

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

February 2022

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

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Church services in our benefice in February

Sunday 6 February

9.30 am Holy Communion Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Sunday 13 February

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Sunday 20 February

9.30 am Matins Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Sunday 27 February Next before Lent

9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe
11 am TBA Veryan

Sunday 6 March Lent 1

9.30 am Holy Communion Ruan
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Readings for February [Veryan]

6 February

Isaiah 6, 1-8 *John Veness*
1 Corinthians 15, 1-11 *Julia Pound*

13 February

Jeremiah 17, 5-10 *Margaret Cortis*
1 Corinthians 15, 12-20 *Sue Jeremy*

20 February

Genesis 45, 3-11 & 15 *David Elliott*
1 Corinthians 15, 35-38, 42-40 *Blair Jobson*

27 February Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34, 29-35
2 Corinthians 3, 12 to 4,2
Brian & Valerie Willis

Ash Wednesday 2 March [if service agreed]

Joel 2, 1,2 & 12-17
2 Corinthians 3,112 to 4,2
Readers to be chosen on the night

*Contributions please to the editors if possible by 15th of
each month:*

*January, March, May, July, September, November
to yolande.hocking@btinternet.com*

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A CONCERT WITH A DIFFERENCE!

St Symphorian church has been selected as one of the venues for

**Will Keating & John Dowling's
CANDLELIT CONCERT TOUR**

They will perform at Veryan on
Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7 pm

Tickets may be purchased from www.willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets priced £10 in advance or £12.00 on the door.

Will and John are professional musicians who first met nearly six years ago and who have been touring since 2019 as well as performing on Radio Cornwall. They came to our notice through a parishioner who heard them at a Pilleigh Folk session last autumn and was so impressed that he recommended them to us. Generously they will give 20% of the net taking to the church.

Their programme will include many well known Cornish songs, including 'Cornwall my Home' by Harry 'Safari' Glasson.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of what promises to be a truly evocative evening - this will be the only performance on the Roseland.

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Sundays between 11.00 am and 5.00 pm and on Wednesdays between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Open weekdays between 10 am and 4 pm
& for Sunday services

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays and services on Sundays

Flowers to be removed for Lent on 2 March

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CONGRATULATIONS!
to Babs Rounsevell
on her MBE

awarded for her work with CHAOS especially during the pandemic.

CHAOS (Community Helping All Of Society) was formed by Babs and her family in 2014

IN 2015 Babs established the first 'Community Fridge' in Cornwall, where food unused by a family or individual is given to people in need. It is located in Truro and is free.

Babs subsequently developed 'Food2Share' working with local supermarkets, food manufacturers and catering suppliers to divert food from going to waste.

It has an innovative distribution system where individuals are given a box of fresh food and additional supplies to deliver to other households, primarily those without transport, in rural areas, or self-isolating.

During the Covid-19 pandemic some 750 families throughout mid- and west Cornwall were provided with free food boxes.

Check the CHAOS website to see the range of activities, volunteering and training they provide: it includes

Stayathome Cornwall care agency
Iconic hair and beauty salon in Truro
Café CHAOS
CHAOS Farm at Camels
GreenSouls
CHAOS Creative
CHAOS Radio ...

VERYAN PCC UPDATE

Our recent meeting included the following items

Church clock

Huge thanks to all of you who have given so generously towards the restoration of our church clock. Local readers may have noticed that recently the clock has not only been working but striking again - David T having worked yet another miracle!

However, the winding mechanism is over 20 years old and we are advised that we will need to replace it in due course. We hope that you are happy for your donations to be held in a special restricted fund for the clock for the time being; costs will surely increase over time and we would be in a good position to get any necessary work done with the minimum of delay.

'On the Way'

At the end of this newsletter is a leaflet which will also be circulated in Veryan parish with the February Roseland Magazine; we hope that it will encourage all our parishioners to think about what they want for our church and parish in future.

In addition we are asked by the local 'leadership team' to think about these questions:

Where is God moving in this place?

What opportunities are there for growth?

How are we [the church] listening to and serving the community?

What might other people say?

What might our worship services look like in future?

What might we stop doing?

What can we afford?

Members of the leadership team will visit every parish over the next few weeks to listen to all of us - not only the regular congregation - you don't have to go to church to be involved in this discussion!

Dates for all open meetings are on page 4

They want to hear about our concerns, identify opportunities and talk about 'fruitfulness' and 'sustainability' - basically what do we want the church to be and do and how can we afford it?

Services

We are eternally grateful to Fr Doug for taking so many services for us during this prolonged vacancy, but are concerned that he is doing far too much! [he says not...] However, during this covid-restricted period we have not held any 'sung' services including our usual Matins on the 4th Sunday of each month; instead we were blessed to have our Worship Leader, Linda, who led very popular 'services of the word' on 4th Sundays. Linda is moving to St Columb Major; we will miss her and wish her well, but are wondering what might replace this service until we are able to take our masks off and sing out the Venite, Te Deum and Jubilate again, provided of course that we can find someone to lead the worship! One suggestion was to have no service at Veryan on 4th Sundays for the time being, to give Fr Doug a bit of 'free' time - there would normally be a Communion service at Portloe on that Sunday so we would be within church 'law'. Your thoughts would be welcome.

Old Cornwall Society

Next meeting

Wednesday 9 February

Churchill's Secret Army

Adrian Wilton

7.30 pm Memorial Hall, Portscatho
Visitors welcome

Apologies for those of you expecting a talk on 'Who needs Recipes?' last month - there was a last-minute change of programme but it will happen! As they say, 'watch this space...'

Dates for 'On the Way' Meetings
in church unless otherwise stated
[correct at the time of writing!]

Philleigh Thursday 3rd 7 pm

Veryan & Portloe: Wednesday 9 February 7 pm

St Just & St Mawes
Thursday 10th 7 pm [venue to be agreed]

Gerrans Tuesday 15th 7 pm

Ruan Laniorne Tuesday 15th February 7 pm

Tregony Friday 18th 7 pm Village Hall or Parish Hall

'All parishes' meetings

Zoom - Friday 18 February 8 pm

Open public meeting at Veryan sports & social club
Saturday 28 February 10am - 12 noon

Veryan Parish Hall



The refurbishment of the Parish Hall continues with the wall insulation, plasterboard and skimming having been finished. The Committee took the decision to get contractors to do the painting. This was partially due to the enormous area involved and the difficulty for the volunteers.

Part of the floor has been lifted and the project looks to be on schedule, as long as EDF can sort out the new electricity input.

We are hopeful to be open again for an event on St Piran's Day March 5th, so please keep this date clear (more in the next issue).

Our church - who pays?

Did you know:

that every parish in the diocese is expected to make a significant financial contribution to diocesan costs? This helps to pay for priests' stipends and training, and the staffing of the Diocesan office;

that Veryan's requested contribution in recent years has been between £12,000 and £14,000?

that the Parochial Church Council is entirely dependent on donations, collections and fund-raising to generate not only this amount every year, but the ever-increasing running and maintenance costs of the parish church?

For instance, in 2020 our total expenditure was around £20,000;

that any additional major essential projects - restoration of the roof, repointing the tower, decorating the interior, renewing the lighting - would cost far more than we could raise even with substantial grant support?

that in the past parishioners were required to pay 'tithes' - that is, to make a financial contribution equivalent to one tenth of their income towards the costs of their priest, as well as church rates to support the upkeep of the church building?

Why not sign up to our Parish Giving scheme and make a regular contribution towards your parish church and a priest?

Contact our treasurer, Carol, for information and a Parish Giving form!

1st Roseland Scout Group

Come and join our open event and try scouting for free.

Activities for girls and boys aged 6 – 14 years.
More information for parents.

Tuesday 1st March 2022
Tregony Memorial Hall
6 – 7pm.

Contact: Danielle Doyle
on 07930 262183

or

Danielle.doyle@scouts.org.uk



A page from a beautifully illustrated mediaeval calendar depicting February and one of the activities which were undertaken: chopping down trees to provide logs for the fire, traditionally regarded as 'keeping you warm twice': once in the chopping and sawing, and also of course when the fire was lit.

The centre panel records saints' days including Ignacius, Blaise, Agatha, Appollonia, Scholastica, Dorothy and of course Valentine.

In the top right hand corner is shown the astrological star sign of Pisces.

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School News

Sharron Cartwright writes:

At Veryan Primary School we use the church in three main ways:

A place of worship and reflection

We hold family worship every Friday morning. This is a celebration of the children's learning and achievements during the week. We also reaffirm our Christian values and beliefs with Year 6 children leading the worship from the pulpit, as well as the popular Open The Book presentations. We also worship and celebrate events in the Christian calendar such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest. We would welcome the opportunity to expand on this with more regular contact with a religious leader and members of the church community.

A geographical feature in the locality

As a significant piece of human geography we use the building in mapping and navigation and to develop our understanding of how the geography of the area has developed.

A source of historical information for the community

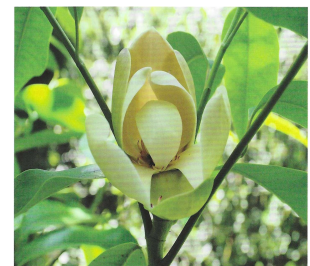
The church building provides an excellent primary and secondary source of information for history topics. We have studied local history, including The Hera, amongst others. In addition the building provides an excellent opportunity for historical investigation. For example, when looking at the lists of previous vicars they were able to establish how old the church was.

Caerhays Castle gardens

Open

**from 14 February
to 12 June**

www.caerhays.co.uk



Magnolia tamulipana collected from Tamaulipas in northeast Mexico. First flowered at Caerhays in 2019.

From the Archives...

James Arthur Kempe was appointed vicar of Veryan in 1887, and remained as parish priest until April 1915. During his incumbency the church was fully restored, three new bells were added to the existing ring of three and the clock was restored. He was made a Canon of Truro cathedral, and was the first secretary of the newly formed Diocesan Guild of Ringers. A keen ringer himself, he taught the first Veryan team (men) and soon persuaded a number of 'ladies' to learn, reminding them that bells were to be rung 'to the glory of God and to call the people to church' [as well of course to mark significant national events.]

He formed and taught a church choir of men and women, established a gardening club and a produce show. He recorded in his 'log book' not only church services [and the names of those attending!] but other church and parish events and activities.

Canon Kempe's successors, Revd Richard Griffin (1915-1918) Revd Ernest Tilson-Morgan (1918-1928) and Revd Gerwyn Rhys, appointed 1928, made only spasmodic but nevertheless valuable entries. The notebooks, covering the years 1907-1938, along with all our surviving and non-current parish records are in the care of Cornwall's Record Office, now at Kresen Kernow, Redruth. (references P244/2/3 and P244/2/4/1 & 2).

1907

Whit Sunday. Mrs Kempe had a very handsome gold watch and brooch together with a silver frame containing the list of subscribers as an acknowledgement of her services for so many years as organist of the parish church.

1908

Easter Sunday services: attendance (including names) 8 am: 19, 11 am: 19

1910

30 September & 1 October: Daily Matins not possible: church too untidy from the decoration work for Harvest Festival.

2 October: attendance (Harvest) 8 am: 16, 11 am 18, evensong well attended.

1912

6 December Buried William Frederick Chenoweth of Ruan High Lanes aged 29; killed in an accident on Tuesday morning having come into collision with Lady Molesworth's motor car. He was riding a motor cycle at terrific pace at the time.

1913

9 April Joseph Charles May killed in collision with Mr Tom Blamey's motor car; on a cycle, killed instantaneously.

1914

4 February I buried 12 bodies of those men who were drowned in the wreck of the 'Hera' out at the Gull Rock on Sunday morning, their bodies were washed in at Portholland beach. About 600 to 700 persons attended the funeral, a most solemn and impressive sight and service.

6 August Made general intercessions for the war.

1915

Easter Day 7.45 am 22, 11 am 17 {including names}

11 April Special service, dedication of new altar presented in memory of James Braund by Mrs Braund of Barn Cottage, widow: had asked Bishop of St Germans but he was unavoidably absent. The regiment of soldiers stationed in the parish attended the service.

After 28 years as vicar of Veryan I left on 21 April for the vicarage of Abbotsham in Devon. I shall think daily of this parish in the highest way.

1918

11 November Official notice that an Armistice with Germany has been signed and that after 4¼ years of war hostilities had ceased. Church bells were rung on the evening of 11 & 12 November to celebrate the victory, and special services of thanksgiving were held on the following Sunday.

1919

28 June Peace was signed between the Allies and Germany. Thanksgiving services held at Vervan and Portloe, a free tea to all parishioners and sports for men, women and children.

11 April The Lord Lieutenant visited Vervan to unveil the War Memorial Cross erected outside the church lychgate.. Muffled peals on the bells preceded the ceremony. The service began with the hymn 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow', lesson Eccles. XLIV 1-15, dedicatory prayers, the service concluding with the Last Post by Mr F Collins of Portscatho. Commemorative medals were presented to each of the men who had 'joined up' from this parish.

1920

11 September Garden Fête at Vicarage, 360 attended, receipts £60 [£24 of which was subsequently used to buy new matting for the church]

1922

Cornish Miners' Choir gave a sacred concert in Portloe chapel and Vervan Church, a house-to-house collection raised £115

25 February Schoolmaster A C Webb descended the face of the tower to remove ivy and clean gutters and pipes above the west clock face. He afterwards repainted the face of the clock.

1923

23 January A curtain was placed between the nave and the south transept cutting off the latter for use as a Sunday School and for church meetings. Table and chairs provided.

The font was surrounded with a granite step and an obstructing pew removed...

1924

April the Hut Committee took over the guardianship of the Parish War Memorial in consideration of the sum of £34 being paid over to them - the remainder of the war memorial fund - towards the cost of a permanent Parish Hall.

5 November Being the Sunday nearest to the Armistice Day about 40 ex-servicemen marched to church and afterwards laid a wreath on the war memorial

1925

At a public meeting it was decided to sell the Hut and raise money to build a permanent Parish Hall

1928

Mr W Macleod of Morvah in this parish has bought from the Benefice the village Pond which he is having drained and planted to become an ornament to the village in memory of his wife. The work commenced 24 September 1928

10 September Mr S G Bennett new schoolmaster took up his duties

From 1928 there are no entries but a note in 1936 records that

During Gerwyn Rhys' vicariate the organ was moved, vestments restored and given, the heating apparatus put right, the chancel improved and the side chapel of All Souls restored.

And finally...A February saint

1 February is the feast of St Brigid of Ireland, who, when unexpected visitors arrived, is supposed to have changed her bath water into beer for them...

Have you heard of “On the Way”?

Fr Doug has written in the Roseland Magazine and in our church newsletter about forthcoming changes in the way our parish churches are organised and managed. A scheme has been introduced where we are asked to discuss and decide what we would like to happen: it's called “On the Way”.

WHAT is “On the Way”?

A scheme to help the Church of England deal with current challenges by asking people what they need from the church, and how it might be achieved;

WHO is involved?

We all are, whether or not we ‘go to church’. Think about what you value about the church: the services, the building, the school, a local priest?

WHERE will it happen?

Throughout the Diocese of Truro (the whole of Cornwall and Scilly) in groups of parishes known as Deaneries. Our Deanery of Powder includes the Roseland ‘cluster’ of parishes: St Just and St Mawes, Philleigh, Gerrans, Ruan Lanihorne, Veryan {which includes Portloe}, Tregony St Cuby and Cornelly.

WHY is it needed?

There aren't enough clergy (vicars and curates) to provide one for every 2 or 3 of our c. 250 Cornish parishes;
Regular congregations are getting older and fewer in number;
Churches are important historical buildings which are costly to maintain.

WHEN will it happen?

It's happening now - representatives from our local parishes have formed a team to try to find out what we all want from the church in our communities.

There will be public meetings to which you will all be invited - please come along and have your say!

HOW can you help?

Please, even if you don't ‘go to church’, think about what Veryan church and parish mean to you, your family, friends, and your local community.

Why is the church important to the people of Veryan and Portloe (and all points from Portholland to Pendower, and inland to Reskivers)?

Our parish boundary has been in place for over 1000 years; should the ancient parish of Veryan disappear?
Would you prefer a new ‘super-parish’ with a new name?

Veryan has had a parish church for over 900 years; how important is it?
How much do you value the church building, the churchyard, the school, special services, ‘rites of passage’, social events like the fete, concerts, exhibitions?

There is at present only one full time working priest on the Roseland; since Fr Philip retired we have had none in Veryan.

Would you wish there to be a priest living locally?

Veryan and Ruan Lanihorne at present are a ‘joint benefice’ of two independent parishes each with its own church council; would you consider increasing this arrangement by adding another parish, and if so, which one[s]?

Should our church organisation, management and finances be shared with other parishes?

Our church council needs new, younger, active members; would you be willing to help?

***Find out more! join the email list to be kept up to date with “On the Way”
in Powder Deanery: Visit www.powderdeanery.org
Thank you for reading this leaflet.***

Meeting for Veryan and Portloe with the Roseland Leadership team is at 7 pm in church on Wednesday 9th February - please come!