

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

August 2021

**The parishes of VERYAN and
RUAN LANIHORNE**

Priest-in-Charge:
Vacancy

VERYAN
(St Symphorian) Parish Church
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Hon. Secretary
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

Church services in our benefice in August

Sunday 1 August Trinity 9
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 8 August Trinity 10
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 15 August The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30 am Mattins [BCP] Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 22 August Trinity 12
9.30 am Eucharist [CW] Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 29 August Trinity 13
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 5 September Trinity 14
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Readings & Readers for Veryan

Sunday 1 August Trinity 9
2 Samuel 11 26-12, 13a *TBA* Ephesians 4, 1-16 *Sue Truscott*

Sunday 8 August Trinity 10
2 Samuel 18, 5-9, 15 & 31-33 *John Veness* Ephesians 4,25 to 5,2 *Julia Pound*

Sunday 15 August The Blessed Virgin Mary
Isaiah 61, 10,11 *Margaret Cortis* Galatians 4, 4-7 *Sue Jeremy*

Sunday 22 August Trinity 12
1 Kings 8, 22-30 & 41-43; Ephesians 6, 10-20
Brian & Valerie Willis

Sunday 29 August Trinity 13
Song of Solomon 2, 8-13 *Blair Jobson*; James 1, 17-27 *TBA*

Sunday 5 September Trinity 14
Proverbs 22, 1,2,8,9,22,23 *David Elliott* James 2, 1-10 & 14-17 *Linda Kerswill*

Exhibition of Toys - VERYAN PARISH CHURCH

Friday 27th August to Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, 11am -4pm

Parish Giving Scheme

Veryan church has now joined the 'Parish Giving' scheme [Ruan had already signed up]/It's a good way of ensuring regular income throughout the year, as our treasurer Carol explains:

Churches always struggle to find the funds to keep open. We raise funds through offertory donations and fund-raising events but some people who don't attend church would also like to contribute to the church.

The Parish Giving Scheme is a way that anyone who would like to donate an amount [the amount and frequency to suit you] can do so in a safe and regular way. It can also be used by church goers to give an amount regularly rather than put something in the offertory when they attend services, and if you feel that it would not be right to attend without putting something in the offertory, tokens are provided by the scheme.

One of the other advantages of the scheme is that if you are able to gift aid your donation, this is automatically collected for the church by PGS.

To find out more about the scheme please go to the website at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or have a look on our own church website. Carol would be able to explain the system too.

VERYAN CHURCH 100 Club Draw
June winner was Nicky Millgate
Membership details from
Sue Day 01872 501673

From the Registers

Burial at Veryan

Thursday 1 July 2021

MARGERY ELIZABETH TRUSCOTT

Aged 93

R I P

Thank you...

To those members of Veryan's congregation who are volunteering to help with services - our loyal band of readers, those who have come forward offering to help with prayers and intercessions, and especially to Linda who as a licensed Worship Leader is able to lead services and give Fr Doug a break! If you're interested do contact Fr Doug [501788] or Linda [quilterkerswill@aol.com] for a chat to find out what's involved.

Veryan Church

We aim to open the church daily from the first Monday in August provided that we have a full team to lock and unlock!

Portloe United Church

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays

St Rumon's Church

The Church will be open on weekdays [but not on the Saturday before a Sunday service] & on Sundays between 11.00 am and 5.00 p.m.

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 5.56	2 6.50	3 7.56	4 9/03	5 10.04	6 10.56	7 11.44
8 12.29	9 13.11	10 13.50	11 14.28	12 15.04	13 15.42	14 16.22
15 17.10	16 18.10	17 6.49	18 8.10	19 9.42	20 10.56	21 11.55
22 12.45	23 13.29	24 14.09	25 14.43	26 15.14	27 15.41	28 16.06
29 16.30	30 17.03	31 18.09				

Full moon 22nd New moon 8th

LATEST GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES

The House of Bishops has circulated a twelve-page guidance note on 'opening and managing church buildings' dated 19 July.

It requires each church to decide how best to provide a safe environment for congregations and visitors remembering that there are no longer any legal requirements for whatever measures are in place and that each person is responsible for his or her [and others'] safety.

Briefly, the main points seem to be:

We have to remember that there is no longer a legal requirement to comply, and that we would be 'advising' rather than enforcing the law.

While hand sanitisers, face coverings, 'social distancing', and recording names and contacts are no longer mandatory, these guidelines may continue to be applied if the PCC/congregation would feel safer; but people would merely be requested or advised to observe them and that nobody should be asked to leave for non-compliance; each church must decide what would be safe and appropriate for congregation and visitors.

Congregational singing is permitted but it is suggested that masks are worn and than 'singers sit well apart from each other'

Wine may be included in the distribution of Communion [Bishop Philip commends the practice of 'simultaneous administration', where the celebrant dips the wafer into the wine before dropping the wafer into the communicant's hand]. Although allowed, use of the chalice is discouraged.

Service books, leaflets, hymn books etc are not now regarded as major carriers of infection and could probably be left [in pews] until the next week's service.

Ringling can continue as normal, with whatever precautions ringers feel are appropriate.

Churches may now open for visitors, 'groups' and fundraising events, with appropriate risk assessments and safeguards in place.

'Deep cleaning' may be replaced with a more usual approach: the document advises, for wood, glass, stone and metal, using a dilute solution of an organic cleaning material ['Ecover' washing up liquid is recommended] sprayed on a cloth and wiped off with paper towels; on no account use disinfectant 'cleaning wipes'.

All members of Veryan PCC and regular members of the congregation were sent a copy of the document and asked to comment.

The general feeling is that we should 'carry on as we are' for the present; we have managed to cope well so far and are used to the current arrangements.

Fr Doug would also recommend continuing the Communion in one kind only for the time.

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Singing will resume but with masks and adequate 'distancing'; there may be some who will wish to sing and others who prefer not to and their choice will of course be respected.

We need to encourage visitors to respect and comply with our usual practices for the sake of everyone.

In brief...

THANK YOU!

Gilbert would like to say a huge thank you to Stuart and Nicola for making his birthday so special.

Thank you to everyone who sent amazing gifts and so many lovely cards and messages.

Earwig 'Earwigged'?



Might somebody be getting his or her own back on our Earwig??? How elegant is that! [Ed]

And another thank you...

To the often unnoticed but much appreciated 'clock warden' David T who regularly climbs thirty steps of the mediaeval spiral stairway up Veryan's tower to inspect and check our lovely and antique church clock. We are aware of it striking the hour; but most comments are heard when it stops. So rather than say 'Oh, what's the matter with the clock?' next time you see Mr T, try a word of gratitude for his dedication in maintaining it so devotedly over so many years.

Oh, and the clock itself is over two hundred years old - made in the late 18th century for St Mary's Truro, and bought for Veryan by Mr Trist in 1800 for between £50 and £60 using some of the income from the parish poor rates.

Recycling is nothing new!

When did you last hear- or read- the Litany?

It's in the Prayer Book, after Matins and Evensong.

One of the first prayers begins

"Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers...Spare us, good Lord...and be not angry with us for ever..."

Maybe it's time for the church to stop apologising for the - to the modern generation - misdeeds of former generations [the latest is an apology for the 13th century's treatment of Jews]...

AUTUMN SHOW

With considerable reluctance and great regret the Show Committee has agreed NOT to hold the Show this year.

This is partly because at the time of reporting we are uncertain of the guaranteed availability of our venues - Hall and school - and partly because of the coronavirus which is still too active in the community, local and national.

But keep practising the cooking, knitting and sewing, and photographing whatever you think might be among the topics for next year's competitions! And of course growing those magnificent veg - maybe we could have a veg plot award next time?

Not all is lost though - just like in 'the Archers' we're holding a Scarecrow contest!

[see page 6 for details]

'Make a joyful noise'?

At last we are able to sing in church.

Rev'd John Fraser in a recent 'Spectator' article wrote:

"The leadership of the Church of England has been depressingly silent in defence of singing.. [sacrificing] the worship- of the Church for general public safety - perhaps an expression of their obsessive desire to be seen to be compliant with any...expression of safeguarding ..."

He believes that worship "is most effectively done with heart and voice".

What do you think? Are you happy to sing again?

Change for change's sake?

A recent mailing from the Truro branch of the Prayer Book Society contains a thoughtful comment from its chairman, Revd Hilary Spong, on the current proposals for changes in our diocese.

"The expected changes would seem to reflect more the reorganisation of our boundaries and territories to bring numbers of stipended clergy into line with the money available to pay for them, and to disperse the responsibility for acquiring that finance to local deaneries, rather than a central Diocesan administration. I have no doubt that this is a change that is necessary, but we must be aware that in the greater scheme of things, this is not seen as a ticket to radically alter services and churchmanship, or dispense with familiar ways of worship...Change is inevitable and oft-times healthy, but babies and bathwater come to mind..."

CHILDHOOD REVISITED

Shelagh's invitation to 'bring out your toys' for the exhibition in Veryan church later this month inspired me to remember some of my childhood companions. Most of them have long since departed, some handed on to younger cousins, others sent at Christmas. along with books, to Dr Barnardo's, some simply worn out.

Wartime was difficult for parents of young children.

Few toys were available and many were made in Germany so not in favour [many clockwork toys and most of the best china dolls, as well as 'posh' teddy bears]. 'Hand-me-downs' were eagerly received: I certainly played with my Aunt Dorothy's dolls' pram, a model from the mid-1920s, and several dolls, probably formerly my cousin Pamela's.



Dad was in the army but managed to find and send a teddy bear [she is still my constant companion]. A second bear, Rupert, arrived when I was about six, with of course a 'Rupert' annual.

Dad also made a dolls' cot, a miniature blackboard and easel, and a small wooden wheelbarrow painted in regimental colours. The cot was a Christmas present in about 1945, and came complete with life-size china 'baby doll' with eyes that opened and

closed, clad in a pink 'pram suit' knitted by my mother and gran, and cosy under little blankets and a small patchwork quilt. China dolls were surely not made to be played with; she fell off a chair and had to be mended by Dad with glue, and ever after to wear a woollen bonnet to hide the scars.

Stuffed animals included an elephant called Jumbo' [this was pre-Disney's 'Dumbo'], an unlikely giraffe and a woolly lamb, but it was the two Teds who have really shared my life and my thoughts and fears.

Books were sources of wonder for an only child and imaginary 'friends' included characters from stories as well as the unlikely and entirely imaginary pair of 'Dr Pullover' who apparently lived 'over Trethennal Gate' and 'Miss Gillespie' - maybe an acquaintance of gran or Auntie Olive? Des will remember 'playing shops' or 'houses' in gran's shed, and, when we were a bit older, evenings at Hawthorne Cottage playing 'brag' or 'nap' for matchsticks.

Winter evenings were spent reading, knitting [I was taught to knit very young] or playing Ludo or Snakes and Ladders. 'Lexicon' was more to my liking and must have helped with spelling and vocabulary. I can remember being taught various forms of 'patience' with playing cards ['elevens' and 'fifteens'] in the vain hope that it might improve my mental arithmetic...

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Veryan

Kindness

The teachers have been the best

Everyone is so nice

Lots of fun

It's taught us to listen.

Roseland

Meeting new people

Learning new things in different lessons

More fun!

More independence

Activity week

The Year 6 children now feel ready to go to The Roseland and are excited to go.

Our advice is "to make the most of year 5 & 6 because your time is coming to an end at Primary School."

The Year 6 children at Veryan CofE Primary School have given some thought to how they feel about moving to The Roseland Academy in September:

DIARY NOTE FOR NEXT YEAR

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations scheduled for 2-5 June 2022 - event organisers please note!

News from St Rumon's, Ruan Lanihorne



At our last meeting of the PCC in May, it was agreed to buy two hardwood benches for the churchyard.

A three seater Lytham bench has been put on the gravel at the end of the transept in remembrance of Mrs Joy Evans, churchwarden and a two seater bench will be put in the lower churchyard in remembrance of Flora Phillips and Claudia Critchley, generous benefactors.

Due to illness, we have lost two of our regular cleaners/flower arrangers. If you have a bit of time to spare and would like to help, please contact

Mrs P Farr on 01872 501599.

Veryan and District Autumn Show Scarecrow Competition

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, unfortunately the decision has been made to cancel this year's Veryan and District Autumn Show.

However, the committee has come up with the idea of holding a scarecrow competition over the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021.

There will be two classes, for which cash prizes will be awarded, one for children and one for adults. It is up to you to choose your theme, all we ask is that the scarecrows can be seen from the road.

For an entry form, please email ros.hocking@btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing lots of scarecrows!



Celebrating Toys! It's not too late to take part!

Veryan Church will be holding a Festival of Toys, old and new from Friday 27th August to Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, 11am -4pm, and will welcome your exhibit. All items will be catalogued, including any details or history you choose to give us.

Toys will have to be displayed at the owners' risk; however, they will be cordoned off and out of reach, and the church will be well stewarded. In addition to older, much loved toys we also invite children to submit their favourite toy.

Although children will not be allowed to touch the exhibits, we will have a small area supplied with some toys, crayons, books etc where children can touch things and play under supervision.

For an entry form and further information please email shelaghkester76@gmail.com or telephone 01872 501788. **Closing date for entries is 11 August.**

For security reasons no toys will be accepted on the day and a completed entry form has to have been received and logged. If you are able to help with stewarding please contact Pat Raine at: r.grove123@btinternet.com

We really look forward to hearing about your teddy/doll's pram/ tea set/ Match Box toys/ Beano comics, and if you don't have anything to exhibit just come along and enjoy a trip down memory lane!

From a grateful Earwig...

I would like to use my space in the newsletter this month to say thank you on two counts.

The first thank you is to Veryan Church. The church is a wonderful building but it is only a real church because of the people that run it and attend it. Never have I been made more aware of this than on 26 June 2021 and the run up to that date.

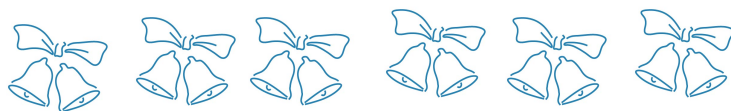
On Monday 14th June the government announced that weddings could go ahead with unlimited numbers. Did that mean that my daughter's wedding, previously cancelled from the previous August, could proceed? Well, as always, the devil is in the detail and with the help of our suppliers and because the reception was in a marquee we could proceed with 94 guests. But the detail was so detailed that it took us another 48 hours to work that out between us! Sue Truscott and Sarah Rundle spent a whole Saturday morning with me working out how we could seat 94 in the church, allocating pew numbers and putting families and work colleagues together and leaving the obligatory empty pews. Father Doug had spent hours sorting out the marriage certificate procedure which was new from 4 May, now all that is going on line. He checked all that off with Bishop Graham who was officiating and we are very grateful that he found his way through the process for us. Mothers now have to sign the certificate - about time too! Sarah organised a contingent from the Roseland Choir, bearing in mind that they hadn't sung together for months, and they were hastily rehearsed three days before by their Director and organist Martin Davis. Our Church Warden David got a day off 'wardening' to sing in the choir, a much needed male voice, so Sue stood in- another job for her!

I'm sure you all know that Gilbert has ants in his pants and cannot sit still for two minutes, even to enjoy himself. Determined that her adopted Grandpa and Grandma were to be present at the wedding I told Ellie Gilbert would fidget unless we gave him a job. He was therefore appointed car park attendant. With approximately 50 cars expected in the village he set to. He has a private stash of bollards, he spoke with the Hall, (bless them) and worked out that he could get 28 cars into the Hall car park as long as none of them needed to leave in a hurry. He gave special passes to a few VIPs for the little car park next to the church and opened up his own field sign-posted from the road as 'overflow car park'. Ironical really that with all that organisation, with friends manning his various car park points, 90% opted for the overflow and so the village was kept clear and unimpeded for the occasion. Proper job!

I seem to have managed to precis the whole tortuous process into a couple of small paragraphs but my point is that Ellie's wedding would not have gone as well as it did without Sarah, Sue, Gilbert and Doug; or indeed without Roger and Jo Elliott who joined the Roseland Choir for the day and provided and set up the obligatory sign posts, Covid notices and bless Jo she was chief toilet attendant during the reception, inspecting the loos regularly to keep everything Covid compliant.

Veryan Church and the village has some very able and willing people, and when called to action, even in the midst of a pandemic, they run like a well-oiled machine. Their calm and support is much appreciated. Thank you all.

More on next page!



My second big thank you is to Margery, bless her. I don't half miss her.

Ours was an unusual friendship but one often makes friends with people where you have a common interest. Ours was flowers and some years ago she roped me in to help, being part of the church rota and that then extended to helping her do the rota and then taking over from her when it all became too much.

It was her attitude that attracted me. Marge was always jovial and taking nothing, which I was aware of, too seriously. She virtually lived in the church after her husband died, catching mice, sweeping up bat poo and washing things that obviously needed washing.

She insisted on showing me, in her nineties, how high she could lift her legs and never gave up trying to coax my husband into her house; to be fair that extended to anybody's husband! Her sense of fun was infectious and whilst I know, like all of us, she could be feisty, I was never, ever on the end of that!

She didn't want a Eulogy, Doug got that bit dead right at her funeral and I suppose her eulogy would have extended to several days reading, so this is my personal reminiscence of a lovely lady who I will miss but who I remember every time I'm doing flowers in the Church.

Her favourite saying when arranging flowers 'leave room for the butterflies' was slightly contradicted on other occasions by 'if you want to win, bung it in!'

Thanks for everything Marge.



Mouse-catcher extraordinary!



So many memories of 'Mrs T', [AKA 'Auntie Marge'] - but this photo, taken at the church fête in 2010, will remind us of her sense of humour and simple fun - after delivering a wonderfully formal and entertaining opening speech she was asked to judge a 'knobbly knees' competition, seen here with the worthy winner!

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