

Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

March 2022

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RUAN LANIHORNE**
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Church services in our benefice in March

Sunday 6 March

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

Sunday 13 March

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Sunday 20 March

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

Sunday 27 March

9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe
11 am Service of the Word Veryan

Readings & readers for March (Veryan)

Sunday 6 March Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26, 1-11 *Christine Edwards*
Romans 10, 8b-13 *Sue Truscott*

Sunday 13 March Lent 2

Genesis 15, 1-12 & 17,18 *John Veness*
Philippians 3, 17 to 4, 1 *Julia Pound*

Sunday 20 March Lent 3

Isaiah 55 1-9 *Margaret Cortis*
1 Corinthians 10, 1-13 *Sue Jeremy*

Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2, 1-10
2 Corinthians 1, 3-7
Brian & Valerie Willis

Ash Wednesday 2 March

Service at Gerrans church 6 pm

*A warm invitation extended to our friends in
Veryan and Ruan Lanihorne*

Mothering Sunday 27 March
Service of the Word at Veryan at 11 am
Led by David Hughes

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On the Way meeting at Vryan 9 February

Thirty parishioners attended the meeting, about one third being some of the regular members of the congregation. Much of the meeting was devoted to a 'SWOT' analysis [Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats] with those attending identifying areas of concern or opportunity as well as the more obvious 'strengths' of the church ['the church' being variously understood as the building, the Parochial Church Council [PCC], or the worshipping community]

Obvious assets were identified as the building itself: its location, its size, its history, the organ, bells and clock, and the churchyard, and its long connection with Vryan's Church of England school [*founded in 1804 by a former vicar – Ed.*]. Particularly noted were the Friday assembly and family service, 'Open the Book', and the building's opportunities as a 'teaching aid'. For many years the church has arranged or hosted a variety of exhibitions, flower and Christmas Tree festivals, concerts and recitals, drama, and special services. Clearly the past two years' pandemic has prevented many regular activities like the annual fête [a major fundraising event]

Areas of concern included the apparent lack of variety in church services, use of 'church' merely for 'rites of passage', its limitations of useable space, lack of 'facilities' and the need to develop a social media presence to extend communication about church activities to a younger demographic. In addition we have been without a resident parish priest since November 2019 [although we are deeply grateful to Fr Doug for helping in so many ways throughout our benefice and beyond]. The need to raise significant funds is an ongoing worry.

The Leadership Team members suggested encouraging lay people to take a more active part in leading services; the rôle of trained Worship Leaders was becoming more important in the modern church. [*the Diocese of Truro's website has a useful introduction to this*]

Overall the meeting demonstrated a general support for 'church' [however defined!], a willingness to help if asked, and an appreciation of the hard work of the present volunteers – mainly elderly and diminishing in number. The PCC will discuss and address the issues raised, especially the need to encourage younger people to be actively involved in the life of the church, but the overwhelming need and fervent wish is for a resident parish priest to provide spiritual and pastoral guidance and care to the whole parochial 'flock'.

Thank you to all who came and took part - and to Rachel, Claire and Lesley from the Leadership Team.

[*summarised from shorthand notes taken at the meeting by a PCC member*]

On the Way Meeting at Ruan Lanihorne 15 February

The meeting held in St Rumon's church was attended by 22 parishioners, with a varied age range, including a young child.

Claire Burgess and Simon Taurens from the "On the Way" team were introduced by one of the churchwardens. Proceedings were opened with a prayer and after a while it was suggested that people went into small groups, however the parishioners did not want this. The meeting then continued with people asking questions for over an hour.

The overwhelming opinion was that the church should remain open for all. Suggestions were made on various subjects, which will be discussed at our next PCC meeting in March.

The churchwardens and PCC were also thanked for all they are doing, even though they are a very small team. Thanks were also given to father Doug Robins for all he has been doing for our church.

In the meantime, we are already looking at some of the suggestions from the 18 letters that had been previously received in response to the flyer that went out to all parishioners, earlier in the month.

A summary of the letters received with comments, a letter highlighting the concerns of provision of priests on the Roseland, an analysis of attendance for services over the last five years and an analysis of visitors over the last five years, together with supporting documents, was given to the team.

A big thank you to all those who took the time to write letters or turned up for the meeting.

We are listening.

St Rumon's Churchwardens

OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Saturday 5th March 7 for 7.30 pm All welcome St Piran's Day Celebrations at the Plume, Portscatho. £5: contact nev.meek@sky.com to book [essential!]

Veryan Parish Church

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

St Rumon's Church

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

Portloe United Church

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

**Veryan Church Flowers
No Flowers in Lent**

OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Wednesday 9 March 7.30 pm

Garry Tregidga

CORNWALL'S MARITIME CHURCHES

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

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Veryan Parish Hall

By the time you read this hopefully the hall refurbishment will have finished, this assume that EDF keep to their promised installation date of 28th February.

The hall is already much lighter and warmer (without heating) and has a really modern feel to it. We are aiming to welcome back our regular users in March (dates to be confirmed).

We had hoped to be open for a St. Piran's day event on 5th/6th March, but we can't confirm this at present. Please keep your eyes open for further news of this event.

Bob Field

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 10.37	2 11.21	3 12.01	4 12.39	5 13.15
6 13.48	7 14.19	8 14.50	9 15.22	10 16.03	11 17.16	12 06.26
13 08.11	14 09.12	15 09.55	16 10.31	17 11.05	18 11.37	19 12.11
20 12.48	21 13.23	22 14.01	23 14.39	24 15.25	25 16.28	26 18.13
27 08.12	28 09.35	29 10.35	30 11.22	31 12.01		

Full moon 18th New moon 2nd

Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Veryan



A meeting was held on Monday 7 February for interested parties to formulate celebrations for this momentous event.

For those who aren't aware, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been our monarch for 70 years (as of February 6). Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June have been declared Bank Holidays. There are a series of national events to celebrate this occasion, but Veryan has come up with an amended programme.

On Thursday 2 June at 9.00pm a beacon will be lit with pipers and buglers in attendance.

On Saturday 4 June there will be a family fun day on Moor Launder and outside the Parish Hall (fun races, tug of war, stalls) with a traditional tea party. The "Crown" treasure hunt will culminate. In the evening there will be a hog roast (etc) and a Ceilidh/Barn dance outside the New Inn and in grounds of Elerkey House.

On Sunday 5 June the Sports and Social Club will be promoting a cricket match with a "proper" cricket tea.

The Church bells will also ring a commemorative peal (day and time to be confirmed)

Details are still being worked on and a full programme will be issued when events are finalised. There is likely to be Road Closure outside the New Inn and Elerkey House on Saturday. There will be costs to put on these events, but we are hopeful of local sponsorship and a little "crowd funding" to meet these.

If anyone, who has not already come forward, would like to help or make a donation please contact Bob Field on 07831 579629 or bob@bobanddee.co.uk

Footnote:

We would also expect to hold a civic church service at 11 am on the morning of Sunday 5 June: we await guidance from the Diocese

Veryan WI

Veryan WI held their February meeting in the Social Club. We had a good turnout plus three visitors. The speaker for the evening was Marge Ostle from Philleigh, who gave us a very interesting talk on her experiences of "Gardening on three Continents".

Following that we had a short business meeting, mainly discussing plans for the rest of the year. Our postponed Christmas meal is now planned for Wednesday 16th February with a more spring like menu.

Next month we'll hold our AGM (again in the Social Club) to reflect on the past year and elect a new president and committee. On Tuesday April 5th we should be back in the Parish Hall to hear "All about St Ewe Eggs" and in May "The History of some Truro Street Names".

For further information please contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636

A note about the Newsletter

It is essentially a church newsletter: information about services, readings for Sunday services, news from our Parochial Church Councils and [in more ordinary times] notices of fundraising activities.

The former 'Parish News' was the brainchild of Canon Michael Geach who said that Veryan and Ruan had much more to report than could be included in the Roseland Magazine and from the outset it included items of general interest to our parishioners - history, gardening, humour, reminiscence, recipes...

'Parish News' flourished for many years but rising costs of printing, an ageing delivery team, and the potential of on-line 'publishing' indicated a change to an emailed newsletter: no subscription, no need for delivery, and the chance to include colour. Recent Data Protection rules do not allow us to hold lists of names and addresses of private individuals unless they have given their permission: hence the need to email your request to one of the editors so that you can be included in the circulation list.

Currently the newsletter is sent to around 60 households including a few out of county: it also appears, thanks to volunteer Carol, on the church website along with previous issues.

If you're on the list, thank you! If you know someone who isn't, might they sign up too? **CRE**

A confusing distinction!

If you are entitled to vote for members of parliament and local government councillors, your name will be on the Register of Electors; all resident adults are eligible;

If you wish to vote for members of your church's Parochial Church Council, your name must be on the church's Electoral Roll; you should be baptised into the Anglican church and according to the application form 'subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity'...

From the Earwig ...

Many flower arrangers will use floral foam to support their flowers in an arrangement. It is usually known as 'oasis'. The name 'oasis' is commonly used a bit like 'hoover' for a Dyson or Miele. Oasis was originally patented in the 1940s and is made from palm oil and other oil derivatives and contains formaldehyde. A pretty ghastly compound therefore. It does not biodegrade and therefore when used will generally go to landfill. Worse still it is a single use item.

If you use oasis that has been used before it will be full of bacteria from the previous dying flowers and your flowers will not last as long. There are lots of alternatives to use. Wire netting like chicken wire in the base of the container, moss or even scrunched and packed newspaper (although much of that now has plastic additives). Moss can also be used but it must be sphagnum from a reliable, sustainable source. It's a question of being inventive. (You should never cut oasis when it is dry, this releases dust full of nasties, soak it first.)

Because of this problem, several different sorts of biodegradable 'oasis' have been developed. The most popular brand currently available is claimed to 'biodegrade over a period of 567 days in biologically active landfill conditions'.

This is a ridiculous claim because landfill is typically not biologically active. That, particularly now, we are recycling elements of the old landfill which might have given it half a chance to rot down.

The only way to use the new oasis therefore is to compost in an active heap in the garden for 567 days. I am not sure what any Council view might be on putting it in green waste, but I can guess.

The average compost heap won't be cooking for this long, it will be used sometime after 365 days; so I am experimenting by putting it in with a leaf pile that I am composting which takes much longer than garden compost.

Now you may wonder why I am so interested in this matter. It is because, despite other problems that you may consider more important, the Church of England is banning the use of oasis in church arrangements.

The RHS banned it at flower shows some time ago. So, flower arrangers in church please be aware not only that you shouldn't be using it but you may not be able to use it much longer in church.

I am not in favour, in most cases, of bans. Far better, if possible, to educate the user and the manufacturer and by natural processes the use diminishes.

Remember the powers that be backtracked on 'banning' cheque books. They realised very quickly that educating us with regard to internet banking, the introduction of card transactions, encouraging retailers not to take cheques and naturally their use would run dry with the disappearance of the generation that are used to them. That way the older generation are still allowed their use until modern methods become engrained.

Other than taking the flowers apart, how will the Church of England know that a florist hasn't used the old type of oasis in a funeral flower arrangement on top of a coffin? Perhaps we should not issue bans that cannot be properly enforced.

There is now discussion within the Church of England to ban the use of imported flowers. I understand that using British flowers from March to September is certainly to be encouraged.

However, in the winter it could be argued that we use far too much expensive energy to produce flowers both in terms of their growing and light levels.

It's no use saying use winter flowers or foliage as this, I suspect, will not satisfy an insatiable demand. But more importantly what happens to the livelihoods of so many in east African countries that rely on us and the world for a living?

I suspect they start growing things that we would rather they didn't, just as the Afghans are going back to opium poppies.

And why ban flowers when we import bananas and avocado etc.? Surely the Church hierarchy must stop eating imported food?

Where does it end and what is right, proper, and eco- friendly?

I don't have the answers, you may have, I may be wrong but straight bans without forethought of the real consequences concern me.



*Thomas Cranmer,
compiler of the first
Book of Common
Prayer*

Truro branch of the Prayer Book Society

3.30 pm tea and biscuits

4 pm talk by Dean Roger Bush

'THE LEGACY OF CRANMER'

5.30 pm choral Holy Communion [BCP]

Truro Cathedral 23 March

All welcome— especially non-members!

Thank you, Mrs T senior!

Among the files of notes collected over many years by the late lamented "Mrs Truscott senior" was a typed transcript of a diary and notes written in the 1940s by a Miss Colbourne, who was evacuated to Veryan in 1940 with her school from Hornsey in London. She observed and recorded many local events and activities in her three years in the parish. Two entries seem particularly relevant at the moment...

The Church Clock

Soon before we came to Veryan in June 1940 the church clock stopped. It is a two-day clock and it appears that the frequent visits to the church tower for winding it in some way caused the wheel in the works to be bent.

Efforts have been made to find a clockmaker to repair the damage, but as no clockmaker had any personal interest in it the clock just 'stayed put' always pointing to ten to ten.

Recently Mr Bennett co-opted the help of the policeman P C Howard who is of a mechanical turn of mind.

Last Saturday evening, July 4th, we listened with bated breath for the clock to chime eleven. . at eleven o'clock the musical hammer struck eleven... twelve...thirteen...until 22 strokes had sounded. By this time the strike was stopped. There has been a readjustment, and since Wednesday night, July 9th 1941, the clock has resigned itself to do its duty in the conventional way....

Clearly no Mr D Truscott around at that time!

Sale of the old church pews

On Saturday morning, November 23rd [no year given], I heard there was to be a sale of wood from the old church pews which had to be removed as they had death watch beetle in them.



Veryan church showing the old box pews

Tenders were to be handed in before 2 pm.

Mrs C and I set out for the school playground at 1.45. All round the playground were twelve lots into which the wood had been divided.

Several cars were stationed there and village boys looked over the bank. In the playground were the leading farmers and some of the village "characters".

There were little old Mr Nelson Rickard "Elsie"; with his well worn round felt hat and his gun under his arm, Mr B the distinguished Scotchman with his grey shorts and bare knees, our Schoolmaster was there to receive the tenders and the Vicar in motor-cycling outfit came in to see fair play.

Mrs C and Mrs M engaged in conversation.

Mrs M "Some of they farmers'll be pleased to patch up their barn doors with a bit o' wood rather than put a new door on"

Mrs C "Ay, they'll keep out the draught with a bit o' wire netting"

Then came the breathless excitement of hearing the result of the tenders. Mrs C and I lost our lot but Mrs C's son secured two at 5/- each.

Each buyer had to clear off his own wood so off went Mr D to fetch his pony and a funny little two-wheeled contraption. In a few minutes he was back with his partner and two village boys and before long the wood was deposited in Rose Villa grounds beside the tractor.

Some of the wood has been used to make two-wheeled slays which Topsy and the donkey can pull.

These were the pews from the centre and south aisles of the church; they were replaced with chairs borrowed from the old Diocesan Training College in Truro. Those in the north aisle ['Green Side'] remained – complete with doors and hat pegs – until the early 1950s when the whole church was re-seated with money given by parish-ioners [memorial plaques are fixed to the pews on the north side of the church]

Rose Yilla in Veryan Home in the 1940s to Miss Colbourne





A Cornish Quiz



*first used in Veryan Parish Hall for the St Piran's celebration
in 2006 – answers next time*

People

1. In which Cornish parish was Captain Bligh of 'Bounty' fame born?
2. Which Cornishman discovered the planet Neptune?
3. Which Cornishman wrote a famous Survey of Cornwall and where did he live?
4. Who was known as 'Q'?

Places

5. In which Cornish parish did RS Hawker first celebrate harvest festival?
6. Where will you find the Trewinnard Coach?
7. Where is Cornwall's Eden? – give its original name.
8. Which Cornish garden has a famous maze?
9. Name two places where you can find a Place.

Saints

10. Who is the patron saint of Cornwall, and when is his feast day?
11. What was St Piran's legendary mode of transport from Ireland to Cornwall?
12. To which saint is Veryan's church dedicated?
13. Which other church in Cornwall has the same dedication?

Songs

14. Which rose reminds me of you?
15. Where is merry on Tom Bowcock's Eve?
16. In which season did I first see Maggie May?
17. Where did I meet a maiden fair?
18. Which two rivers did Cornishmen cross to set Trelawny free?

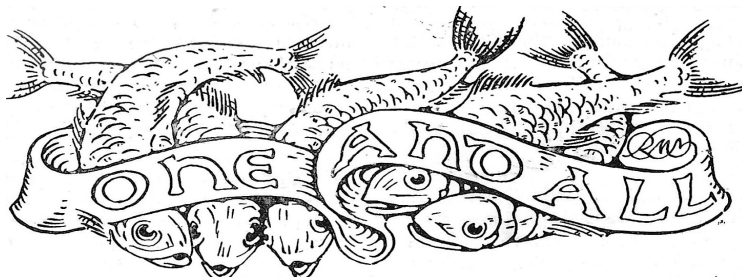
Dialect

What is the English equivalent of:

19. ballyrag
20. caunce
21. emmet
22. clunk
23. stuggy

Anagrams: Cornish place names

24. LEST U LAST
25. TEN BLESS NINTH NEAR P
26. AEOUCLNNST
27. BY NEST OF A YELLOW G
28. RAZE BLUE OAR N P



STOP PRESS!

Will Keating & John Dowling's CANDLELIT CONCERT TOUR

The concert in Veryan church last month was a huge success - a lovely community event with nearly 100 in the audience. Many, many thanks to organising team and to all who bought tickets. ...Fr Doug's report below



Wow! What an evening. There was a real buzz as the audience left the building. The Candle-lit concert at St Symphorian Church, Veryan, in February was a great success.

A sell-out audience was enthralled by Will Keating, guitar and vocals, and John Dowling, banjo. They combined folk songs, many by Cornish songwriter, Harry 'Safari' Glasson, with 'Blue Grass', some composed by John. Will added a personal depth to some of the songs by telling the audience of his long connection with Harry Glasson.

Will revealed that John was BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award Winner 2000 and USA National Banjo Champion 2002, the first non-American to win this prestigious competition.

The audience soundly supported the hope that the duo will make a return visit in the not too distant future.

St Symphorian Church has been the venue for a wide range of performances for many years and would welcome suggestions for future concerts.

DR