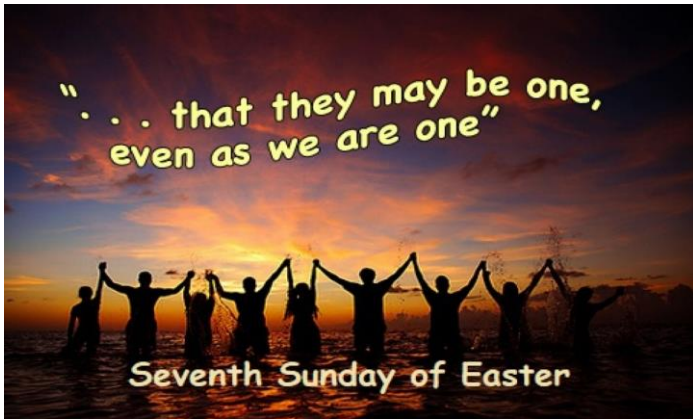




Jubilate

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Today's Bible Readings (from the Lectionary) are:

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day

Prayers

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

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Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Bishop Robert Innes has published a Message for Europe Day
(9th May)

In it he speaks about the contributions of Anglicans and other faith leaders to encourage Covid Vaccination campaigns across Europe.

He refers to the "Gee Seven" songs recorded by the young choristers of Truro Cathedral hopefully to be sung to global leaders at the G7 conference. He speaks about reducing plastic waste, a sustainability project in Italy, the national Church net zero carbon targets., racial injustice, child refugees.

He expresses concerns over the hindrance of religious expression and our ability to organise Church life in Europe. 'We will remain both vocal and vigilant against the efforts that seek to constrain the voice of faith in civil society, wherever we can across Europe where we consider ourselves as honoured guests.

He concludes:

"We are a bridging Church and we will remain one, reaching across boundaries of the forty-two countries that make up our diocese;

We are European Anglicans, working closely alongside our ecumenical and faith partners, engaging actively across the European Institutions, and committed to playing our full part in the common interest that is building together the future of Europe"

FROM: Valérie Petry in the Chaplaincy Office

Dear All, Here's a round robin to spread to as many as possible,



We've all had a long Covid period and we need to see a positive side to it now that the light is at the end of the tunnel.

How many of our members were clever enough to turn this situation to their advantage and do something to their garden to replace being able to travel.

I discovered Dennis Caine "went" to Japan ! I'm sure many of you, if not going so far, have done wonders. A forgotten corner transformed into a lovely pond ? A patio sprung up for BBQs ? A swinging bench hung under a tree ?

Your creations however large or small will interest all, **so please send me photos of them (before and after would be tops!)** . Even chicken runs are a great idea.. I've seen some very elaborate ones.

I'm a hopeless gardener myself, but I do love to look at them and I admire the patience and love it takes to make them.

We all need to communicate again and this is a lovely way of going around our Chaplaincy and seeing what wonders lie behind the garden gates.

Please get some photos taken, it's so easy with our phones now.

Send them to me **office.goodshepherd@sfr.fr** with a message saying what / how/ where etc... and we'll submit a text + chosen photos to each person we'd love to put into *Jubilate*, before doing so.

Those who aren't gardeners like me might have photos of garden wildlife....from insects to small deer and all sizes in between. We've certainly had time to observe them..!!!

I look forward to getting a lot of responses to prove that lockdown doesn't mean unreactive, and that your gardens, gardening, sport sessions and photo shots are worthwhile.

With enthusiastic anticipation, surprise me

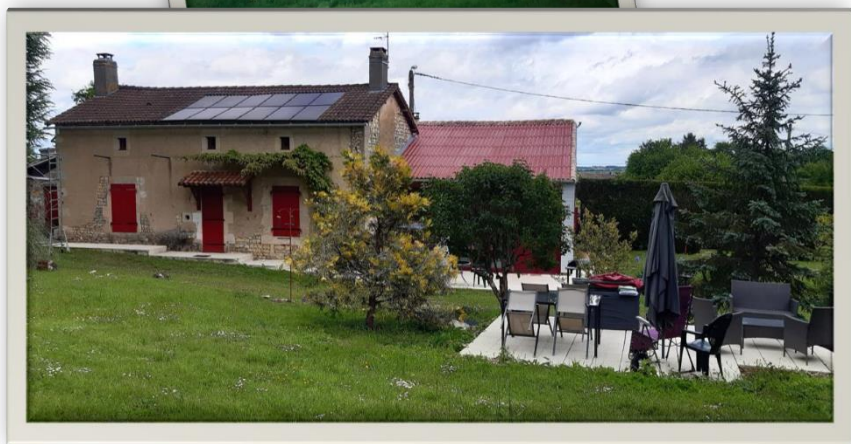
Kind regards

Valérie Pétry

Unlocking our gardens after this long, isolated period.

What did we do with them over lockdown.?

I thought I would kick this off with our own garden at La Vacherie, writes Valérie, comparing a 1992 photo to one of the patio Henri did over in 2020.



NOW let's see some pictures of YOUR gardens BEFORE & AFTER

Or your creations, flowers, fauna etc Send your photos to
office.goodshepherd@sfr.fr

Let's create an *Jubilate* in-print/online FLOWER SHOW



Easter ✓

Ascension ✓

What now ?

We are between the feast of Ascension (last Thursday) and the feast of Pentecost (next Sunday)

One of the great gifts that the Church gives us is the Liturgical Calendar. Its purpose is not only to remind us of the marvellous plan of salvation, but also for us to be present in each of the saving mysteries of Christ. With this in mind, the Lord is inviting us during this time to go in heart and mind to the Upper Room with the Apostles and to await the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Those gathered must have found themselves reflecting deeply on the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension and why it was necessary for Him to go so that He could send the Holy Spirit (John 16:7). While we join them in prayer, it is expedient that we too meditate on this necessity.

Jesus did not "leave" His disciples – He went to a different place. After 40 days of Resurrection appearances, things couldn't just peter out – there had to be a culmination. Earth is our dimension: Heaven is His. Our eyes may not be able to perceive the spiritual realm, but He – fully God and fully man – has returned to the Father. He has gone ahead, foreshadowing the path –that all Christians will one day take. He is, as he promised, preparing a place for us.

He hasn't just disappeared, never to be involved with His disciples – or us – again. He will return. It is interesting to read again the Acts account of the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost. We might have expected it to be a time of slightly stunned disorientation. Jesus has gone, and although He has promised this “Holy Spirit” the Spirit hasn't yet been given. We might have expected them to have been a bit lost.

But there is no mention of fearfulness, unease or disbelief. There is a boldness. The inner group of disciples is recorded as “constantly devoting themselves to prayer” – not just among themselves but involving (from the start) Mary, and Jesus' brothers.

And so, when Pentecost came they were ready.

In the meantime, they waited and they trusted and they prayed

Do we ? Are we ?

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY IS ON FACEBOOK

at 10.30.am



Virtual Worship +

Led by Rev'd Steven Abram

Simply type this link into your computer:

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Worship-Poitou-Charentes-104677654507124/>

If you can't make it at 10.30, you can see Steve & Nicky and hear the Bible readings, prayers and sermon later in the day by connecting to:

www.abram.org.uk/vw



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ANN WHITE



Ann White has finally sold her house in Jassay and will be returning to England later this year, address as yet unknown.

In the meantime she will be moving on May 20th to Alan and Gwynneth Firth's house at **Le Bois de Messé**, and can be contacted by using their phone number **05 49 27 50 84** or via her usual email address: annwhite71920@gmail.com

When she has a date for returning to the UK and an address there, she will tell us.

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THY KINGDOM COME

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, we are committing ourselves to pray for friends and family to come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ.

Before you start

- Prayerfully *choose five people* to pray for, and pray during these 11 days that they would know the transforming love of Christ.
- Set a time each day when you will take a moment of prayer. You only need about 10 minutes.
- Set a reminder on your phone, a note on your fridge or somewhere visible to prompt you to pray each day

Father, thank you for your love:

draw my family and friends into that love.

Jesus, thank you for your gift of yourself:

help them to accept and appreciate that gift.

Holy Spirit, give them new life, and bring them home.

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE This is a challenge/opportunity in which we have set out to read the whole Bible in one year. The readings suggested for each day are set in chronological order, as they happened or as they were written. Some passages repeat others but that's because no one person sat down to write the whole Bible at one go. With 66 books and maybe more than 40 writers, we have here a way of viewing God's written Word in a whole new way - KEEP IT UP !

TODAY (Sunday 16th May)

1 Chronicles 25:1-31, 1 Chronicles 6:31-53, 1 Chronicles 26:1-32

Monday 17th:

1 Chronicles 27:1 - 29:22, **1 Kings** 1:1-27

Tuesday 18th:

1 Kings 1:28-40, Psalm 25:1-22, 1 Kings 1:41 - 2:9, 2 Samuel 23:1-7,
1 Kings 2:10-11, 1 Chronicles 29:26-30, 1 Kings 2:12, 1 Chronicles 29:23-25

Wednesday 19th:

1 Kings 2:13 - 3:15, 2 Chronicles 1:1-13, 1 Kings 3:16-28, Psalm 72:1-20

Thursday 20th:

Psalm 50:1-23, Song of Songs: 1:1 - 4:16

Friday 21st:

Song of Songs 5:1 - 8:14, Psalm 45:1-17, 1 Kings 5:1-12,
2 Chronicles 2:1, 2 Chronicles 2:3-16

Saturday 22nd:

1 Kings 5:13-18, 2 Chronicles 2:2, 2 Chronicles 2:17-18, 1 Kings 9:15-16,
1 Kings 9:20-23, 2 Chronicles 8:7-10, 1 Kings 6:1-38, 2 Chronicles 3:1-17,
Psalm 127:1-5, 1 Kings 7:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY (23rd May):

1 Kings 7:13-51, 2 Chronicles 4:1-5, 1 Kings 8:1-21, 2 Chronicles 5:2-14

This week's Top Tip - in between each passage, take time out to think about it before going on to the next one. Is God revealing anything new/special to you ?

FRENCH RESIDENCY

Advice to British people living in the UK

More help for UK Nationals in France to apply for residency is on the way, with a decision to extend project funding for the Diocese in Europe Residency Support Project to the end of 2021. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has announced an additional £1 million in funding to residency support projects in its UK National Support Fund (UKNSF) Programme. This includes more funding for the diocese project, launched in September 2020 with a £250,000 grant. The project provides free help and support to UK Nationals applying for residency in France under the EU Exit Withdrawal Agreement.

Apply now for a Withdrawal Agreement Residency Permit, even if you already have a carte de séjour. All UK nationals need to have this new permit, unless they have a second EU nationality.

The French authorities have stated that all UK nationals wishing to retain their French residency rights will have until June 30 2021 to apply, and that they should be in possession of their new permit by 1 October.

So far, approximately 125,000 UK Nationals and their family members have applied. However, the estimated numbers of British in France vary from around 150,000 to over 400,000, indicating there are at least tens of thousands who have still to apply.

Here are some websites which can help

- www.frenchresidency-support.org
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985580/Voisin_Voices_May_2021.pdf
- www.service-public.fr

ALSO you can ask in your local Mairie or Préfecture.

In some towns there is an office where the *France Services* team offer free advice and help on many matters

A hymn suited to this season is this "Golden Oldie". It was written by Rev'd John Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918). The music was composed by Charles Marsh

LIVING, HE LOVED ME

1 One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He!

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever;
One day He's coming: O glorious day!

2 One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

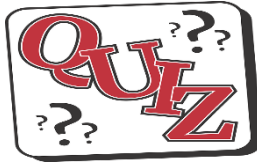
3 One day they left Him alone in the garden,
One day He rested, from suffering free;
Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;
Hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is He!

4 One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,
Now is ascended, my Lord ever more!

5 One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glory will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine!

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever;
One day He's coming: O glorious day!**

You can sing along using this YouTube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hTeEYpcy9Q>



YES! Ann might be leaving Jassay but she's not left US yet.
On Monday 31st May she will be setting another quiz to be done via Zoom.
Details of how to join will be posted in due course
Reserve the afternoon - you'll enjoy it (Maybe!)

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