



Puy-de-Serre

Sainte-Marthe



La Chapelle Palluau

Saint Pierre



La Chapelle Achard

Notre-Dame-de-L'Assomption

## **THE CONGREGATIONS OF ALL SAINTS VENDEÉ**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR SYNOD 2018**

Another year has passed, and despite a lot of effort and advertising, we are still without a Priest-in-Charge. We are very fortunate to have Rev. Hazel Door acting as long term Locum, aided by Rev. Martin Crompton, and are grateful to them both.

During the past year, a number of our regular congregation have left us for pastures new, or in some cases pastures old. Some have gone back to the UK, some to other parts of France. This has been for health, family or other reasons, including concerns over Brexit. This, of course means our numbers are reduced. At the beginning of the year, it was decided that we would no longer use the church at La Chappelle Achard after February. This was partly because of lower numbers in the congregation, but also because it has become very difficult to have access to the church building. Our thanks go the Priest and congregation of Notre-Dame-de-L'Assomption for allowing us to use the church during the past few years.

We continue to encourage and support members to complete Stage 1 of the Safeguarding course, and some to attend stage two training. We are now waiting for another course to be run so that other people can attend this 2<sup>nd</sup> level.

Again this year we had Ecumenical services for the Women's World day of Prayer, and also the bi-lingual Good Friday service. Importantly for people in such a widespread area, our social events and Home groups are a valued part of our activities and allow us more opportunities to get to know each other better, and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. Through our various events including the Lent lunches, we continue to support the local Restos du Coeurs, and Medécin Sans frontiers.

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