

Chapel of Saint-Marcellin



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Built at the site of a fountain dedicated to Sainte-Apolline, the chapel marks the arrival of Christianity.

In the nineteenth century, the Benedictine monks of the abbey of Saint-Sauveur de Redon, fleeing the Normans, took the relics of Saint-Marcellin and built the chapel to deposit them there.



Visit with audio commentary.

Keys to remove at La Mouai'tte Rieuse coffee.

Open all year from 8 am to 7 pm

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Free tour - Audio tour free

Church "Notre Dame de l'Assomption"



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Built in the 11th century, it houses the oldest bell in the department (1422) as well as Joël Dabin's frescoes painted on the ceiling and representing paradise.

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Church of St. Peter and St. Paul



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Built from 1846 on the site of a Romanesque church dating from the 14th century, the church is furnished and decorated in neo-renaissance style and dedicated to the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul.

Four of his stained glass windows are the work of Albert Gsell, glass painter who paints the stained

glass windows of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Montmartre.



Open all year

Free access and tour

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The Church of Saint Julien



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The foundation of Saint Julien De Vouvantes goes back to the 11th century

After the Norman invasions, the population looked for refuge in the forests. The commune takes its name from a miracle that is supposed to have happened in its chapel in the 15th century. The town was a stopover on the hard labour route from Brest to Toulon and usually served as a relay point for the prisoners. They say that one of them, having prayed with great fervour to Saint Julien to grant him a pardon, saw his chains fall, not just once but three times. The news

reached Tours, where the bishop, a great believer in the memory of the saint himself, suggested to the authorities of the town, at the time without a name, that they should pay tribute to the martyr by adopting his name. Since the lands belonged to the Lord of Vouvantes, the name of the town was completed with his family name.



In 1889, a new church, serving as a place of pilgrimage, was built by the architect, François Bougouin. The old buildings, too decrepit and dilapidated, could no longer be repaired. The church in Saint-Julien de Vouvantes is one of the largest in the department after Nantes Cathedral. Since 5th October 2007 it has been registered on the list of Historic Monuments.

At the time the new church was constructed, and because of the sloping ground, a spacious crypt was built to support the choir of the building. This was designed to be a sanctuary for pilgrimages. Currently this chapel shelters souvenirs from the old church: sculpted items from the 15th century, altarpiece from the 17th century, statues etc.

OPENING :



Self-guided tour - Open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tour of the crypt on booking at the town hall.

THE 3 FOUNTAINS:

There are 3 fountains: The large fountain said to be Saint Julien's is known to heal fever, the second said to be for the blind and the third for tasters or those with scabies.

Hiking circuits : [Le sentier des Fontaines - Saint Julien de Vouvantes](#)

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The Saint-Jouin Church



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The sole Romanesque fortified church in the department

It is a church built to be a place of worship and a safe refuge against warlike invasions, as shown by the central tower full of arrow slits. This tower was used for the surveillance and defence of the town. It is made of shale masonry and supported by 4 thick pillars linked together by ferruginous sandstone arches. It supports the pepper pot bell tower topped by an arrow from the 17th -18th century.



OPENING:

Open every day for self-guided tours

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The Chapel of the Templars



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A historical and artistic heritage

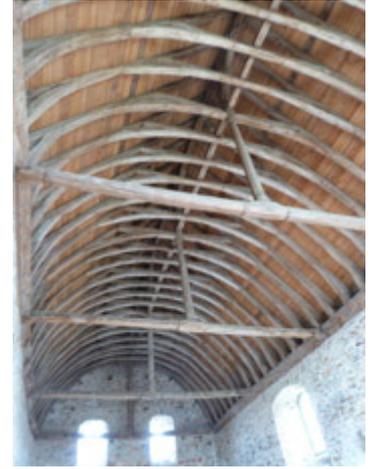
During the 12th century, the Templars modified this old chapel to make from it the church of their commandery. Thus the primitive wooden arch was supported by thick buttresses and a door was built on the facade. The three roof arches framing this door are worth the visitor's attention. Crossbows engraved in stone on each side of this entrance are evidence of the undeniable presence of the Templars.

To the south, a small window illuminated the altar and the two doors, one of which was enlarged in order to allow the passage of hay carts... (The church served as a stable until 1910).

To the north, the wall is slightly deviated to the left. Two ogive-shaped windows were cut through this wall. They are smaller than the original openings.

The far end of the chapel was moved back between the two buttresses.





The woodwork construction, cut completely by axe, is greatly admired by visitors. It consists of twenty-eight beautifully crafted wooden arches. At the end of the sanctuary, the altar was raised by a few steps. The two small recesses that overlook it have something original: the interior, instead of being rounded, is formed of two cut-off corners.

The entire building was subject to utilitarian changes. Indeed, after the disappearance of the Templars, in the 14th century this chapel was assigned by François II, Duke of Brittany, to the parish priest of Saint Aubin.

It was recently restored by the municipality of Saint-Aubin des Châteaux to save this historical and artistic heritage for the commune.

The key is available from the Mairie during the opening hours or at resident's home at 3 impasse des Templiers.

OPENING:

The town hall is opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m and from 2 p.m to 6 p.m and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m.

Free access on Saturday and Sunday and every day in summertime.

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The Louisfert Calvary



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A religious, civic and patrimonial monument

The Louisfert Calvary is a religious, civic and patrimonial monument, situated near the village of Louisfert. Erected between 1871 and 1892, it is the work of Abbot Jacques Cotteux. It's not a simple calvary, but a "megalithic calvary" the purpose of which, according to its creator, is to eliminate, the "vestiges of bloodthirsty cults from the old days". It is also raised on a "holy hill" made mostly of the menhirs and the dolmens of the region. This calvary, which has been blessed since 1872, was gradually enriched with numerous statues, and then in 1892 with a Way of the Cross.

This heritage was handed over to the municipality in 1920. The town council then decided to place a monument to the dead in the centre of the enclosure. This patriotic monument was inaugurated in 1922 and adds a civic dimension to the calvary.



Today, this calvary is evidence of an extraordinary cultural dimension, where humanization, religion, motherland and heritage unite.

The municipality decided in 2011 to restore this calvary and, in particular, the badly damaged crosses.

OPENING



Open every day.

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Melleray Abbey



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A place of silence and peace

INFO COVID-19 : NO VISITS THIS SUMMER

Melle



Place of silence and prayer founded in 1183, bordered by a pond of 6 ha. In 2015, the Cistercian monks passed the baton to the community of Chemin Neuf who lives and prays in this place. 12th century church with recumbent and acoustic vases, 18th century building with a staircase of honor and classified salons, 19th century cloister.

Guided tours: Duration 1h15. 5 € / adult, free for children under 12 years old. Reduced price (12-18 years, students, job seekers): 3 €

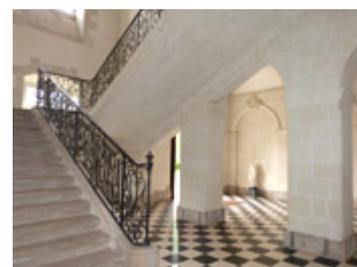
- once a month from April to October
- on request at any time: for groups from 6p.

Opening hours for the services: week 7h30 (Tuesday 9h), 18h30, Eucharist 12h, / Sunday 18h30, Eucharist 10h30.

special hours in summer and Christmas and Easter

Store monastic and natural products: Monday to Saturday 9:45 to 11:45 and 14:45 to 17:45 (Closed on Monday morning and Tuesday all day); Sunday from 11h45 to 12h30 and 14h45 to 17h45

Road to Riaillé, 44 520 La Meilleraye-de-Bretagne - 02 40 55 26 00 - www.abbaye-melleray.com



USEFUL INFORMATION:

Mobility impairment: Partially accessible. Accompaniment routinely recommended (slopes, uneven ground)

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