Church of All Saints in the Vendée

"To know and to share Jesus Christ"

The Grapevine

July/August 2019

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Preface

We are All Saints, Vendée. One worshipping entity, part of the Anglican church. But we are so much more than that: Part of the Archdeaconry of France and Monaco, part of the Diocese in Europe, true, but we also have brother and sister Christians all around the world. We are called to be "church" in this place, the Vendée. Our role is to share the Gospel of Christ, in the ?easiest way possible. By being visible in our all communities living a Christ-like life. Not an easy task in this commercial world is it? Like most of the world, France celebrates all the popular occasions, just think of the Fête des Pères last weekend, full of hype, extravagant gifts, outings and so on. I quietly remembered my Dad, who died a couple of years ago, but also thought of those without any knowledge or memory of a Father figure in their lives. Children of men who have been killed in conflict, or natural disasters, and so on. Children who had/have/are been abused by their father.

For me, it is natural to turn to God for guidance. We address Our Father in Heaven, in our daily prayer. I seek His will for my day, (however, being me, I don't always follow it, and usually regret it later!) Another preface perhaps?

As I said earlier, we are All Saints Vendée, one worshipping entity. I promised to listen to you all, to seek a way forward. Already there have been suggestions regarding Bible Study groups, Fellowship Groups, and Prayer Groups. At the AGM, I asked folk to mark on a map where they live, as an aid to establish groups or events in the most convenient areas to where we live. As I'm sure you'll appreciate setting up workable solutions will not be easy, BUT it is not just dependent on one person, but every one. Not just the Chaplain, but all of us. I'm still listening, I've heard delight at the way we worship in the Salle at Puy de Serre, equally I've heard deep anger. Perhaps we need to start rethinking our patterns of worship, there cannot be one size fits all. I would be quite willing to undertake a House Church style of worship if there was a need, in an area we do not currently serve, and where there are not many folk to justify using an immense church building. So in many respects it is over to you… keep your suggestions coming, and I undertake to discuss with the Council, your representatives, to nourish our faith and determine the best way to grow that faith that we may serve Christ in one another and love one another, as He loves us.

I ask each of you to pray about our way forward, and to listen for God's response, so that we can continue to be All Saints, Vendée, growing and serving.

Hazel

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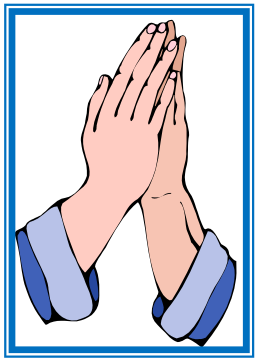
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:



Harriet. *(Granddaughter of Tonie & Chris)*
Barbara *(UK friend of Polly)*
Isi and family *(friend of Pat & Roy)*
Penny and David *(friends of David & Sally)*
Pam and Brian

Pat and Roy

Claire and Colin *(David's sister & brother-in-law)*
Dick
Peter
Tim and Jill
Gini and Martyn
Heidi and her parents , Joël and Jo *(family friends of Hazel and Martin)*

….and for the recently bereaved and their families:

Ted and his family*, following the death of his wife,* ***Joan*** *(Marian's elder sister)*
Maggie *and her family, following the death of her brother,* ***David****.*
Lisa*, friend of Sally and David, following the death of her husband,* ***Steve****.*

[If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer List, please contact David Pearson.
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July & August into September 2019
CHURCH SERVICES with LECTIONARY READINGS

HC = Holy Communion; MW- Morning Worship
LCP = La Chapelle Palluau PdS = Puy de Serre
Liturgical Colours for the day are included
The Psalm for each week is included to guide your reading at home

July

7th July Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 3rd Sunday after Trinity (green)
2 Kings 5.1-14 Galatians 6 [1-6] 7-16 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
Psalm 30 (or 66.1-8)

14th July Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre 4th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Amos 7: 7-17; or Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
Psalm 82 (or 25:1-10)

21st July – No Service

28th July Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre 6th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Hosea 1:2-10 (or Genesis 18:20-32) Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
Psalm 85; (or 85.1-7)

August

4th August Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 7th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Hosea 11.1-11; Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
Psalm 107.1-9,43 (or 107.1-9)

11th August Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre 8th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Isaiah 1.1,10-20 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40
Psalm 50.1-8,23-end (or 50.1-7)

18th August – No Service

25th August Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre 10th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Jeremiah 1.4-10 Hebrews 12.18-end Luke 13.10-17
Psalm 71.1-6

September

1st September Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau 11th Sunday after Trinity (green)
Jeremiah 2.4-13 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14
Psalm 81.1,10-end (or 81.1-11)

Dates for your

July 2019

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

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	
6th	
7th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau
8th	
9th	
10th	
11th	Thursday, 2.30pm, **Sewing Circle**, Cakes: Topic:
12th	
13th	
14th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre Followed by Bring & Share Lunch
15th	
16th	
17th	
18th	Thursday 2.30pm **Ladies Circle**, Cakes: Julie, Topic: Decoupage cards [Dot] (*Please note change of date*)
19th	
20th	
21st	Sunday No service
22nd	
23rd	
24th	
25th	
26th	
27th	
28th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre Followed by Bring & Share Lunch
29th	
30th	
31st	

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

August 2019

1st	
2nd	
3rd	*Saturday afternoon/evening BBQ & Bingo at La Pardière, 79380*
4th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion La Chapelle Palluau
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8th	Thursday 2.30pm Sewing Circle
9th	
10th	
11th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre Followed by Bring & Share Lunch
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18th	*Sunday No Service*
19th	
20th	
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22nd	Thursday 2.30pm Ladies Circle Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba
23rd	
24th	
25th	Sunday 11h00 Holy Communion The Salle at Puy de Serre Followed by Bring & Share Lunch
26th	
27th	
28th	
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SEPTEMBER

*Note: A **Celtic Service** will take place on Sunday 29th September at 11h00 at Puy de Serre*
***Ministry Team Meeting** will take place at the Vicarage at 10h00 on Monday 2nd September*

EAST & WEST VENDÉE – CHURCH SERVICE ROTA
JULY & AUGUST INTO SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE	VENUE	TIME	SERVICE	PRES	PRCH	WL	ORG	CH	INT	READERS	WEL	NOTES
July												
07/07/2019	LCP	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	H.D	S.S-J	J.C	H.D	J.B/S.M		3rd after Trinity
14/07/2019	PDS	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	C.G	S.S-J	D.G	S.P	J.S/P.W	T.G/ C.D	4th after Trinity
21/07/2019	No Service											
28/07/2019	PDS	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	P.W		A.C	C.G	D.P/S.P	I.McG/ F.McG	6th after Trinity
August												
04/08/2019	LCP	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	H.D		J.C	H.D	J.C/L.G		7th after Trinity
11/08/2019	PDS	11:00	H.C	H.D	J.M	J.M	S.S-J	G.K	D.P	B.M/J.M	B.C/ A.C	8th after Trinity
18/08/2019	No Service											
25/08/2019	PDS	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	A.C	S.S-J	M.M	P.W	I.McG/F. McG	D.M/ P.M	10th after Trinity
September												
01/09/2019	LCP	11:00	H.C	H.D	H.D	H.D	S.S-J	P.W	H.D	C.G/H.G		11th after Trinity

July & August into Septembert 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)	**14th July HC 11h00 Salle/PdS**	**28th July HC 11h00 Salle/PdS**	**11th August HC 11h00 Salle/PdS**	**25th August HC 11h00 Salle/PdS**
Salle Setup/ Clearing away (Chris Green at PdS)	Martin/Condie	Condie/Lapsley	Lapsley/Parkyn	Parkyn/Green
Refreshments after the service (Jenny Wilkinson at PdS)	Jenny W.	Bill & Anne Condie	Jenny W.	Bill & Anne Condie
Altar Flowers (Liz Lapsley at PdS. Tel: 0251 52 58 01)	Tricia Goode	Liz Lapsley	Carolyn Dehnel	Polly Ward

Treasurer's Report for May2019

Income: 1144.27

Expenditure: 1142.29

We have made a glorious profit of 2€ in May!

The Vide-Sous collection contributed 30,39€ in May.

Iain McGregor.
(Treasurer)

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 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
mcgregor@lalogette.com

Your Church Wardens write:

July and August 2019

The 2nd June saw the licensing of Rev. Hazel Door as our new Chaplain. Many thanks to all those who came and made this such a memorable and joyful occasion We look forward to this next chapter in our Church's life with great confidence for our future under Hazel's leadership.

On a more practical note, Jenny would like someone to help with the Sunday Club. It will be necessary to achieve Level 2 Safeguarding Training. Please speak to Jenny if you can help.

We are also looking for more people to help out with the jobs around the church, in particular with Intersessions. We will soon be holding training courses. If this is something that you would like to do, please speak to Hazel or one of the wardens.

David & Doug

Sunday Club

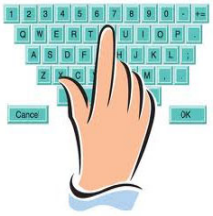
Sunday Club continues to take place in the Salle at Puy de Serre.
If you know of any children who would like to join our Sunday Club please bring them along at 11a.m.
They will be most welcome.

Vacancy for Sunday Club Assistance

We are currently looking for a Sunday Club Assistant, all applicants must comply with the current laws of criminal checks from all countries the applicant has lived in since the age of 18. And to partake in the safeguarding sessions Level One can be completed via internet and Level Two involves an arranged afternoon session. All aspects of training will be aided by our safeguarding officer Anne Condie. Please consider if you would like to join us.

It is a most rewarding and fun activity with our future generation which I personally really enjoy, and of course I am learning new things each time. *Jennifer Wilkinson*

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



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

Please send your contributions for the September edition to:
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before 15th August 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:

BBQ+Bingo, Licensing Photos, Ladies Circle, 2 museums visited,
Grammont Concerts, the Vicarage Garden & Restos du Coeur, ASV Bookmarks,

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BBQ and Bingo

On Saturday afternoon/evening the third of August, Geoff and Margaret Kent will be hosting a BBQ and Bingo session in their garden – funds raised in aid of All Saints Vendée. The cost will be 10 euro per person to include food and one session of BINGO!
It will certainly NOT BE TOO SERIOUS!

Hopefully, the weather will be fine, but we can use our barn if it's not so good.

We will need to know who is coming, so please let us know if you would like to come. We will give you more details nearer the time. For those of you who don't know where we live, it's not hard to find – 4, la Pardière, 79380 St Marsualt. We'll give you instructions to find us if you need them.

Please bring your own tipple!

We'd love to see you.

Please reply to:- maguyjelley@gmail.com

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

A visit to two very different museums in Mouilleron-en-Pareds

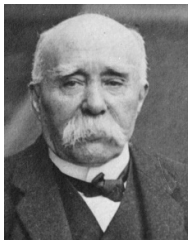
To begin at the beginning, Mouilleron-en-Pareds is today a sleepy little village, with a fine church dating back to the twelfth century, and an array of narrow streets. It is remarkable that this village of only some 1370 souls has produced three of the most illustrious men of France.

Firstly, Charles-Louis Largeteau (1791-1857), who was instrumental in creating, and getting accepted, the Greenwich Meridian. Secondly, Georges Clemenceau (1841-1929), Prime Minister of France in the Frist World War, and signatory to the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, which brought hostilities formally to an end. Thirdly, Maréchal Jean de Lattre de Tassigny (1889-1952), who led the French First Army, and helped to liberate France from the German occupying forces. His widow, incidentally, was Mayor of the Commune for over 20 years, as his father had been for over seventy years, until he was over 100 years old!

On Monday, 10 June, thanks to Polly Ward's organising of the visits, we met in the car park outside the Church at Mouilleron (not without some difficulty, as road works made getting there rather interesting!), to have guided tours of the birthplaces of Clemenceau and de Lattre de Tassigny.

It is the sort of day out that you often think of doing, but never quite get round to – well, it was really worth it, giving an insight into not only these two great men, but the times they lived in and the battles they fought. If you have not been there, I would seriously recommend a visit to both museums.

The Musée National Clemenceau-de Lattre, as it is now called, reunites the family houses of Jean de Lattre de Tassigny and, a five-minute walk away, of Georges Clemenceau, each in their own very different ways, quite fascinating. With the birthplace of de Lattre de Tassigny, we are presented with little more than the house of a relatively wealthy nineteenth century small landowner, which is very reminiscent of so many traditional houses you still find today – a central corridor on both floors, the bathroom at one end of the corridor, and the main living rooms coming off it, with the kitchen at the front. There was nothing to tell you about the soldier, had we not had a guide who was very knowledgeable. Essentially, JLT commanded the 1st French Army as it invaded from the south on 16 August 1944, and was the representative of the new French republic at the Treaty which brought the second war to its close. A close ally of de Gaulle, he was the only French general to take full command of American troops as they fought their way to the Rhine and entered Austria.



The Georges Clemenceau museum is very different. Having served as a bakery for over a century, the original house (dating from the 18th century) was very difficult to restore, and the decision was made to turn it into a museum as opposed to a reconstruction of his birthplace. Whereas the house of JLT is almost devoid of presented information, the house of GC presents you with an overload of information on his life as doctor, journalist, author and defender of the Arts and of Artists, becoming a lifelong friend of Monet, and being instrumental, late on in life, in creating an exhibition space for the wonderful collection of Monet's masterpieces, known as "The Lilies", which are still exhibited in the Orangery in Paris.

Of course, Clemenceau is best known for leading the French government in the First War, and for his strong stance regarding German reparations at the Treaty of Versailles of 1919, to which he was one of the signatories. His status and reputation in France is immense, and he is till revered today, much as

Churchill is in the UK. When he died in 1929, at the age of 88, he signalled that he wanted no pomp or circumstance of any sort, and that he was to be buried, not in Paris (which was the will of the government) but in Mouchamps, close to his family. *Being a protestant, he was buried standing up – his grave is still a scene of pilgrimage.

The visit to the two houses lasted well in excess of two hours, and we all came out having learnt a huge amount about these two most illustrious and important characters.

Finally, we went to tea at Mike Mylod's house in the village, which was most pleasant, and much needed. Mike had prepared a royal spread, and I don't think we left very much for him to eat in the evening! Interestingly, the room where we sat and chatted for well over an hour, was the old Notaire's office, in which the very young Clemenceau sat and worked for a while as a scribe to the Notaire, before taking up studies in Medicine. This made a most fitting conclusion to what was a most rewarding day – they are museums many of us shall return to, and explore further.

Thank you, Polly, for organising the visit, and thank you Mike, for the superb tea, cakes and sandwiches you made for us!

Iain McGregor.

*Postscript :

Iain has made further research regarding the burial of Clemenceau and explaining some of the "fake news" which circulated regarding the orientation of the coffin.
If you would like to read this article, please let me know and I will forward a copy to you. *Jacqui*

All together now from Polly Ward.....

Last week a group of us went for a walk round the museums in Mouilleron en Pareds – and it was very interesting – but one of the main benefits was the company of our friends. Any one of us (or any two of us) could have made the visit at any time but the main benefit was that we were surrounded by our friends (and the fact that, as part of a group, we all paid €1 less)

If you find this to be the case, I would like to invite you to share with your friends (either in or out of the church) the next time you come across something that interests you

Having said that, the next thing that interests me is the series of summer concerts at the 'Prieure de Grammont'. We have been to these as a group on previous occasions but the format has now changed.

This year, there are 5 concerts from Monday 22 July to Monday 19 August – all starting at 21h00 and the ticket price is €14 each.

Each concert reflects a different type of music and leaflets are now available in the usual places. I have one and will leave it with Mike Mylod before I go away on holiday.

This is a summary of the programme

22 / 7	Anne Etchegoyen sings basque songs
29/7	The Como Mamas sing gospel and negro spirituals
5/8 and 19/8	Egregor vocal are an all-male group who sing a wide variety of music
12/8	Choeur du Patriarcat de Moscou are an all-male group singing a variey of classical music

Tickets can be bought online or by telephone – but I will be happy to take down details (when I return) so that you know whether you are going to be on your own or in the midst of a group of friends

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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

In an attempt to let people know that ASV does exist, how and where to contact the Church in hours of need and 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.

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The Vicarage Garden & Restos du Coeur

Mike Mylod has taken over the responsibility of organising a Rota for maintaining the
Vicarage Garden
and will be pleased to hear from any prospective gardeners

Mike is also our link with
Restos du Coeur
and will continue to collect gifts of dry goods, etc.,
every 2nd Sunday of the month
at Puy de Serre to be delivered to the local depot.

Mike can be contacted by phone at: 0251 51 07 36

ASV LADIES CIRCLE
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019

Thursday 11th July, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 18th July, 2.30pm
(Please note change of date)
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Julie
Topic: Decoupage cards [Dot]

Thursday 8th August, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 22nd August, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Annual lunch and shopping trip – venue tba

Thursday 12th September, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic: Prepare for wheat and lavender pillows

Thursday 26th September, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jaynie and Pat
Topic: Making wheat and lavender pillows

Thursday 10th October, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 24th October, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jenny
Topic: Lemon/orange curd [Jenny]

Thursday 7th November, 2.30pm
Sewing Circle
Cakes:
Topic:

Thursday 21st November, 2.30pm
Ladies Circle
Cakes: Jodi
Topic: Jane`s mystery `thing`

Thursday 12th December, 11am
Ladies Circle
Get ready for Christmas! – crackers, table centres, wreaths, etc
Bring and share Christmas lunch

The Licencing Service on 2nd June with the Archdeacon presiding at La Chapelle Palluau

Welcome to Revd Hazel

“Thank you to Sally Mills for many years of loyal service to ASV as she begins her new life in UK”.

Vin d'Honneur and Bring & Share Lunch in The Salle

Presentation and Thank you to Marian for achieving a hugely successful fund-raising Coffee Morning in April.