

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne

July 2020

Open church?

The government has announced that places of worship, locked since late March, may open *‘for private prayer only’*.

The C of E has consequently issued instructions for church councils on how this might be achieved. It isn't compulsory but Veryan PCC has tried to work out how we might achieve some level of access without putting undue pressure on us (the PCC's average age is over 80!).

What it does **not** mean is that churches would be open all day, every day, to anyone wanting 'to have a look around'. Parts of the building will be roped off, 'physical distances' will have to be maintained, hand sanitiser used, and there will be no access to service books, hymn books or booklets for sale.

Opening times have to be limited to avoid the need for daily 'deep cleaning'; if the building remains closed for 72 hours between 'open' sessions the need for cleaning is minimal.

We are currently opening Veryan church on Wednesday each week from 10am until 2 pm starting on Wednesday 17th June.

Christine Edwards, Lay chairman, Veryan PCC
Sarah Rundle, Hon, Secretary

Gerrans Church will be open daily between 10am and 3.00pm
Ruanlaniorne possible evening access by arrangement with Churchwarden David

Readings for July

Although we can't at the moment go to services in Church some of our readers may like to follow the texts set for each Sunday

Sunday 5th July Trinity 4

Genesis 24, 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; psalm 45, 10-17;
Romans 7, 15-25a; Matthew 11, 16-19, 25-30

Sunday 12th July Trinity 5

Genesis 25, 19-34; psalm 119, 105-112; Romans 8, 1-11;
Matthew 13, 1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19th July Trinity 6

Genesis 28, 10-19a; psalm 139, 1-11, 23,24; Romans 8, 12-25;
Matthew 13, 24-30, 36-43

Sunday 26th July Trinity 7

Genesis 29, 15-28; psalm 105, 1-11; Matthew 13, 31-33, 44-52

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 8

Genesis 32, 22-31; psalm 17, 1-7; Romans 9, 1-5;
Matthew 14, 13-21

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Government is allowing modified church services from 6 July. We are discussing possibilities for Veryan and waiting for guidance from the Diocese We will notify you as soon as we are able Meanwhile Wednesday opening will continue for the time.

May 100 Club Draw

Winner is Alison Mayes and she has very kindly donated part of her winnings back to the church.

**Membership Details from
Sarah Rundle 01872 500950**

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR JULY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 08.50	2 09.58	3 11.00	4 11.57
5 12.48	6 13.35	7 14.17	8 14.54	9 15.29	10 16.03	11 16.38
12 17.17	13 18.05	14 06.38	15 07.40	16 08.44	17 09.43	18 10.36
19 11.27	20 12.15	21 13.02	22 13.47	23 14.30	24 15.12	25 15.55
26 16.40	27 17.31	28 18.30	29 07.08	30 08.19	31 09.38	

Full moon 5th New moon 20th

Veryan WI

Like most other groups we have no idea when we will next be meeting but we do have a good variety of speakers arranged for when the time comes.

We will be learning, amongst other things, How to avoid Scams, what happens to our waste and recycling, how Cornish Gouda cheese is made, bomb disposal, the culture surrounding the pilgrimage route to Compostella, different ways to tie a scarf and gardening with Liam Shoesmith from the Truro Parks and Gardens Department.

Meanwhile one of the members has organised a photographic Flower of the Month competition and another suggested that, as we might have time on our hands, we could make bags to contain the toiletry contributions, which we give to the Truro Refuges every September.

As soon as we know when we can meet again, posters will be displayed around the village.

Normally we meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7:30 pm.

We are always delighted to welcome prospective members and visitors. Please contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636 for further information.

Childrens's Society Boxes

I've just had the last box in, sorry for the delay. Between us we raised £415.40 which is great. Thank you to everybody. I have spare boxes if anybody would like one for their spare change.

Julia Pound

Observations from the 'Earwig'

I am steering clear of the subject that seems to be consuming so many conversations and every news channel. I am totally fed up with people jumping out of the woodwork with hindsight clarity telling us what we should have done probably 3 months ago. I am just grateful that I wasn't in a position to have to take any of the decisions that have had to be made.

Instead I am going to count my blessings. I have had time to attend to the garden properly but of course that hasn't left me time to clean the house. I have a quick lick and spit but if the weather's good cleaning seems such a chore when I could be outside. I am so fortunate to live on a public footpath (never thought I would say that!) but local people wander past with their dogs or without and stop and talk. I probably know more about many people's families than I ever did and it's interesting to hear how others are occupying their extra time.

I have enjoyed queuing for the village shop; I have had time to do so. Only this morning I was chatting to a neighbouring farmer in the queue about how I managed to shield my chickens from foxes, badgers and stoats and that was despite the constant interruptions from Warren who expressed his displeasure that I may also have spent too long in the shop chatting to Karen whilst returning a parcel. Sorry Warren, but the question of Karen's daughter's delayed wedding and the prospect of difficulties with my own daughter's wedding seemed ultra- important and surely warranted another 5 minutes for you to wait in the queue!

We have managed to re-decorate many parts of the house that were neglected, but only on windy, wet days. I have had time to visit a few people that I normally wouldn't spend time with, to check on a few that may be lonely and to catch up with paper work long left in piles for 'filing one day'

We are blessed locally to be relatively free of this evil disease and to Mr Grigg, who is usually the butt of my jokes and the source of most of my earwig material, thank you for all your socially distanced help with my lawns (boring) and sheep, all 3 of them! One day I may make a competent sheep farmer if you keep up my training. The problem with this 'lockdown' is that he is providing very little new material; things must go back to normal soon! Meanwhile I continue to count my blessings, harvest my vegetables and promise not to delay the queue for the shop.

The parishes of **VERYAN and RUAN LANIHORNE**
Priest-in-Charge:
Vacancy

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How do I find out...?

A casual enquiry from a neighbour sent me back to archives to find out ‘...what was Camels like, and who lived here years ago?’

With the Record Office currently closed, the only available sources were the office’s online catalogues, a CD of the 1840 tithe map, online transcripts [of varying quality and accuracy] of census returns and parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, and assorted notes in numerous boxes on the study floor. After several days a possible ‘potted history’ was emerging.

Fortunately Camels was one of the properties included in the Domesday manor of Elerky, for which some records have survived [and I have copies or transcripts of some of them].

Over the centuries the manor and its constituent tenements [properties] changed ownership frequently, generating deeds, valuations and rent accounts, many with tenants’ names, as well as a glorious book of plans drawn probably in the 1690s. This shows three dwellings and their associated fields and cliff-top strips, with names and [customary] acreages. Field boundaries and names have remained relatively unchanged; customary acres were about two thirds of a statute acre and a few calculations demonstrated the accuracy of 17th century land surveying.

The two holdings were named as Camels Gay and Camels Denham [after earlier tenants: compare ‘Trewartha Hall’ and ‘Trewartha Jago’]; tenants in the 1690s were Jane Gay and Nicholas Greet. George Gay’s will of 1700 records an estate at Camels valued at £74-9-0, £60 of which reflected the value of his leasehold property. Justinian Greet in 1726 left to his wife £5, and ‘the bed I lie on and the chest in that room and to make use of household goods convenient for her life’ with wood and fuel provided by their son Nicholas.

By 1834 Camels Denham farmhouse was in disrepair; it needed new floors, beams, doors and windows, the front wall had to be rebuilt, the interior plastered and whitewashed, a stove was installed in the kitchen and a new thatched roof completed the transformation.

From the 1840s it is possible to learn the names of all the people who lived in the parish from ten-yearly census returns; one family certainly made their mark on Camels. In 1841 William Guy Blamey and his wife Ann are listed; by 1871 their son, Matthew Langdon Blamey, aged 25, was an agricultural seed merchant. His son, Thomas inherited the business and built a house on a plot of land described on the 1690 map as ‘Broom Park’.

In 1938 Thomas, now retired, converted his former grinding mill and grain and seed store [built at the start of the family business in the 1860s] into two semi-detached houses, one a ‘tied cottage’ for his gardener, John Palmer Dowrick, the other occupied by ‘JP’s cousin and brother-in-law, Edmund Rundle. The latter’s daughter married that same year and Edmund bought Mrs Blamey’s piano for her; £20 well spent, as it still stands in my sitting room today.

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Items you need for a sewn cloth sewn cloth face covering *[taken from government Covid-19 guidelines]*

You will need:

- two 25cm x 25cm squares of cotton fabric
- two 20cm pieces of elastic (or string or cloth strips)
- needle and thread
- scissors

Step 1: Cut out two 25cm x 25cm squares of cotton fabric. Stack the 2 squares on top of each other.

Step 2: Fold over one side by 0.75cm and hem, then repeat on the opposite side. Make 2 channels by folding the double layer of fabric over 1.5cm along each side and stitching this down.

Step 3: Run a 20cm length of elastic (or string or cloth strip) through the wider hem on each side of the face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle to thread it through. Tie the ends tightly.

If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the covering behind your head.

Step 4: Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the covering on the elastic and adjust so the covering fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping. These elastic loops fit over the ears.

Face coverings should not be used by children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly. For example, primary age children unassisted, or those with respiratory conditions.

This information is a guide to making a simple face covering. We do not endorse any particular method and other instructions are widely available online. Always take care to use equipment safely to avoid injury. Children should only follow these instructions under the supervision of adults.