

Dronne Valley Church News

**The Dronne Valley Church is part of the worldwide Anglican communion,
meeting at the landmark Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bertric Burée**

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**September
2021**



*Another new role for the church Upper Room garden – from
open air worship space, to garden fête and now car boot sale*

September Church Services

at Bertric Burée

Sunday 5 September	18:00	Evensong, in Bertric Burée church, with Sheila Marshall
Wednesday 8 September	11:00	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in Bertric Burée church, with Revd Tony Lomas
Sunday 12 September	10:30	Morning Worship, in Bertric Burée church, with Trevor Hodgkiss
Sunday 19 September	10:15- 12:00	Bertric Burée church - Open for prayer and reflection <i>...and we are invited join the Chaplaincy worship on line, at home, at a time of our choosing</i>
Sunday 26 September	10:30	Harvest Holy Communion, in Bertric Burée church, with Revd Brian Davies

During Covid, invitations to services will be sent out by email,
and it would be very helpful
to know in advance if you plan to come

If you're not a regular member of the church,
please feel free to join us,
but it would be good if you could
let us know in advance
– just email church wardens **Rosemary** or **Ann**

Jaki Moorhouse writes –

I am so sorry to have to say that I am, very reluctantly, having to 'walk away' from the Bertric Burée Walking Group as, for personal reasons, I have concluded that I cannot resurrect the group even as we come out of the Covid restrictions.



I will miss your company and the wonderful countryside that we have tramped together and the restaurants that we have visited but, who knows, someone else might take it over. If so, I will be the first to sign up!!

Thank you for your support and loyalty over many years and please, please, keep walking, alongside God. It is, quite simply, the best therapy.

A fond farewell
Jaki

Prayer.....

Please make contact if you wish to pray with a discreet and sympathetic Christian listener, or if you want someone to pray for a specific issue.



**Cathy and Brian
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**- take care of the church's
prayer ministry, and would
welcome your call or email**

Other members of the church leadership will also be happy to pray with you

Don't hesitate to enlist prayer support

RAISING THE MARQUEE

This small band of usual bodies in attendance
This disorganised army stares at its foe -
That challenging conniving canvas,
Those white unmarked metal poles,
Lie strewn before them, awaiting attack.

For we are raising the giant marquee,
a manual jigsaw best tackled with smiles.
Suggestions flow, men scratch thinning hair,
Metal poles join others, until a picture builds
Barn raising, before rain - Hope eternal - Done!

All done here, we push worked hands into pockets,
Satisfied, our pride is shared. Home to loved ones,
To talk of our triumphant hours, the day now spent...
But another day of labour is not distant

Anxious eyes gaze to grey sky.
Large lifeless pig turns slowly over hot charcoal,
Men in aprons sharpen knives,
Ladies fuss over rolls and chips.
Brimming charming stalls await, "Patience please!"
Chatter, final arrangements put in place —
The main event has arrived.

Families stroll in, money jingles in lively expectancy,
Volunteers hold their breath to see their work's rewards.

But then torrential rain, young and old scatter to shelter,
Scattering bric-a-brac goodies all over the lawn.
We greet under canvas, with oohs and ahs from lost times.

Beers drunk, pork baps, chips are cheerfully consumed.
Warmed by good feeling, the sun finally comes out.
Children play with squeals and laughter,
Prizes bring delighted smiles.
Dad's money spent, all for a good cause.
Until rain draws us once more together
to happily chatter, updating all
on who is poorly and who is likely to recover.

A raffle signals this day is closing.
Tired waves from departing children
Who clutch their prizes alongside memories.
Dad carries their spoils to deposit in the garage,
While Mum holds her hungry baby close.

Behind them, counting begins of money earnestly earned,
Car rear boots open to receive the unsold.
We clear the garden and head for our armchairs, Feet up at last, we
talk of the day.
Did everyone enjoy it? The jury is out.

Brian Wilkinson August 2021

The Summer Fête

...a Storming Success

The Anglican community at Bertric-Burée had our annual Summer Fête Saturday, August 7th. Because the weather forecast wasn't ideal, we prepared for the worst while hoping for the best. We had erected marquees and gazebos and when the torrential downpours came people scurried for shelter and waited out the precipitation laughing and chatting with their soggy neighbours.

Our Upper Room Garden is quite large and comfortably holds a 12x6 metre marquee in which we had vendors selling jewellery, cards, glass ornaments and more with room leftover for our always popular cake table, bottle tombola and raffle.

At noon, with church bells ringing in the background, we unveiled the fête favourite, a 35 kilo pig roasted to perfection and ready to be served with apple or barbeque sauce. With 80+ sandwiches and 60+ barquettes of frites sold....no one left hungry! Our bar table, set up under one of the gazebos, satisfied the resulting thirst, though because of the cooler temperatures, coffees and teas were the biggest sellers.

For the young and young at heart we had garden games available challenging all comers to "knock out the lion's teeth", "get a hole in one on the putting green" and "strike the bell with a mallet" to name just a few. And, because everyone is a winner at these games, there was a table of prizes for the lucky participants to choose.

Back for its second year was our vide-grenier which drew a big crowd and was especially enjoyed by our French and Dutch visitors. Bargains and great finds were found amongst the bric-a-brac to everyone's delight. Exiting the garden, the fête goers passed by our plant table displaying cuttings of mint, fig and many other botanical varieties.

The Book Barn, literally a barn full of books, movies and music, was the last, but not least, stop on the festival fun circuit where bookworms and cinephiles browsed the entertainment shelves for the latest thriller or romantic comedy. Four hours of fun passed too quickly and soon Summer Fete 2021 was over for another year. Comments of "great food", "wonderful atmosphere" and "lots to do" could be heard as people departed.

To all of the guests and friends who came and supported our fair we say a big Thank You! But an even bigger THANKS goes out to all the volunteers who gave of their time both Friday and Saturday setting up all the necessary equipment, working the assorted booths and tables and then clearing up after the fête. It quite simply could not have been the success it was without you!

Kathy Carter

Fête photos on the next page – thanks to Annette Tosh



Welcome to the fete



There was more than a little rain



but lots to do under cover



- and there was sun at last.



The pig, before...



Cakes gratefully received.



...and after

A Short Window in Time

The photographer's time is very short,
After the dawn and before the sun gives way,
A window in which to see with clarity.
The colours contrast, the light gives depth.
These are the hours alive with seeing.
Help me Lord to be so fully awake
That I do not miss your glimpses of glory.
The dipper standing on rock by rippling stream.
The beech wood lime green in spring.
The wave rising, breaking in lava like foam.
The still, small child's first bonding smile.
Your glory refracts like colours from a rainbow.
'If you believe you will see God's glory.'
An amazing promise that explodes my darkness.
These short moments of glory can be missed
By feet that rush and rush with no delay.
'You have achieved your goal but missed my glory.'
What an awful word to hear God say.

Frank Scammell

May 2020

Environmental Actions at Bertric Burée Church

A note from Gerald Lambourn



Hello, I would like you know something about the environmental initiatives that we are planning for our Church life. I was recently appointed Environmental Officer on the Church Committee assisted by Micheline Heeley.

In the last few weeks, I have been thinking through what this post might look like and after reflection here are some of the key themes that we could discuss:

- a) Communication on events, reports; these days our media are full of environmental news, very different from when I started thinking about retirement twenty years ago, very often they need fleshing out to see the full picture.
- b) Individual actions, what simple actions can we do from day to day in our homes and local surroundings that respect our environment and often cost next to nothing.
- c) What can we do as a Church Community with our Charities, events and activities that are in line with Christ's teachings and our faith,
- d) Explain in simple terms the wider issues of climate change, wildlife survival and how these might be mitigated,
- e) Summarise the results and conclusions of legislation, both national and international, and how will affect us both now and in the future.

I believe this Newsletter is an ideal medium to develop these themes, I am sure that there are talents and experiences in our Church that I am unaware of, so please tell me more.

Some you might question my oil industry background as being an unsuitable entry point, in fact Chemical Engineering with its wide systems-based approach combining chemistry, unit operations, equipment design and safety and environmental engineering forms an ideal discipline for understanding the complex issues that humanity faces.

Micheline Heeley will bring another aspect to the environmental challenge and that is a psychological one, we have seen that it is no good shouting at the anti-Vaxx community to fall in line, persuasion must be thoughtful and imaginative.

Now just this week I have met **Ania Grobicki** who has attended our church from time to time but will shortly be living in France on a permanent basis. By coincidence Ania is much better qualified than me but like me started her professional life in an oil refinery!

In September she will be attending the **IUCN** (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) World Conservation Congress in Marseille and is therefore really at the cutting edge of the crisis affecting the survival of many species.



Her present position is as Deputy Director of External Affairs with the **Green Climate Fund** in Korea. She has nearly 4 decades of experience in environmental work, mainly concerning water, lakes, and wetlands, cleaning up water pollution and managing water resources, and in the last 10 years focusing more on water and climate issues. We welcome Ania to our Community and plan to have some dedicated meetings that could sharpen our focus on things and actions environmental.

I hope the above gives you some idea of our objectives, I know I can trust on your help and understanding of the very long path ahead to ensure humanity's survival.

Gerald



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