proclaimed a “revolution in the manufacture of non-alcoholic drinks”.



The company was initially known as Welsh Hills Mineral Waters. The words *Welsh Hills Works* are still inscribed above the entrance arch.

The company’s distribution system allowed residents to buy the drinks from horse-drawn carts outside their front doors. A deposit on each bottle was repaid when the empty bottle was returned. The fizzy drinks proved to be more popular with children than with miners. The company grew rapidly, ultimately producing **Corona** drinks at 87 factories around Britain.

In winter 1908 the Porth factory was employing c.58 “girls” and six men. The workforce increased to c.100 each summer to cope with demand. A large boiler, almost 3 metres in diameter, supplied steam to power the machinery and generate electricity for lighting. There were numerous vats for liquid ingredients. Stone ginger beer (a soft drink) was matured on the fourth floor in tanks of 2,700-litre capacity (600 gallons).

In 1899 the company was fined 30s for breaching the Factories Act. An inspector found four young women at work at 8.15pm, two hours after they should have finished. They had started at 6am. Other young women were also at work but the inspector chose to prosecute only for four offences. During the same court session, two dressmakers, a draper and a hat maker in Porth and Ferndale were fined for breaking the Act. In every case, young women were found to be working illegally. One dressmaker, who had previously been convicted under the Act, tried to conceal from the inspector two girls, aged 14 and 16, who were working at 8.50pm.



In 1909 a Swiss professional faster called Victor Beauté ingested nothing but Welsh Hills soda water and lemonade during a reported 38-day fast in a glass-walled room in Tonypanydy. Adults paid 2d to see him, children 1d. He lost c.12kg (more than two stones).

Corona’s advertising slogan in the 1970s was: “Every bubble’s passed its fizzical.” This was revived in 1995, to tap in to parents’ nostalgia.

The Porth factory closed in 1987, when **Corona** became part of the BritVic group. In 2000 the premises were reopened as a music recording studio and a centre for production of TV programmes.

In 2011 the site was acquired by the social enterprise company Valleys Kids, which manages The Factory as a venue for live music. Young local musicians get the chance to perform on the same stage as established professionals. Art exhibitions are also held here.

Ken



.....and finally.....

Polly asks: "How's your history?"

This Quiz is all about Capital Cities in bygone times



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| 1 | What was the capital of England in the 11th century? | 7 | What was the capital of Brazil in 1700, 1900 and present day? |
| 2 | What was the capital of France during the reign of Louis XI 1461 – 1483 | 8 | Lagos, once the capital of Nigeria was thought to be named after another city that was a capital of a trading state in Europe – where was this? |
| 3 | The current capital of Malta is Valletta but what was it in 1500 | 9 | What was the capital of West Germany before 1990? |
| 4 | Turkey has had more than its fair share of capitals – the present one is Ankara but what was it before 1923 | 10 | Canberra has been the capital of Australia since 1927 – where was the seat of government before this? |
| 5 | This was the largest city in the USA and parliament met here until Washington was ready | | |
| 6 | What is unusual of the capital of Switzerland | | |



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 for the September edition to:

Jacqui at: sjfamily66@hotmail.com

before 15th August 2021

Flip the page for the answers to the "Capital Cities in Bygone times" Quiz

Answers

1. Winchester from the arrival of the Romans until the Norman conquest 2. Tours 3. Mdina 4. Constantinople
5. Philadelphia 6. There isn't one – Bern is the 'federal city' 7. Salvador then Rio de Janeiro, nowadays Brasilia
8. Algarve – an independent country until 1815 9. Bonn (from 1949) 10. Melbourne (since 1901)