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Poitiers Choir Tour 2019



Friday 2nd August 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Concert at Eglise Ste Radegonde, Poitiers

A concert of European Choral Classics

Free Entry

Saturday 3rd August 8:30pm – 9:30pm

Concert at Eglise Ste Jean-Baptiste, Châtellerault

A concert of English Choral Music from the 16th to the 20th Centuries

Free Entry

Sunday 4th August 11:00am

Sung Mass at Poitiers Cathedral

Palestrina, Missa Brevis Byrd, Ave Verum

Sunday 4th August 5:00pm

Sung Evensong at Eglise Ste Nicholas, Civray

An Anglican BCP evensong with works by

Tallis, Stanford, Willcocks, and Rutter

SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sunday 4th August

At 10.30h Morning Worship in Courcelles (17400)
Holy Communion in St Léger (79500)
and Villejésus (16140)

At 17.00h A special service of TRADITIONAL **Choral Evensong** (BCP)
sung by the Choir of All Saints Church, Northampton
in St Nicholas Church, CIVRAY (86400)

At 18.30h in the Mairie Annex in Civray (86400):
“Come and Worship” – 21st century Christian fellowship

Sunday 11th August

At 10.30h Holy Communion in Champagne Mouton Church Rooms (16350)
And in Jarnac (16200)
At 11.00h Morning Worship in Jassay (79120)

Sunday 18th August

At 10.30h Morning Worship in Barbezieux (16300)
and in Champagne Mouton (16350)
Holy Communion in Courcelles (17400)
and in Magné (86160)

Sunday 25th August

At 10.30h in the Mairie Annex in Civray (86400):
ALL-AGE WORSHIP
At 10.30 Morning Worship in La Rochefoucauld 516110)
At 10.30h Holy Communion in Jarnac (16200)
At 11.00h Holy Communion in Pompaire (79200)

At 18.30h Evening Prayer (BCP 1662) in the Tower Chapel next to
St Nicholas Church, Civray (86400)

The Garden Party

On Saturday 6th July, a Garden Party was held in La Serpouillère to bid farewell to Adam, Beth, Joseph, Hannah and Benjamin Boulter; The sun shone, games were played, songs were sung, afternoon teas were consumed, raffle prizes were won and the old gentlemen sat and dozed.

Speeches were made (inevitably), along with the presentation of gifts to the Boulter family.

And, of course, there was a cake.



Although this was not billed as a fundraising event, with the raffle, the charge for teas and some money collected by the 'buskers', a total of **854,93 euros** was raised for Chaplaincy funds. Thank you to all who contributed, to Margaret and Sue who organised things and to Richard & Rhiannon who once again generously lent their garden.

WHAT NEXT ?

An important message from the Reverend Paul Knight,
our Assistant Chaplain

Summer brings lazy days and thoughts of swinging in a hammock, under an apple tree heavy with fruit, the quiet hum of insects buzzing in the dappled shade, a soporific torpor overwhelming the senses.

Now back to the real world.

A number of people have felt a little pang of anxiety about the future of our Chaplaincy as we have entered our second interregnum in five years. So I hope you will read this letter through to the end and discover, with me, that the future is secure and safe and that the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes has an assured future.

There are four points I would like to make as we set out into the future, together.

The first thing is that we are an Anglican Chaplaincy. As well as a talented team of wardens, both Chaplaincy and local, worship leaders and Lay Readers, we also have an excellent team of ordained priests. Those of us who are ordained have collectively knocked up more than 200 years of experience in chaplaincy and parochial ministry. I think you can be certain that we know what we are doing. More than this, because we are part of the Church of England we have a hierarchical structure which will ensure that we on the ground are supported and sustained as we go forward. The Area Dean, the Archdeacon and the Bishop will all play their part in overseeing our progress and helping us with our decision making.

The second thing to note is that we now have the opportunity to pause and reflect. We need to look back at all we have achieved as a Chaplaincy so far. We need to be realistic about past failures and to celebrate our past successes. We need to take stock of where we are. In the words of the archdeacon: *“It is right to press ‘pause’ button and to reflect on your experiences”*.

The third, and some will argue the most important, thing to do is to pray. I am sure you will do this individually in your own way, as home groups and as congregations.

In addition I would urge you to pick up the habit we developed during the last interregnum of joining with the whole chaplaincy in praying for ourselves and our future at 12 noon every Monday. In most communes the *angelus* bell can be heard at midday. Use it as a prompt to join every other concerned member of the Chaplaincy to pray. For myself the prayer will simply be that we that we might hear the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd as he leads us into fresh pastures and beside still waters.

Lastly I would urge you to talk to one another. We are the body of Christ and as we talk to one another, share ideas and explore possibilities we may begin to distil a clearer vision of what the next decade holds for us. Ultimately we may need to go for bigger conversations but the pausing and praying need to come first, and the wisdom of those set in authority over us by God’s grace needs to be understood.

A lot of this could be done swinging in a hammock under an apple tree.....



When we’ve finished swinging (and praying) in our hammocks, we could turn to the next page and start work on the garden

The previous month has been amazing; the maize and tournesols are giving us great yellow fields.

Things to do:

Fruit: with all this sunshine the tomatoes will require lots of water daily and feeding weekly. If you have brown patches on the base of your tomatoes, known as blossom end rot, this is caused by irregular watering; then the calcium is not transported from the soil to the fruit. As it is not a disease it will not spread to healthy fruit. Aubergines and peppers are also affected by blossom end rot. Once the summer fruiting raspberries have finished, cut away all the fruited canes down to just above soil level. Tie in all the new canes which will fruit next year onto supports. I failed to cut back last year and my raspberries are like a small prickly forest!

Trees and shrubs: at this time of year you would expect to be able to snip back the fading flowers of the buddleias to encourage further flowering.

Vegetables: deter carrot fly by putting a fleece over the crop. Continue to spray potatoes and tomatoes with a fungicide to protect from blight.

Flowers: If you are using coleus/solenostemon for their vibrant colours, now is a good time to take cuttings. Select a non-flowering side shoot, slice it just below a leaf node and remove the lower foliage. Insert into free draining compost and cover with a plastic bag until rooted. Then over-winter indoors and either plant out next summer or keep as house plants. If you have alliums in the garden don't dead head: leave the seeds either to fall to the ground or collect them and plant. Warning: the seeds will not be to flowering size for two to three years!

Lawns: as the water butts are getting empty think about using grey water from washing up to use on the grass and flowers but *not* on fruit and vegetables.

Pots: as the sun is now shining it is more important to water your hanging baskets and pots. To prevent rot take off any damp petals that have fallen onto the foliage as these can introduce rot.

Ponds: I find that my pond needs topping up on a daily basis, and I have a large collection of frogs.

Pests: watch out for the usual suspects especially if we have a heavy dew.

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Meditations and Prayers for use together or individually during August

Thurs 1st Lord, in this beautiful land; help us to appreciate the glory of sunshine while it is with us, and live each day praising you for the blessing of your abundance.

Fri 2nd Lord, we know you hear our prayers whether they are full of thanksgiving or complaint. May our mumbled words of gratitude and fleeting praises find crevices where they can grow within your presence.

Sat 3rd Father God, nourish us with your disciplining love; prune our branches for growth.

Teach us to recognise and cultivate the fruit of your Spirit in ourselves and to purge the bad.

Sun 4th Columba of Iona said *"Joy is the echo of God's life in us"*.

Today, O lord, surprise us with your joy and let it resound in all we do.

Mon 5th Jesus, we believe in your kingdom coming. Even amid pain and despair, we believe that if each one of us plays our part, we come closer to bringing your glory on earth.

Tues 6th Lord, in those whom the world rejects, help us to see and serve our neighbour. Open our eyes to see who is our neighbour in our local community and the wider world.

Wed 7th Father, we expect blessings from you because you are good and you promise to give good things to those who ask. May all our asking, seeking, knocking, be to further your kingdom in some way, be it large or small.

Thurs 8th Lord, you have done great things for us, many of which we may hardly have noticed. We thank you, we honour you, we adore you.

Fri 9th Father God, grow us slowly, persistently and deeply, to be people who watch for your kingdom without distraction, listen for your voice without interruption and stay firm without the inclination to flee.

Sat 10th Father God, give us discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships. Grant us anger at injustice, oppression and the exploitation of people, so that we may always pray and work for justice, freedom and peace.

Sun 11th Lord, today we ask for the courage to live in truth, congruence and integrity.

Mon 12th Lord, help us to realise that all places on earth are Holy Ground where your will may prevail.

Tues 13th Lord, you invite us to follow you on the Way that leads to life. Forgive us that we stray from your path so often. Thank you for your patience and mercy.

Wed 14th Corrie ten Boom wrote *"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."*

Thurs 15th Lord, we want to serve you in the love we show our neighbours. Teach us to embrace each person, made in your image, as if we were greeting you.

Fri 16th Mary Oliver's poem *"Praying"* -

"It doesn't have to be the blue iris,
it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones;
just pay attention,
then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate,
this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks,
and a silence in which another voice may speak."

Sat 17th Listen to your children praying, Lord. Send us love, send us power, send us grace, that we might listen to what you are saying, and obey.

Sun 18th Lord, we have nothing to fear in your presence. Your purposes always come to pass. Help us to live with such certainty in your power that we expect miracles in our daily lives.

Mon 19th Lord, you promise never to leave us or forsake us. Help us always to keep our eyes fixed on you so that we might follow your lead.

Tues 20th Lord God, time and again you provide for us with your near, ready and sure love. Give us eyes to recognise that all goodness and joy are from your hand, that we may praise you.

Wed 21st *'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?" 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ' Matthew 25:37 – 40*

Thurs 22nd

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." **Angela Y. Davis** Lord, give us grace and strength.

Fri 23rd Father God, give us today the grace to love those we find difficult, recognising that we are sometimes that person for others.

Sat 24th Lord we ask you to bless those in our community who work tirelessly for the good of all. Help us to follow their example by serving others with our own particular gifts.

Sun 25th Lord, may we take each day as it comes, with its sorrows and blessings. Help us to live in the moments you have bestowed.

Mon 26th Father God, forgive us for how often we see only the wrong or the ugly in other people. Today we ask for eyes and minds that actively seek the beauty and goodness in everyone we encounter.

Tues 27th Creator God, thank you again for providing for all our needs. Bless the farmers and all who work hard to reap the harvest you have provided.

Wed 28th Thank you, Father, for the joy and companionship of friends. May we never forget to appreciate, love and bless them.

Thurs 29th

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

From the hymn "Amazing
Grace"

Fri 30th Father God, put a heart of hope and well-being in us today. May we lift our light high and show the world your glory.

Sat 31st Thank you, Lord, for the joy of summer; bright sunny days and starry night skies; for visiting friends and family and village festivals, for summer's pace and summer's grace, for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and fecundity displayed in summer; we have been most graciously blessed.

Chaplaincy Barbeque 2019

William and Liz Jones are pleased to confirm that the fifth Annual Chaplaincy BBQ will be held on **Friday 30th August 2019** starting at 12.30, in the garden (weather permitting – or the barn if necessary) of their home in Saint Mème les Carrières (16720), just south of Jarnac.



Donations to The Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd

This event is always well supported so do not let this year be different (last year around 70 attended).

There will be good food and good company. Make a note of the date in your diary NOW and do let William and Liz know that you are coming.

Contact: preferably e mail williamjones@orange.fr or phone 05 45 82 12 93

Sandy's Church Alphabet

An apology. In last month's Alphabet- D for diocese – I referred to the bishop as '**He**'. We have, of course, moved on and now have women bishops. I am sorry for this error

E is for Eucharist.

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving" and it is frequently used in the New Testament...eg. 1 Corinthians 14:16, Colossians 2:7 and 1 Timothy 4:3.

In today's church the word Eucharist usually is used for the sacramental celebration of Christ's dying and rising for all people in respect of all that God has done and continues to do. i.e. the offering of bread and wine as commanded by Jesus at the Last Supper.

In the early apostolic church it appears to have been celebrated after a communal meal. One can imagine that the early Christians, being Jews, would continue with the normal worship of the Synagogue and only meet privately for the Christian fellowship. As more non-Jews became Christians, the special Christian celebrations become more influenced by local customs. St. Justin Martyr, who died about 165 AD. wrote about church practices, including the Eucharist. He wrote that bread and wine are offered to the President who gives praise and glory to God through the name of the Son and the Holy Spirit, followed by a lengthy thanksgiving often improvised by the President. Readings from the Apostles and Scriptures are also read.

In the Mediaeval Church teaching and practice became divorced and many devotional customs detracted from the proper respect for the sacrament. For example people rushed to be present at the moment of consecration in the belief that the view the elevated bread at that moment would preserve youth. Masses for the dead also resulted in a private piety which detracted from the true communal nature of the Eucharist. Gradually people refrained from receiving communion and it became a matter for the priest alone with the congregation merely passive onlookers.

After the Reformation, in the Anglican Church, Morning Prayer became the service of normal Sunday worship and communion relegated to an 8.am slot on a Sunday morning and a special celebration for Easter and Christmas.

The end of the 18th Cent. saw the rise of what is called the “Liturgical Movement” and this lasted well into the 20th Cent. This movement sought to reconnect the lives of Christians with the rich traditions of worship and sacrament. Scholars brought to life the relationship between Jewish worship that influenced understanding of the Last Supper how it is connected to Jesus death and resurrection. In the Roman Catholic Church the congregation was encouraged to take a more active part in the Mass and Latin was rejected in favour of the local language. The effect of the Liturgical movement in the Anglican Church was to reintroduce, in many parishes, the Eucharist as the principal service of Sunday. Societies, such as the Parish and People movement encouraged Eucharistic services and also established the ‘Parish Breakfast’, a time where congregations could meet socially after the service. I suppose our congregations meeting for coffee and biscuits or even a bring and share lunch is all part of that tradition.

I could write for hours about the Eucharist, the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, Communion, the Last Supper, call it what you will. But no doubt I can find another letter of the alphabet to use as a peg for further words on this subject. It is however true to say that what was once a divisive subject in the Church is now seen as a way to unity, with much ecumenical consensus on the subject.

On the day before he suffered, the Lord took bread “This is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup “This is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many, do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

O Lord, who under a wonderful Sacrifice has left to us a memorial of your passion. Teach us so to venerate the mysteries of your body and blood that we may ever see within ourselves the fruit of your redemption. This we ask through Jesus the Lord Amen

My Favourite Hymn by Ann White

My favourite hymn is '*I cannot tell why He whom Angels worship*' by William Young Fullerton

It was also one of Owen's, my late husband, favourites too and when many years ago we were asked to choose a hymn to be played at our younger son's baptism this was the one we chose.

I don't claim to be musical so perhaps those who don't like the use of tunes made popular by folk or other songs to be used for hymn tunes will forgive me – I love the familiarity of the tune (Londonderry Air or "*O Danny Boy*"), though that's not to say that I can sing it.

But, as with all hymns, it is the words that are important to me. They reflect what I believe – I don't know why God should pour out His love on us mere mortals, or why He should seek us when we go astray; I cannot comprehend the extent of Jesus' suffering on the cross; I don't know how He will win over all nations or how they will all eventually worship Him. But I do believe that Jesus was Son of God born as a baby in Bethlehem, that He lived on earth for 33 years and died to pay the price for our sin. I know that He is our healer, He calms our fears and carries our burdens. I know that one day all these things will be fulfilled and we shall see His glory when He comes again and all will sing in praise and worship; that he is indeed the Saviour of the world and one day, we don't know when, He will be known by all and be their King.

So this hymn for me is a statement of faith, a creed.

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William Young Fullerton (8 March 1857 -17 August 1932) was a Baptist preacher, administrator and writer. He was born in Belfast, Ireland. As a young man, he was influenced by the preaching of Charles Spurgeon, who became his friend and mentor. Fullerton served as President of the Baptist Union and Home Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. He was a frequent speaker at Keswick Conventions.

Book of the Month - recommended by Rev'd Paul Knight

“Retired and Inspired” – Making the most of our later years

By Wendy Billington

Published by BRF ISBN 9780857467201 Price £8.99

This month's recommendation is properly home-grown as it was largely written right here in Poitou-Charentes. The purpose of the book is give those who have retired, or are about to retire, a framework with which to structure their thinking and praying about the joys and challenges of this change from working life to retirement.

Wendy Billington has a real depth of experience in pastoral counselling and Christian spirituality. She has already written two books on issues concerning care in specifically Christian contexts for BRF.

The book is arranged in short chapters that end with reflections and prayers. If the book was taken up by a home group there are questions and ideas for discussion. In two parts it deals firstly with clearing the stumbling blocks that might impede a healthy retirement and then seeks to build on the skills and abilities that may have been underused or lain dormant during our working life.

The author comes from a background that clearly takes the Bible at face value and I found some of her assertions a little simplistic. The idea that if we just hand our anxieties over to God they will go away doesn't chime with my experience. However that is minor cavil. The passages on bereavement are exemplary and some of the questions that she poses are still buzzing in my head many days after reading the book.

Because of looming deadlines I read this book in an afternoon. It would be much better to read it slowly, taking time to think about the ideas she raises and to look for answers to questions posed. Even if you don't agree with everything she writes you will find this a useful book.

Roy Carter - Evangelist

On 26th. July, 1965 in Southwark Cathedral London, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, ‘admitted’ Roy Carter to the ‘Office of Evangelist’.

On Sunday 7th. July, 2019, the Archdeacon of France and Monaco, on behalf of the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe Recommissioned and Authorised him as Pastoral Evangelist to the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes.



We asked Roy to explain his role

Since it was announced to the Chaplaincy, a number of people have asked me, "What is an Evangelist?" One answer is, "It is one beggar who has found bread, telling other beggars where they too can find bread." We remember that in John 6: 35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry again"

The best formal definition I have found comes from the Archbishops Commission on Evangelism of 1943: "*The purpose of the Evangelist is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men and women come to put their trust in God through him, to accept him as their Saviour, and serve him as their King within the fellowship of the Church.*"

The Evangelist's ministry is to reach out to those outside the fellowship of God's church. This will vary in style depending upon opportunities. Additionally, there is also a pastoral aspect to this ministry that seeks to nurture the people of God. There will be 'Discipleship' courses based on Christianity Explored and Alpha. These will be held in various venues around the Chaplaincy. For me, this is both a preaching and teaching ministry.

Roy Carter

Coming soon (i)



MU Quiet Day

The next organised event for MU is our quiet day. This year we have decided to hold it at the **camp site** in **Bignac** on **23rd September**. The family have very kindly offered the use of their facilities and are even opening the restaurant for us. Because of the location and the need for organising the food we do need definite numbers in advance and so would appreciate a response by *12th September* please. This has always been well supported in the past and is open to anyone who would like to attend be they ladies or gentlemen, MU members or not. There is of course once again the opportunity to camp. At the moment it is envisaged that we will start the day at 10.30 with a Holy Communion service at 11.00 but I will confirm the timings nearer the time.

On another note this is the latest from Abdourahamane and Fatima. They have just been given another date for their rendezvous in Paris for their appeal to be heard. The date is set for **August 27th** so I know they would all appreciate your prayers.

Please contact Judith or myself for any further information and also for a response as to whether you are able to join us or not.

Chris Hands

Coming soon (ii)

Labyrinth Workshop

28-29 Sept 2019

Les Jardins des Arts,
7 Rue des Anciennes Ecoles,
Hanc,
79110 Valde-laume

A weekend to reflect. Come along to:

- walk the orchard labyrinth
- create our own labyrinth together
- notice how you walk

€40 – lunch and evening meal included

Further information: bobwhorton@icloud.com



OFF TO MADAGASCAR



As the Boulter family make their way to Madagascar this month, here are a few facts for you to digest:

- The official name of Madagascar is the Republic of Madagascar.
- Madagascar is an island country, off the east coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean.
- Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world.
- From 1895 France governed Madagascar. In 1960, the country became a fully independent country called the Malagasy Republic. It became the Democratic Republic of Madagascar in 1975 and the Republic of Madagascar in 1993.
- The capital of Madagascar is Antananarivo, home to over 2 million people.
- The official languages of Madagascar are Malagasy and French.

- Madagascar is home to over 22 million people (22,599,098) as of July 2013.
- The highest mountain in Madagascar is Maromokotro at 2876 m (9436 ft).
- Madagascar is classed as one of the world's 17 megadiverse countries that are considered to be home to the majority of the world's biodiversity. Over 70% of the 250,000 wildlife species found in Madagascar are found nowhere else in the world. While 90% of the estimated 14,000 plants native to Madagascar are also found nowhere else.
- The lemur is only found in the wild in Madagascar. As of 2012, there were 103 living species of lemur in Madagascar, including sub-species. The majority of these are classified as rare or endangered. Several species of lemur such as the giant lemur have become extinct in the past, mainly due to extensive deforestation.
- The unique ecology of Madagascar has led some scientists to refer to the country as the "eighth continent" of the world.
- Madagascar has the 3rd largest coral reef system in the world, the Toliara coral reef, off the south-western coast.
- Madagascar is one of the world's main suppliers of vanilla and cloves, while coffee, lychees and shrimp are also important agriculturally. The country currently provides half of the world's supply of sapphires and produces a number of other precious and semi-precious stones.
- Madagascar is a relatively poor country with approximately 70 percent of the population living below the national poverty line threshold of \$1 per day.
- The national sport of Madagascar is rugby, with football (soccer) also popular.
- Madagascans have a number of traditional pastimes. Moraingy is a type of hand-to-hand combat, tolon-omby, the wrestling of zebu cattle, is also popular in regional areas. While fanorona, is a famous board game invented there.



- This is the flag of Madagascar
- Adam will be Dean of the Theological College in Toliara

***Jubilate* has appointed a Madagascar News Correspondent to inform us from time to time about what's happening in Toliara.**

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Our AIM:

- **To love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.**
- **To love our neighbours as ourselves**
- **To go and make disciples**

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