



# **Parish Newsletter**

## **Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne**

### **October 2021**



**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**  
Mrs Sarah Rundle  
Trevvarthen Cottage Veryan Green  
[500950]

**Treasurer**  
Mrs Carol Hughes  
Castle Towers Ruan Lanihorne  
[501855 or  
hughes995@btinternet.com]

**Organist**  
Mrs Joyce Goldie  
[501565]

**PORTLOE  
(All Saints) United Church**  
**Church Steward**  
Mr Trounce Guy Pengelly Farm  
West Portholland [501471]

**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**  
Mr David Hughes  
Castle Towers Ruan Lanihorne  
[501855]

Mrs Caroline Martin  
[501697]

**Hon. Secretary**  
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

**Hon. Treasurer**  
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

#### **Church services in our benefice in October**

##### **Sunday 3 October Trinity 18**

Ruan - 9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
Portloe - 10.30 am Morning Worship  
Veryan - 6 pm **HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG**

##### **Sunday 10 October Trinity 19**

Portloe - 10.30 am Morning Worship  
Veryan - 11 am Eucharist [Fr Doug]

##### **Sunday 17 October Trinity 20**

Ruan - 9.30 am Mattins  
Portloe - 10.30 am Morning Worship  
Veryan - 11 am Morning Worship [Linda Kerswill]

##### **Sunday 24 October Trinity 21**

Portloe - 9.30 am Holy Communion [Fr Doug]  
Veryan - 11 am Morning Worship [Linda Kerswill]

##### **Sunday 31 October ALL SAINTS**

Portloe - 10.30 am Morning Worship  
Veryan - 11 am *A service to remember those who died during  
Covid-19 lockdowns* [Fr Dpug]

#### **Readings & Readers for Veryan**

##### **3 October Trinity 18 Harvest**

Joel 2, 21-27; Matthew 6, 25-33  
*David Elliott & Trounce Guy*

##### **10 October Trinity 19**

Job 23, 1-9 & 16, 17; Hebrews 4, 12-16  
*Christine Edwards & Sue Truscott*

##### **17 October Trinity 10**

Job 38, 1-7 Hebrews 5, 1-10  
*John Veness & Julia Pound*

##### **24 October Trinity 21**

Job 42, 1-6 & 10-17 Hebrews 7, 23-28  
*Brian & Valerie Willis*

##### **31 October All Saints**

Wisdom 3, 1-9, Revelation 21, 1-6a  
*Linda Kerswill & David Elliott*

*A date for your diaries*

**SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER - VERYAN CHURCH**

**Bishop Graham James will take our 11 am service: formerly Bishop of St Germans then  
Bishop of Norwich, now retired to his home county.**

## CHURCH NEWS

### *A service to remember those who died during Covid –19 lockdowns*

*There were many sadnesses over those who died during Covid 19 lockdowns. Many died alone; often families were not permitted to be with them at the end. Arrangements with Funeral Directors and clergy had to be made remotely. The number of mourners allowed to attend the funeral was severely restricted, particularly at crematoria. The whole process of grieving was disturbed. Nothing can really make up for all that.*

*However, we are trying, in a small way, to offer some consolation by holding a special service, remembering those whose funerals took place during the lockdowns, on Sunday 31 October at St Symphorian, Veryan, at 11 am.*

*We will try to contact as many relatives as possible to offer the opportunity to attend, and for them to prepare a short celebration of their loved one's life which will be incorporated into the service.*

*The service will of course be open to anyone regardless of whether or not they were bereaved during this period.*

**Fr Doug**

### **Burial Grounds Project**

You may have read in the Truro diocesan newsletter that the diocese is to participate in 'a new free Burial Grounds Project by the Church of England' whereby every churchyard in the country, and therefore also in Cornwall, will be digitally mapped, 'along with the digitization [*sic*] of parish records'. The scheme has been enthusiastically endorsed by Bishop Philip who says that he spent many hours 'laboriously' tracing his family tree 'in the old Cornwall Council records office'.

Recent national newspaper reports excitedly explained how the initiative would 'take the pressure off vicars struggling to deal with hundreds of queries from amateur genealogists all over the world...'

Parishes are asked to allow staff from Atlantic Geomatics [they have an informative website] to enter and record all the headstones in the churchyard, 'with no impact on the churchyard or people'.

Access would also be needed for the Atlantic Geomatic staff 'to digitise the parish records held in the church or elsewhere'. Oh dear.

When I worked at what was then known as the Cornwall County and Diocesan Record Office we were charged with the inspection and collection of all early parish registers and records in accordance with the Parish Registers and Records Measure 1979 [and subsequent amendments]. The Record Office [now 'Kresen Kernow'] consequently holds in its care the older registers and records of all Cornish Anglican parishes as well as many Nonconformist and Quaker registers.

Every parish was later asked for permission to microfilm the registers as a conservation measure to prevent damage from the anticipated heavy use by family historians. The office also supervised and checked a project where members of Cornwall's Family History Society transcribed many of the early [16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century, and therefore difficult to read] registers; the transcripts were made available on the Society's website.

Another Society project was the recording of churchyard memorials, not by photography [many headstones are worn and don't make legible images] but by teams of volunteers painstakingly transcribing and plotting many hundreds of headstones. These too have for years been available *via* the

Society and in individual parishes.

I doubt therefore that since the early 1980s any parish priest has been burdened with genealogical queries. I wonder too what the impact of this Lottery-funded Anglican initiative will have on archive services country-wide. When I asked my former colleagues about the proposed digitisation project they had understood that it was merely at the discussion/development stage, had not been consulted by the Diocese or by the company, and were unaware of the current situation except what they too had read in the national press. They are also already discussing digitisation of registers as part of an entirely separate project.... **CRE**

### **SAVE THE PARISH**

Fr Doug has written an article in the 'Roseland' magazine updating readers on the current situation in the Church of England, including the likely reorganisation of our own 'cluster' of parishes.

'Save the Parish' is a movement launched in August by clergy and lay people which stresses that parishes have always been the strength of the Anglican church [there's much more on their website].

Many parishes were established before the Norman Conquest and their boundaries have changed little, if at all, since then. Our Cornish parishes, named after the travelling saints - men and women from Wales, Ireland, Brittany - were part not of the English, but the British church, which until the Synod of Whitby in the mid-7th century even had its own fixed date for Easter [how much easier would that be?]

The glorious early illuminated Gospel books - Kells, Lindisfarne, Durrow - were products of that British church, influenced by Byzantium and the Eastern church. What would Piran, Petroc, Ruan, Geraint, and all the hundreds of other 'peregrini' think about the current initiative, especially as the Diocesan 'logo' is a peregrine falcon, created by Revd John Savage for the '125'celebrations in 2001 ?

## ***Festival of Toys***

“a lovely event, brought back memories”

“It’s been stored away for so long, it’s nice to think she will be seen by other people again” (doll)

“It was a lovely local thing to be part of and it also made me climb up into the attic and take a look at my treasured things again. It also prompted some conversations with my Mum about their origins.”

“It was a real ‘down memory lane’ for me.”

“Congratulations for the wonderful display of toys in our lovely church”

Putting on this Festival was heart-warming. We felt privileged by the response to our request to people to trust us with their precious items. We were delighted when people appeared on “logging in day”, with so many interesting toys, old and new, and the stories that went with them. We wish to thank again all the exhibitors, the stewards, the WI tea ladies, and everyone who came and gave so generously to the Church Clock Appeal. The footfall was over 450 and a sum in excess of £1100 was raised.

***Shelagh, Pat, Sue T, Julia, Sue D, and Linda***



*Veryan PCC is so grateful to Shelagh and her team for the many hours of persuading, planning and organising the very successful Toy Festival - much enjoyed by everyone, and what an amazing result!*

*We are grateful to everyone who lent their precious possessions and to Paul, Sue and David for the photographs.*

### From the Registers

**Burial at Veryan**  
**2 September**  
**JONATHAN JAMES SMITH aged 67**

**Marriage at Veryan**  
**21 September**  
**GEORGIE GREEN & MICHAEL CAIRD**

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**VERYAN FLOWER ROTA**  
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**2 October**  
**HARVEST LIST**  
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**Altar Porch**  
**16 & 23 October**  
 Mandy Holloway Margaret Cortis  
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**30 October/6 November**  
 Barbara Savile Sue Truscott  
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### VERYAN CHURCH 100 Club

**Membership details from**  
**Sue Day 01872 501673**

### 'Faithful ministry, faithful care'

*A member of Veryan's congregation was 'sorting papers' and found a few items which we agreed were certainly worth preserving in the church's records. They included a former bishop's tribute to a former vicar of this parish on the occasion of the latter's retirement. It sums up what that bishop admired in a parish priest.*

*It could surely serve as a 'job description' !*

"He has an amazing kinship with men and women of all faiths and none, of all types and sorts...and he uses every occasion to meet them and love them..."

He has the power to make worship a reflection of the nature and order of a peaceful God - the humility to know what is fitting for each occasion, to know the difference between reverence and revelry, and to know when they can flow together...

We have here someone who is not interested in status and numbers for their own sakes and is a living affirmation of straightforward parish ministry... who doesn't judge people by worldly standards, and has the same views, I suspect, as his namesake in the angelic orchestra. It's a hidden ministry behind which you can hear angels' wings.

Here is someone who is always available, sharing gently and quietly, and being at one with people in all the many vicissitudes of life, its joys and sorrows, its peaks, but particularly its troughs. I have heard many people say that his godly man has stood with them, laughed with them, cried with them, joyed and sorrowed with them, and has provided not just a listening ear but has been with them deeply...

*and many have been moved  
 into the faith by it..."*

*The C of E is reported to have spent £240 Million trying to "grow the church". A recent letter to the 'Times' asked "How many parish priests might that have funded?"*

### TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 7.41	2 9.02
3 10.04	4 10.56	5 11.43	6 12.28	7 13.10	8 13.49	9 14.27
10 15.04	11 15.43	12 16.30	13 17.34	14 6.10	15 8.02	16 9.35
17 10.33	18 11.19	19 12.01	20 12.39	21 13.12	22 13.42	23 14.09
24 14.32	25 14.50	26 15.13	27 15.46	28 16.36	29 18.09	30 6.54
31 7.22						

**Full moon 20th New moon 6th Clocks go back one hour 30 October**





## SCARECROWS ON PARADE!

What a responsibility for those of us judging the Autumn Show's scarecrow competition! What criteria to use?

Materials recycled? Imagination and ingenuity? Fit for purpose? Had they read the job description? Robust construction to withstand winter gales? Wildlife friendly, other than scaring crows? [don't forget that Worzel Gummidge had a robin nesting in his pocket].

Of the sixteen entries, two were clearly inebriated: drunk on the job? Two were taking a leisurely tea, while at least three others were intent on other work - although commendably clad in full protection gear, including hard hats and goggles, did this indicate a lack of commitment? One would certainly need first aid and time off work. Yet another pair were apparently heading for the beach.

Two had even decided to get married, the bride resplendent in a waterproof frock to withstand the rain. Others seem to have had their minds on other things: a well-turned out individual wishing for the prize cup, another pining for his missing flowerpot mate.

A gloriously elegant figure stood outside the shop: was she waiting her turn to enter? She must have been there for some time as a mouse had nested in her abundant hair and a hedgehog had taken up residence in her basket of fruit.

We wondered whether Auntie Des had willingly surrendered her Sunday veg for the clever construction of Uncle Gil's sheep; while was it a surplus surplice that adorned the ghost of Veryan Green?

What a wonderful display of ingenuity, imagination and skill. Huge thanks to all the participants! We hope that the display was seen by plenty of people and that it might inspire an even larger entry if we repeat the experiment next year.





## Musings from the Earwig

Regular readers will know that I am always crying out for bell ringers or people to learn.

As the only tower of 6 bells on the Roseland we are an important asset to the church and community and have attracted weddings and, as demonstrated recently for dear Jon Smith, we are available on request for funerals too.

I am eternally grateful to Douglas some 13 years ago, whilst out walking chat to me at my gateway. We were which he often heard from my house used to hear the organ playing in the Chapel. That conversation developed the question I now keep asking, 'would

I have told the story before, I know,

So I went to Gwennap where ringing safety got their hands on it in a most very competent teachers from 10 until provers came along to join in and we

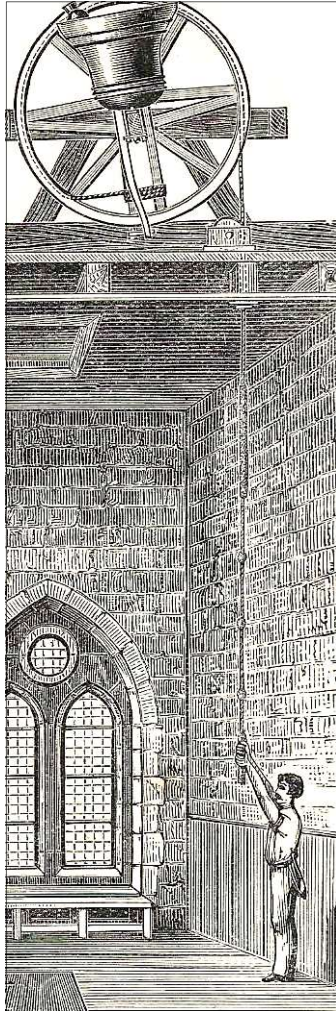
I was very fortunate as Peter White and we shared lifts. rly. Now I have to me, I didn't want to go back and progressing well and had no fear, which him down on alternate lifts to Gwen-process I got there. Peter doesn't have given up. So it's honestly thanks do the basic patterns, but still have in the Cathedral! That doesn't matter, needed.

Julia Pound coerced Graham Webb Sue and Jeff Britchford from St Ladock who come every Tuesday to

Gorran ringer, Martin, who joins us on a Tuesday too. So we have managed to keep Vervan tower going between us all and my regular ringers Ros and Yo Hocking. So perhaps this is the time to say, sorry, if you hear a clatter of bells every Tuesday, but we do have learners, Malia and Pip and we are all learning new things so occasionally we have a less than perfect peal, that is of course the point of practice night!!

So here's the cracking bit! Peter White, (who refuses to ring and that's another story, he will be persuaded...) turned up in the Tower a couple of Tuesdays ago with his neighbour Phil Preece. Phil had let slip to Peter that he used to ring and after thirty years of not ringing he joined us, got straight back on his bike, so to speak, and is now going to ring with us on Tuesdays and Sundays! He's only lived in the village for over 2 years and he has hidden his light under a bushel. How many more of you ringers are lurking out there? And, once again, it's all thanks to Peter White!! I must put more effort into coaxing Peter back, he's a good ringer and whilst I know why he is reticent, I know our teacher can fix the problem he thinks he has!

***For information on learning to ring, whilst we have this fantastic facility, please call 07896 414712 and speak to me in complete confidence...***



Reece, our previous Tower Captain who, his dog stopped and had the usual friendly discussing music and my piano playing, as he passed and he reminded me how he days when my house was the Methodist into his bell ringing and of course he asked you be interested in learning to ring?!

but read on, there's a cracking ending!!

was taught (sadly no longer as health and unwarranted fashion). We were taught by 11 on a Saturday morning and then the im-either stayed or left.

had been learning there for about 3 weeks be honest and say it terrified the life out of tively dreaded Saturdays. Peter was pro-possibly made it worse! I didn't want to let nap and so I kept going and although a slow know, I suspect, that without him I would to him that I am able to handle a bell, can some trepidation and will never be ringing Sundays and weddings are what are

into learning and we are fortunate to have Stephens and Renfree Stephens from teach and/or support and we have a regular

***“...for the soul’s health and the reformation of manners”***

Until 1858 church courts maintained spiritual discipline, dealing with misdemeanours of clergy and people. Archdeacons held courts to deal with most cases but more serious matters were referred to the Bishop’s court [the Consistory Court] Judgement was based on church law, known as Canon Law, and dealt only with moral, not criminal, offences. Punishments were chiefly excommunication or humiliation in the form of public penance in church on Sundays.

The primary concern of the courts was the spiritual discipline of clergy and people, the bishop having overall responsibility for the correction of the ‘manners and morals’ of his flock for the health of their souls.

The archdeacon visited parishes in his deaneries at least once a year, the bishop every three years. At these visitations churchwardens were required to ‘present’ parishioners and clergy who had committed one of the offences identified in canon law.

Among other cases, clergy could be reported for preaching without a licence, gaming, drunkenness or ‘incontinence’ - no, not what you think it means - it is legally ‘being not chaste’, covering a range of clerical misdemeanours.

Parishioners’ transgressions included non-attendance at church, not taking the sacrament the required four times a year, failure to have a child baptised, brawling in the church or churchyard, disputes over church seating, incorrect administration of wills, defamation, immorality including fornication, adultery and incest, and ‘untimely ringing of the bells’.

The archdeacon’s court depended on local guidance, local knowledge and local punishment within the parish in order to minimise sexual and other forms of misconduct; the process was based on the reinforcement of Christian teaching. You have only to read the Act Books of Cornwall’s Archdeaconry Court to find out how well this pre-1858 form of ‘safeguarding’ worked: the thought of standing before the congregation, draped in a white sheet, and making public apology for whatever sin you had committed, must have been a powerful deterrent to all but the most hardened offenders.

**CRE**

*A recent conversation included personal recollections of Summer and Autumn Shows in past years and the comment ‘we ought to record all these memories...’.*

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

When there were two shows a year, one in July, followed by a dance, the other on the Saturday before Armistice Sunday, followed by a whist drive?

When the hall was used for ‘fur and feather’ classes, with rabbits, guinea pigs and poultry?

Roots, hay and corn in the school yard?

Classes for decorated Christmas cakes, bottled fruit, butter and cream, and the rivalry between Mrs Guy and Mrs Reynolds?

‘Boss’ Bennett, Miss Jenkin, Fred Reynolds, Auntie Olive, Pamela and all the other ‘regulars’?

When prizes were 3/-, 2/- and 1/- paid in cash several days later?

If you do [along with all the associated anecdotes] your Show committee would love to collect your memories for a permanent record of a wonderful parish event over many years.

Contact Margaret, Rosalind, Yolande or Christine if you can help!

## HOW GREEN ARE YOU?

This year's Chelsea Flower Show - in September, rather than in May - was full of ideas on how to care for our fragile planet.

Can you claim to do your bit?

How many of these boxes can you tick?

1. Plant a tree, to draw carbon out of the air ☐
2. Use rainwater for watering ☐
3. Don't use peat-based products ☐
4. Make your own compost ☐
5. Grow plants that attract butterflies, bees, moths, hoverflies ☐
6. Don't buy imported flowers - grow your own! ☐
7. Use tools powered by electricity, not by fossil fuels ☐
8. Grow your own fruit and veg, or buy local ☐
9. Save and share seeds ☐
10. Repair, re-use, recycle! ☐



## Veryan WI

Veryan WI members have kept in touch by various means over the summer, although we didn't have an August meeting. The flower of the month competition continued in a digital format as did the monthly quiz. A small group of members and friends walked in June and July.

Six members also formed a team to enter the quiz held in memory of Judith Rundle in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care. We also started September off with a picnic in the village garden, which most members attended.

In October we are planning to meet at one of our members' homes when another member has volunteered to give us a talk on a subject she has recently been researching and in November we are also planning to meet in someone's home.

Our Christmas Meal is booked at The Kings Arms for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

We are hoping to be back in the Parish Hall in January, depending on whether the building work is finished.

Any prospective members or visitors are always welcome; please contact Mary on 01872 501636.



## AN INVITATION TO CHAOS! *CHAOS stands for Community Helping All Of Society*



Many of you are aware of the work the CHAOS Group does both across Cornwall and up at CHAOS Farm at Camels.

At the farm we offer an alternative outside learning provision and provide services to individuals who are struggling with their mental health, in unhealthy relationships, who are fleeing domestic violence and varying levels of addiction. We're looking to expand our work to enable us to meet a growing need and in order for us to do this, we're looking at constructing a new purpose-built eco building on the farm. This building will be sustainable and run on a zero-carbon basis.

We would now like to invite you, the community, to a drop-in consultation where we'll explain what we would like to achieve and how it's going to benefit the community.

**The consultation will be between 2pm and 7pm on Tuesday 26th October** at Camills Farm, TR2 5PJ and everyone is welcome. We'd love to hear your views and suggestions so we can implement them into our designs at this early stage.

If you've got any questions at this stage, you can email [Babs@chaosgroupcornwall.co.uk](mailto:Babs@chaosgroupcornwall.co.uk)