

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

October 2020

**The parishes of VERYAN and
RUAN LANIHORNE**

Priest-in-Charge:
Vacancy

**VERYAN
(St Symphorian) Parish Church**

Churchwardens
Mr David Elliott
Boswague, Tregony [501230]
& Vacancy

Hon. Secretary
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Trevanthen Cottage
Veryan Green
[500950]

Treasurer
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[treasurerveryanchurch@outlook.com]

Organist
Mrs Joyce Goldie
[501565]

**PORTLOE
(All Saints) United Church**

Church Steward
Mr Trounce Guy
Pengelly Farm
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Hon. Secretary
Mrs Jeanne Hitchings
End Cottage, Portloe [501114]

Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Joyce Gilbert
Porthjulyan
Pendower Road
Veryan [501365]

**RUAN LANIHORNE
(St Rumon) Parish Church**

Churchwardens
Mrs Pat Farr
Lambourne Barn
Ruan Highlanes [501599]
Mr David Hughes
Castle Towers
Ruan Lanihorne [501855]

Hon. Secretary
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

VERYAN 100 CLUB
*August winner has donated her prize
money to Veryan church*

*Information on the Club from
Sarah Rundle
500950*

Readings and readers for October

4 October Trinity 17
Exodus 20 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 [Christine Edwards]
Philippians 3, 4b-14 [David Elliott]
Psalm 19

11 October Trinity 18
Exodus 32, 1-14
Philippians 4, 1-9
[Valerie and Brian Willis]
Psalm 106, 1-6 & 19-23

18 October Trinity 19
Exodus 33, 12-23 [John Veness]
1 Thessalonians 1, 1-10 [Julia Pound]
Psalm 99

25 October last in Trinity
Nehemiah 8, 1-4a, 8-12 [Ann Craven]
Colossians 3, 12-17 [Margaret Cortis]
Psalm 119, 9-16

1 November All Saints
Revelation 7, 9-17 [Sue Jeremy]
1 John 3, 1-3 [Linda Kerswill]
Psalm 34, 1-10

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November 2020



We are discussing having a service totally outside, (obviously no singing), with people in various groups of not more than 30 each group, all socially distanced, some at the lychgate, some along the road outside of the school top entrance, some in the school playground and even some outside the hall. More information as soon as we are sorted.

Church services in our benefice in October

VERYAN
*Eucharist [said] at 11 am on Sundays
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October and
1 November*

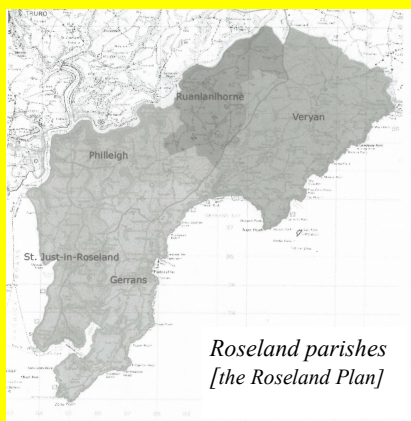
RUAN
*4th October and 1 November
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]
18th October 9.30 am BCP Matins [said]*

PORTLOE
Please check notice board for current arrangements

How many parishes make a Roseland?

It's a question frequently asked...

Cornish ROS [Rhos in Welsh] = a headland or promontory; the 'land' bit is English and was added later



Look at the map;

Look at a dictionary:
a promontory is 'a point of high land jutting out into the sea'.

Historically and traditionally the 'Ros' comprised four parishes: St Just and St Anthony, both 'in Roseland', Philleigh otherwise 'Eglosrose', - the church on the promontory; and Gerrans - indisputably watery.

How far inland should a promontory extend?

The river Fal is tidal certainly to Ruan churchtown, and was some centuries ago tidal to Tregony bridge; but Tregony [and its parish, St James], and neighbouring Cuby are clearly otherwise landlocked. Veryan on the other hand has a significant coastline from the river at East Portholland to Pendower.

Guidebooks and guesthouses are keen to include both Veryan and Ruan in the Roseland, perhaps thinking that it is indeed a 'land of roses'. Maybe we should stretch a point? [but the 'Roseland Heritage Coast' includes Caerhays!]

These parishes have certainly been linked in the past in ways other than watery ones. Domesday Book [1086] recorded the manors [estates owned by one landlord] of Elerchi [Veryan and Ruan], Tregear [Gerrans and St Just], Eglosrose [Philleigh]; 'local' landowners more recently included Gregor of Trewarthenick, Enys of Enys, Spry of Place, Boscawen of Tregothnan.

Tregony, once a Parliamentary borough [one of the two most 'rotten' in the country] lay within the little parish of St James whose church, affected by the silting up of the river, fell into disrepair. The borough was successively 'owned' by Cornish gentry families who bought and sold its votes and voters - Hawkins, Trevanion, Basset among them.

The rural parish of Cuby is bounded by Probus [once a joint living with Cornelly], Creed and St Ewe, with a small stretch adjoining Veryan on the east. Cuby's landowners, like Probus and Creed, were mainly Trewithen and Caerhays.

Does history matter? I happen to think that it does...

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

As with many things, Veryan Primary School has seen some drastic changes over the past few months, but the children's and staff's resilience and dedication has been clear to see.

Our school had to close its physical building on Friday 20th March. Vulnerable and key workers' children were provided for at Ladock Primary, one of our other Trust Schools, and staff who were able, took turns to care and provide activities at Ladock to help the children in their unfamiliar surroundings and situation. For those children staying at home, teachers busied themselves creating home learning packages, and keeping in touch with their class through remote learning channels.

The school's focus was very much on keeping our children safe and promoting positive wellbeing, for some this meant keeping up with school work and completing regular tasks and activities. For other children this was just spending time doing whatever they enjoyed at home with their immediate families.

We are delighted to now be able to open our doors to all our children and team again and deliver a more 'normal' school day. We have been incredibly proud of the children and how they have quickly adapted to the new rules and guidelines in school. We now operate staggered drop off and pick up times for our 3 separate class bubbles and keep each bubble separate throughout the day, which has its challenges, but our first week back into school has been a successful one and we are very grateful to our families and wider community who have helped to make this so.

It is a joy to listen to the laughter, chatter and general buzz around the building again as the children get stuck into their learning and activities. We hope the village is enjoying the presence of the children again as much as we are enjoying being back. Guidelines and routines are constantly changing at the moment, but we have shown we can adapt and are prepared for any new challenges coming our way in the autumn term.



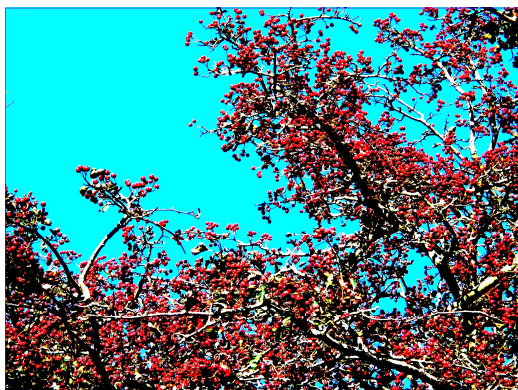
Lindsay Righton has an upright piano

FREE to a good home

Needs tuning and would have to be collected

***contact Lindsay on
lindsay@broomparc.co.uk***

A GOOD YEAR FOR AGLETS!



What, you may ask, are 'aglets'?

Not, as some people think, an ancient Cornish dialect word, but a word derived from Anglo-Norman French [the language of William the Conqueror] and used well into the seventeenth century to describe the metal or ornamental tags or 'toggles' at the end of laces or ties to prevent them from being pulled out of place.

The fruit of the hawthorn or may tree was presumably considered to look like these 'aigulettes'; it may be that the word survived longer in the western counties than 'up country'.

Aglets were gradually replaced by hooks and eyes, buttons and other forms of fastening - but look at shoelaces, and at the ties of modern anoraks...

Burial at Veryan
Wednesday 23 September 2020

William Henry Hocking [Bill]
Aged 82



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING [APCM]

VERYAN PARISH CHURCH

Because of Covid-19 constraints the APCM [usually held in April each year] will be held on

Thursday 8 October in the church
starting at 12.30 pm

The Rural Dean, the Revd Marc Baker,
will be in the chair

The APCM will be preceded by the
Annual Parish Meeting
for the election of churchwardens

This may be attended by anyone whose name is on the civil register of electors for the parish, or on the church's electoral roll.

It will be followed immediately by the **APCM** which is open only to those whose names are on the church's electoral roll.

The meeting will:

1. Elect representatives to the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod;
2. Appoint the Independent Examiner;
3. consider
 - [a] a report on changes to the electoral roll
 - [b] the annual report of PCC proceedings and activities;
 - [c] financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2019;
 - [d] the annual report on fabric, goods and ornaments of the church;
 - [e] a report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod;
 - [f] any other matters of relevance

Please let our secretary Sarah know if you wish to attend as we have to arrange appropriate seating; name and contact recording, physical 'distancing', hand sanitizer, and masks will be required

LOW TIDES AT CARNE OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 12.37	2 13.10	3 13.40
4 14.04	5 14.25	6 14.45	7 15.10	8 15.42	9 16.24	10 17.32
11 6.17	12 8.07	13 9.24	14 10.25	15 11.19	16 12.09	17 12.55
18 13.39	19 14.20	20 14.58	21 15.37	22 16.21	23 17.15	24 5.44
25 6.05	26 7.55	27 9.01	28 9.47	29 10.26	30 11.02	31 11.36

New moon 16th full moon 1st - the Harvest Moon - and 31st, all Hallows Eve, the Hunter's Moon, also this year known as a Blue Moon because two full moons in one month are so rare.

DON'T FORGET! CLOCKS GO BACK 24/25 OCTOBER

REORGANISATION OF ROSELAND PARISHES?

Well, we've finally managed to send to the Diocesan office Veryan PCC's response to the draft scheme, just in time. Many, many thanks to all of our parishioners who have commented and responded in writing, by phone or in conversation over the past six weeks.

Nearly all the responses emphasised the need for a priest resident in Veryan; the reasons included our CofE school, new housing bringing in new families, pastoral care and visits, and the need for a priest to be 'seen' as part of the local community. Practically everyone expressed concern at the obvious workload placed on two priests serving nine churches in eight parishes, not only for the adequate provision of services throughout the year, but the travelling [time, distance, carbon footprint] and how two people could even begin to take the place of one and a half paid priests plus two 'house for duty'.

Would this result in fewer services? More 'lay' people 'leading' non-Eucharistic services? Would there be a consequent fall in attendances and in volunteer support - unseen but never unappreciated - and what about financial help? Fundraising and donations are essential in enabling us to pay our full contribution towards the costs of a priest. A constant theme too was the likely loss of community feeling, the sense of 'belonging', and the 'dissolution' of our ancient parish boundaries.

It seems likely that discussions about a reorganisation of the Roseland group of parishes have been taking place at least since the middle of last year, when Revd Philip announced his unexpected early retirement; but there seems to have been minimal information, consultation or discussion with the constituent parishes.

While the PCC did not want simply to 'stamp its foot and say No' we have in our response tried to include the concerns voiced by the people of Veryan and of Portloe {which wasn't mentioned at all in the scheme}.

Briefly, the points that we made were these [worded slightly differently]:

We need a new priest to be based in Veryan [could be full time, part time or house for duty: we don't mind], for all the reasons raised by parishioners; if that is not possible we would expect the scheme to be reviewed and consideration given to other options for parish groupings and disposition of clergy 'having regard for the natural and historical affinities between our parishes';

We are deeply concerned at the suggestion that two priests, even fulltime, could cope adequately with Sunday services, feasts and festivals and 'rites of passage'; the workload would surely be more than two clergy could manage [until recently there were four; one and a half stipendiary - paid - and two house for duty] and noting also the travelling and its implications;

Our income is derived from regular and year-long fundraising, with energetic and devoted volunteer help, and from generous donations; all this would be threatened if 'one financial pot' were to be established for the proposed new group of parishes;

We are concerned at the lack of guidance, information and consultation so far, and would prefer meetings of all the PCCs with clear notes taken and circulated to avoid any subsequent confusion or disagreement.

We understand that the responses from all the 'cluster' parishes will be considered by the Diocesan Ministry and Pastoral Committee and by the Church Commissioners in London [there will almost certainly be disagreement between the parishes' replies] and that 'wider consultation' may follow: all we can say is 'watch this space...'

***While the earth
remaineth,
seedtime and
harvest,
and cold and heat,
and summer and
winter,
and day and night
shall not cease.***

Genesis 8, 22



*We thank Thee, Lord, for this fair earth
The glittering sky, the silver sea;
For all their beauty, all their worth,
Their light and glory come from Thee.*

*Thanks for the flowers that clothe the ground,
The trees that wave their arms above;
The hills that gird our dwellings round,
As Thou dost gird Thine own with love.*

[Methodist hymn book]