

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

September 2020

Proposed changes for all the 'Roseland cluster' parishes - this affects us all
This article will also appear in the Roseland magazine

Many of you will know that six out of seven of the Roseland parishes do not have a parish priest at the moment. Up to the date when Canon Ken Boullier retired in 2018 there had been four priests in charge, one fulltime and one halftime paid and two house for duty. Draft proposals have now been received from the Diocese which would lead to just two full time paid priests.

The proposals envisage one priest for the parishes of St Just in Roseland and St Mawes with St Anthony in Roseland and Gerrans and Philleigh. The current parishes of St Just in Roseland and St Mawes, Gerrans with St Anthony in Roseland, and Philleigh would continue, each with its own Parochial Church Council and finances. The parish priest would live at St Mawes.

At the other end of the cluster, it is proposed that there should only be one parish covering the existing parishes of Tregony, St Cuby, Cornelly, Veryan, (which includes Portloe), and Ruanlanihorne. There would only be one Parochial Church Council and merged finances. The proposals do not set out how the Parochial Church Council should be made up. The parish priest would live at Tregony.

Responses to the proposals must be made by 21 September 2020.

These proposals represent a drastic change and beg many questions.

When changes are proposed it is essential that they are supported by the vast majority. There had been minimal consultation with people in the Roseland cluster before the proposals were announced. Regardless of whether individuals are in favour of or opposed to the proposals, common courtesy would expect that the views of residents and regular visitors would be sought before such far-reaching changes were proposed. Although many people do not attend worship frequently, the Church and its buildings are important to local communities.

You might wonder how two priests will be able to lead worship for nine places of worship on Sundays. How, you may ask, will the priests be able to get from one church to another with the volume of summer traffic? Some might question the difference in treatment between the two sets of parishes. Often the need to contact a priest is quite urgent. How easy will it be to see 'your' priest?

Many other questions may present themselves to you. If you are concerned you will need to make your views known as soon as possible. Responses to this article will be passed to the appropriate Parochial Church Council for action.

Of course, it might be that the proposals meet with the approval of the vast majority, if so all well and good.

Fr Doug.

See additional notes about this on the next page – and please send your comments to the editor as soon as you can c.edwards531@btinternet.com

Church services in our benefice in September

Sunday 6 September

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan Lanihorne

Sunday 13 September 11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 20 September 9.30 am Matins [BCP] Ruan Lanihorne

Saturday 26 September Wedding at Veryan

Sunday 27 September

*NO service at Veryan because of the wedding on the previous day
and the need for a 72 hour closure between church openings
BUT we aim to return to weekly services in October*

Readings for September

Sunday 6 September Trinity 13

Exodus 12, 1-14; psalm 149;
Romans 13, 8-14; Matthew 18, 15-20

Sunday 13 September Trinity 14

Exodus 14, 19-31; psalm 114;
Romans 14, 1-12; Matthew 18, 21-35

Sunday 20 September Trinity 15

Exodus 16, 2-15; psalm 105, 1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1, 21-30; Matthew 20, 1-16

Sunday 27 September Trinity 16

Exodus 17, 1-7; psalm 78, 1-4, 12-16;
Matthew 21, 23-32

Your church needs you!

Proposals for a fundamental reorganisation of the Roseland cluster of parishes [described by Fr Doug on page 1] were discussed at an informal meeting of members of Veryan's PCC and congregation last Wednesday. [Ruan will hold its own meeting shortly].

We agreed that while we should bear in mind the changes proposed for other parishes, our first priority should be our own parish of Veryan and the 900 or so people who live within its boundaries.

The proposals were challenged:.

There is a clear need for a parish priest resident in Veryan, whether half-time stipendiary [paid] or 'house for duty', to maintain the current provision of services, regular and special, and especially considering the need for regular liaison with our Church school, the new housing development where new families will need support and encouragement to 'belong', as well as care for our elderly and housebound parishioners.

The proposed 'dissolution' of the ancient boundary of the ecclesiastical parish ignores the known 'sense of place' and 'belonging' that characterises Cornwall, as well as the traditions, history and local pride in 'our' parish; while the suggestion of one PCC for five churches raises questions of practicality, efficiency and divided loyalties.

The aims of the scheme:

'To better serve' the people of the Roseland parishes and to make **'the best possible provision for the cure of souls'** in the Roseland cluster will surely not be achieved if this scheme is implemented.

Our church treasurer Roger pointed out that willingness to contribute to clergy salaries and housing through payment of our 'Mission and Ministry Fund' [the 'quota'] could be a powerful element in our eventual response to the proposals. The Roseland 'cluster's commitment to a three-year increase in payments [agreed 'BC' = 'Before Covid'] identified Veryan and Portloe's contribution for 2019 as £14,100 [paid] and for 2020 £14,446 with a proportionate increase next year. In spite of having no fundraising activities since March, and none for the foreseeable future, PCC members agreed to pay the first eight months' amount of ££7,900, leaving us enough in hand only for six months' regular expenditure.

The church belongs to us all: the building, its organ, its bells and clock, our churchyard, our volunteers, and above all its priest, are there for us all whether or not we are regular – or occasional – attenders at services: which of us does not have some connection with Veryan church?

What can you do to make sure we can have our own priest and that we retain our ecclesiastical parish boundaries?

There will be more meetings and discussions, but not much time – please feel free to send comments, ask for notes of the meeting, contribute, and ask any of the PCC or congregation for information. We need the support of everyone and every organisation in Veryan, from Portholland to Pendower, from Portloe to Reskivers and all points in between - please help us to save our church, our priest and our parish.

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Veryan WI

Like most other groups the WI hadn't met since February. So following an informal committee meeting, a bring your own food picnic tea was arranged for a Saturday at the end of July in the school gardens, which was a great success, fourteen members and a guest attended, we had a lovely afternoon catching up with each others' news.

During lockdown our secretary has sent out monthly bulletins giving us information from both the county and national federations and any relevant items of local interest. Our regular flower of the month competition has continued in photographic form, last month there were ten entries- a record - normally we get five or six at the most!

In addition, for the last two months one of our members has set a general knowledge quiz, which has also had quite a good response.

As we are unlikely to meet in the near future and certainly not until the Parish Hall roof has been mended we are planning another picnic before the end of August, weather permitting.

When we can use the Parish Hall again posters will be displayed around the village. Normally we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. We are always delighted to welcome prospective members and visitors. Please contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636 for further information

29 September - feast of St Michael and all angels

...otherwise Michaelmas, or Michael's feast [from 'mass = 'mess', as in 'officers' mess', the place where meals are eaten].

Michael was a particularly busy archangel as Captain of the Heavenly Host in the war in heaven [Revelation 12 if you want to check] and was often portrayed killing a dragon [remember Helston Flora?]

His feast was formerly celebrated by those who could afford it, with roast goose - hence Tavistock and Summercourt 'Goosey Fairs'.

Michaelmas is also one of the four Quarter Days [Christmas, Lady Day and Midsummer are the others] when rents were paid and tenancies surrendered or entered; and of course you shouldn't pick blackberries after Michaelmas because of the unspeakable things done to them by Old Nick [but compensation comes with Midsummer Daisies...]

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

VERYAN
(St Symphorian) Parish Church
Churchwardens
Mr David Elliott
Boswague, Tregony [501230]
&

Vacancy

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Mrs Jeanne Hitchings
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Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Joyce Gilbert
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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]

July 100 Club Draw

Winner was Mark Platt who has generously
donated his winnings to Veryan PCC

Membership Details from Sarah Rundle

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 12.24	2 13.04	3 13.40	4 14.11	5 14.37
6 14.57	7 15.16	8 15.39	9 16.12	10 16.56	11 18.11	12 07.00
13 08.36	14 09.48	15 10.47	16 11.41	17 12.31	18 13.17	19 14.00
20 14.40	21 15.18	22 15.56	23 16.40	24 17.35	25 06.07	26 07.32
27 09.29	28 10.32	29 11.19	30 12.01			

Full moon 2nd New moon 17th



‘Naughty Nipping Gardener!’

Some time ago I noticed a very handsome hydrangea, pure white, just the kind of plant I really like, and it was hanging over a garden wall, well outside the garden, so I allowed myself to pick two little pieces, one for me and one for a friend. Of course I should have asked permission but there was no one there. So my friend and I both planted our little pieces, and as she doesn’t have a garden they were planted in mine.

Now to my astonishment I have two hydrangea plants, one tiny, only about 12 to 14 inches high, but covered in a mass of blossoms of the lacecap variety, in different shades of pink and blue, very vivid and colourful. The other plant, growing about a foot away from the other one, is huge, nearly as tall as I am, with lashings of luscious looking leaves all over, and at the bottom one small branch with buds which haven’t yet opened. It looks as though they’re the only ones, so I’m waiting with anticipation and wonderment. God does the most amazing things and I never would have guessed that the results could be so different. **Joyce G**

[Joyce, we think you are entitled to ‘trim’ overhanging branches! But why would two cuttings from one plant produce such different results - Eds?]

Observations from the ‘Earwig’

We have been very touched by the number of people who have expressed pleasure at hearing the bells ringing again from the Church. The bells were silent for over 4 months.

I had been keeping an eye on the instructions given to us by the Truro Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers and in mid-July they published the national guidelines to resume ringing. Now bear in mind we have six bells and usually there are enough of us to ring 5 or 6 bells on a Sunday. A couple of years ago when ringer numbers were low and we catered for illness and holidays we managed to ring 4 bells, but it doesn’t sound the same and makes for much more difficult ringing and we tried not to do it unless necessary. We were lucky enough to train one new willing bell ringer during last year so ringing four bells soon became unnecessary. We were determined not to do it again!

So imagine my horror when I read the guidelines! I won’t bore you with the 9 pages of instructions but it ranged from considering the ventilation from window and doors, the access in and out of the belfry, the distance between ropes and the direction in which ringers faced. Armed with tape measure I managed to work out that we could ring three bells only and remember that we didn’t like, and weren’t very good, on four!

So to ring three we needed to practise, but the rules included the length of time we could practise and also bear in mind that church had to be shut for 72 hours between Wednesday opening and Sunday service to avoid a deep clean.

We worked out the hours and the areas we would have to access and changed practices to a Wednesday with one person opening and closing the front, using the back door and not touching a thing. But, just in case, hand sanitiser was made available at strategic points. We benefitted from two of our ringers being from the same household but of course we stick to our own bells and sanitise hands for the ropes at practice. Full risk assessment was sent to the powers that be in the Diocese. So we set off to practise on three. I apologise to anyone who had the misfortune to hear the first practice, but we worked it out and what you now hear is bells 1, 3 and 5 or bells 2, 4 and 5. The clock strikes on bell 6, the tenor bell, so they all have a turn!

I can’t wait to be back on 6 bells and to be training another new recruit who had just started to learn when we were shut down. Thanks to all the current ringers, Ros, Yolande, Julia and Graham; we don’t have Christine as she can’t play the organ and ring (actually knowing her she probably can.) Thanks also to that stalwart David T for fixing the clock. The bells are back, perhaps not as we know them, but Covid has made us all learn new skills.

VERYAN

6 August 2020

***Feast of the
Transfiguration***

Burial of ashes

**KATHERINE MARY
PLATT**

Aged 91

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October services

We are so grateful to Fr Doug for offering to take weekly services once again at Veryan in addition to those at Ruan and Portloe. There will be a said

11 am service of Common Worship Eucharist every Sunday in October [until we can sing Mattins again!]

