

# ***Parish Newsletter***

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

### ***May 2022***

**The parishes of VERYAN and  
RUAN LANIHORNE**

**Priest-in-Charge:**  
Vacancy

**VERYAN  
(St Symphorian) Parish Church**

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&

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**PORTLOE**

**(All Saints) United Church**

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**Mar**

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**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**

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#### **Church services in our benefice in May**

##### **Sunday 1 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

##### **Sunday 8 May**

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

##### **Sunday 15 May**

9.30 am Matins [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

##### **Sunday 22 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe  
11 am Service of the Word [CW] Veryan

##### **Sunday 29 May**

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

#### **Readings and readers for May (Veryan)**

##### **Sunday 1 May Easter 3**

Acts 9, 1-6 *Blair Jobson*  
Revelation 5 11-14 *David Elliott*

##### **Sunday 8 May Easter 4**

Acts 9, 36-43 *John Veness*  
Revelation 7, 9-17 *Julia Pound*

##### **Sunday 15 May Easter 5**

Acts 11, 1-18 *Christine Edwards*  
Revelation 21, 1-6 *Sue Truscott*

##### **Sunday 22 May Easter 6**

Acts 16, 9-15  
Revelation 21, 10 & 22 to 22,5  
*Brian and Valerie Willis*

##### **Sunday 29 May Easter 7**

Acts 16, 16-34 *Margaret Cortis*  
Revelation 22, 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21 *Sue Jeremy*

#### **Bellringing Practice Veryan Church**

**Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.**

**Further details from 01872 501825**

## Notes of an open meeting at Veryan church at 7 pm on Wednesday 20 April 2022

*The meeting was requested by the Rural Dean Rev'd Marc Baker who explained the current proposals for the restructuring of parishes in south Powder deanery [Truro, Probus, and Roseland groups of parishes]. It was attended by around 20 parishioners.*

The response from nearly every parish had identified shared concerns, exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Falling numbers of regular congregations
- A lack of young people and children at church services
- Increasing age of worshippers and volunteers
- Lack of support and involvement from Diocese and senior clergy
- Funding and fundraising
- Long clergy vacancies
- Increasing reliance on retired priests
- Churches closed when they were most needed

Diocesan reserves were no longer adequate to support the shortfall in clergy costs and parishes were encouraged to pay the full requested amount for the Mission and Ministry Fund.

A 'top-down' approach to reorganisation had been replaced by delegation to deaneries to consider how the situation might be addressed, given the limited resources. A Deanery 'leadership' team had consulted every parish and draft proposals had been prepared for the three groups of parishes.

For the Roseland group of parishes:

One full-time stipendiary post [a new appointment] to be the 'lead' priest for the group, known as the 'Oversight Minister' based possibly at Tregony, Veryan or Gerrans;

The present incumbent at St Just to be half-time priest at St Just and half-time working with the disadvantaged throughout the deanery, funded by a Church Commissioners' grant;

a 'focal minister' in each parish, ordained or lay, to provide a known point of contact locally; these 'focal ministers' to provide mutual support through a 'guild' scheme. Appointments and training to take place after the appointment of the Oversight Minister;

no churches to close ;

given the probable timetable [proposals to senior staff, then approval at the Diocesan Synod in June, followed by advertising, appointment and formal installation] it is likely that the new priest would not be in post until the end of 2022.

*Veryan PCC has pointed out the importance of our Church school, the new housing development, and the central location of Veryan [or Gerrans] with the advantage of reducing travel between parishes; given the likely level of funding available from all the parishes in the group the proposed scheme could be a workable one. We await the comments of the senior Diocesan clergy and the decision of Synod.*

### ST RUMON'S, RUAN LANIHORNE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Easter Vestry Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022, David Hughes and Caroline Martin were elected as Churchwardens for another year.

This was followed by the APCM, where the 2021 accounts were agreed. The churchwarden gave his report for 2021. He thanked Father Doug Robins, who has been taking communion throughout the year at the church, as the Benefice is still in transition. The Covid Pandemic caused the church to be closed for the first three months of the year, however 23 services still took place, including a benefice Good Friday Service.

The churchyard boundary wall has been repointed and a rail installed on the steps into the Lych gate. Various other work had also been carried out on the church and churchyard. A bench was donated in memory of Mrs Joy Evans and placed on the gravel outside the Transept, another bench has been bought in memory of Mrs Claudia Critchley and Mrs Flora Phillips. There have been no safeguarding incidents reported. All PCC members were re-elected. People are encouraged to get their names put on the Church Electoral role, forms can be got from the secretary, Mrs Pat Farr.

*Veryan PCC welcomes new members Julia Pound, Shelagh Kester and Sharron Cartwright who has also taken on the role of churchwarden: we are deeply grateful to them all!*

#### Veryan Church Flowers

##### High Altar

##### Porch

<b>7 May</b>	Sue Fallick	Ann Preston
<b>14 / 21 May</b>	Nicola Bush	Jo Elliott
<b>28 May/</b>		
<b>4 June</b>	Mandy Holloway	Margaret Cortis

#### Children's Society

Thanks to those of you who have household  
collection boxes

Veryan's contribution this year was £499.36

Contact Julia if you'd like to help:  
[julia.pound@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julia.pound@yahoo.co.uk) or 501741

## Veryan Players - A Murder Mystery Evening

In 1950s England, a group of people get together for a weekend shoot at a manor house, and one of them ends up dead. Can you work out who fired the fatal shot?

On **Saturday 14th May, at 7pm**, Veryan Players will present 'The Shooting Party' by Jane Page (by permission of Playstage), in aid of Veryan Parish Hall.

The village library is the setting for two short scenes, after which a delicious supper, created by the Chef on The Roseland, Haydn Treneary, will be served at your table. This will give you a chance to review the evidence, exercise your little grey cells (hopefully fortified by purchases from our licensed bar) and decide who shot the victim, Ronnie Archer. You can then place your guess into a draw to win a cracking prize, if you guessed correctly.

The perp (we're all Line of Duty fans, right?) will be revealed by the detectives, DI Spade and DS Singer, and the lucky winner will be drawn from the pool of correct answers.

So, join us for a jolly evening of fine entertainment, good company and good food in aid of the Hall's refurbishment..

Tickets are £15 each, to include supper. Numbers are strictly limited so get yours soon from Helen Robins on 07881 432016 or [nellierobins@gmail.com](mailto:nellierobins@gmail.com). There is unlikely to be availability on the door.

**Please note:**

*there will be the sound of a gunshot between scenes I and II as Ronnie Archer meets his end.*

### Old Cornwall Society

**May Pilgrimage 2 pm Thursday 19th**

**Visit to Kresen Kernow, Redruth  
[home of the Cornwall Record Office  
and  
Cornish Studies Library]**

**BOOKED PLACES ONLY - contact Nev  
[nev.meek@sky.com](mailto:nev.meek@sky.com)**

## Veryan WI

We returned to the newly refurbished Parish Hall for our April meeting; it was good to be back in familiar surroundings.

However, we are very grateful to the Social Club for giving us a temporary home.

Our speaker for the evening was Rebecca Tonks, who gave us a fascinating talk on the production and marketing of St Ewe eggs.

Our business meeting followed, plus a certain amount of discussion regarding our stall at the Hall's official re-opening on April 10th.

Our next meeting will be in the hall on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:30 when the speaker will be Martin Wright on The History of Truro Street Names followed by discussion of and voting for this year's National WI resolution.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and potential members.

For further information please contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636

### **\*\*VERYAN MARKET\*\***

**First SATURDAY of the month  
(Mar to Dec)  
10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

### **VERYAN PARISH HALL**

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## PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE!

*Dear Readers*

*We have received the following request from Mrs Cartwright which we are keen to share with you - many of us are 'of mature years' and some of us even remember the day of the Coronation in 1952.*

*Those were the days before computers and the internet, when many of us travelled by bus or bicycle, and before space travel and exploration. There have been so many changes - things we now take for granted were still in the future; world events over the past seventy years have included wars, the ascent of Everest, easier travel abroad; Ban the Bomb marches, the Russians' 'Sputnik', as well as mini-skirts, books, plays, films and music [remember 'Rock around the Clock'?] - there's a few ideas to get you reminiscing! And we'd like to publish some of the results if Kiberick Class would be willing to help us.*

*Your editors*

As part of our studies on the Jubilee, Kiberick Class will be conducting some historical enquiries. We would like to interview older residents to explore what events they feel have been historic during the Queen's reign and also to learn about some of the traditional ways people have celebrated previous jubilees .

We will be studying this in the week beginning 23rd May and would like to be able to interview on the Monday or Tuesday of that week (ideally)

If you think you would be able to help I'd be very glad to hear from you

Best wishes

Sharron Cartwright

Kiberick Class Teacher

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### DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR MAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 12.37	2 13.09	3 13.40	4 14.11	5 14.41	6 15.15	7 15.55
8 16.51	9 18.18	10 07.22	11 08.33	12 09.27	13 10.13	14 10.56
15 11.37	16 12.18	17 12.59	18 13.45	19 14.30	20 15.20	21 16.17
22 17.26	23 06.17	24 07.36	25 08.42	26 09.36	27 10.22	28 11.01
29 11.37	30 12.09	31 12.42				

Full moon 16th New moon 30th

## ***From the earwig ...***

On 25<sup>th</sup> March I was delighted to welcome Kiberick class with Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Kendall to talk about hydrangeas in the churchyard. The class apparently love the blue hydrangeas on the pathway.

We learnt about the colour, blue because they are planted in acid soil and the pinky/purple one where the soil is a more neutral mix. We discussed why the colours change and how red bred ones and white are not colour affected by soil. I had pruned them a couple of weeks earlier and so we went round the bushes trying to find bits I had missed and cut the remaining branches down to two buds to encourage flowering. It was interesting to note that at my daughter's wedding in late June last year the buds were barely opened but at Steph and Jack's wedding the same day but three years earlier they had been in full bloom. This demonstrates the effect of weather and temperature and how flowering on anything can never be accurately predicted.

We then stopped to look at the camellias which were mostly still in full bloom with buds to come and I explained that we would be trimming those not next year but immediately after they finish flowering because next year's buds start forming straight away and if we leave it too late we will cut next year's buds off. This year some of the camellias will get a massive hair cut where they are competing with the hydrangeas to let in air light and water. It's a demonstration of why not to plant large shrubs too close together. It's amazing how much room they eventually need.

We talked also about the azaleas, saw their buds forming for flowering hopefully in May/ June and they too will be pruned immediately after they finish flowering. So the three shrubs demonstrate the rule – if it flowers before June prune as soon as it has finished flowering, if it flowers after June leave until next spring. In milder climes it is possible to prune hydrangeas earlier; many people don't like the dead heads. But the dead heads provide winter habitat for small bugs and ladybirds and protect the stems if we do get a hard frost.

Having finished with the shrubs we looked at the Tower on the church from outside. We identified ground, first and second floors and the turret on top and learned that the ground floor houses the bell ropes, the first has the clock mechanism and the second is the home of the bells themselves. I explained all the work that Mr Truscott does to keep the clock going and this provoked a good question from Mrs Cartwright. 'Are the shrub pruners and Mr Truscott paid?' 'No,' I explained 'we do these jobs as volunteers, just as the flower ladies and the church cleaners, and many others'. Mrs Cartwright told the class to take note as Kiberick Class would be the volunteers of the future!!

The tower conversation provoked much comment and so we agreed to meet on the following Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and in two groups we entered the ground floor of the Tower. They were shown the ropes, the bell mechanisms were explained and then three ringers gave a demonstration of the bells in action. Many questions from both groups but the same question from both. 'What happens if you let go of the rope?' Whilst I explained that the bell goes into free fall with its own momentum and the rope flies all over the tower, it was a vision I have only seen once and have no wish to see again. But a useful physics lesson ensued from Mrs Cartwright!!

***It was such a good morning it has prompted me to say that if anybody wishes to see the bells being rung they may arrive at the Tower on a Sunday morning.***

***They must be seated in the Tower by 10.30am, no latecomers once we start ringing. 4 seated and 2 standing in the doorway are all we can safely accommodate in one session, but you are most welcome to see a part of Veryan Church that few ever see – particularly when it's in action!***

***Please also note that we will be ringing the bells, hopefully, from 19.52hrs to 20.22 hrs on Friday 3 June to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. The clue is in the timings...***



## Veryan and District Autumn Show

At a much-delayed Annual Meeting held recently, the Committee decided to 'go on with the Show' which will take place on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

So that you can get your cameras ready, the photographic classes will be:-

- Adults:**
- On the Beach
  - Reflections
  - All Dressed Up
  - Black and White – Waves
  - Set of Four – Gates
- Children:**
- Red
  - Happy Feet
  - Summer Holidays

The Show does take a huge amount of effort to stage, particularly the setting up of the hall.

If anyone is interested to help out in any way, be it with the staging, showing competitors where their entries are to go or guiding the judges through the classes, please give me a call on 01872 501538 or email [ros.hockingbtinternet.com](mailto:ros.hockingbtinternet.com). We promise you will have a rewarding day and a free pasty!

*Rosalind Hocking*  
Secretary

## Veryan School

These year six children from Veryan School won first and second place in the Art class 173a at Cornwall Garden Society Spring flower show. We are very proud of them and of course glad we had the beautiful daffodils in our village to draw.



Kiberick were treated to a demonstration of the church bells ringing. It was fascinating to learn how heavy the bells are and how they work. This fitted into our inventions topic perfectly. We were very grateful to Nicola Bush and her team for giving their time. Nicola went to a deal of trouble to provide us with information to take back to school and use.



## *AN AMBULANCE FOR UKRAINE*



*We are delighted to include this report, forwarded from friends in Portloe, where many people have contributed to the appeal for the ambulance.*

“A very big thank you once again to everyone who supported the appeal to purchase an ambulance to send to Ukraine.

For every £2 donated the John Casson Foundation added a further £1 and the grand total raised is a staggering £6,227.50.

With Rob Cupper’s fundraising efforts which raised a similar amount the money raised has been used to purchase an already equipped ex-NHS ambulance in excellent condition, and will also pay for the fuel to take it to Ukraine.

Rob and Sheree collected the ambulance in Uttoxeter and brought it to Portloe: the photograph was taken in Portloe car park.

Rob and Sheree, his friend Adam and a colleague, are taking the ambulance and another vehicle, both packed with essentials including medical supplies, to Poland and the Ukraine border. Once over the border the ambulance will be going straight into action.”



## ***“Long live the weeds and the wilderness”***

Gerard Manley Hopkins' comment [in his poem 'Inversnaid'] cheers my heart. Currently recovering from complicated eye surgery I have been banned 'for a few weeks' from tending my garden, and predictably the weeds are flourishing.

My father taught me the names of many wild flowers when I was young and pointed out that 'weeds' were simply wild plants growing 'in the wrong place'. I was consequently pleased to read recently in the *Guardian* an article by Alys Fowler extolling the benefits of, and need for, a certain amount of leniency with weeds in any garden.

Why? Isn't it the basic instinct of 'a good gardener' to remove anything that upsets the structure and plan of a perfectly designed display? Isn't an expanse of weed-free, tightly-mown grass, protected from passing mammals with tight evergreen hedges, posts and fencing, more pleasing to a gardener's eye?

Not according to current thinking, and certainly not to mine.

I do have the advantage of an allotment-sized vegetable plot at the rear of the house, as well as a traditional 'lawn and borders' at the front. My energies are devoted mainly to the growing of fruit and veg: flowers are left to their own devices. There is therefore thankfully space for a bit of 'wilderness', and Alys Fowler would surely approve.

She has a list of 'essential weeds' which support the lowest rungs of the food chain - the invertebrates, caterpillars, beetles, the bugs and bees that act as pollinators - and as food for the next 'level up' [sorry!]. A charm of goldfinches on teasel heads is a wonderful sight.

Some wild plants were of real value to our forebears - indicated by their names: chickweed and goosegrass were used to feed poultry; sow-thistle - good for pigs; while bedstraw when dried made a fragrant bedding for humans and animals.

But what about docks, brambles and bindweed? According to Alys, you dig them up and soak them for a few weeks adding the water to your compost to replace the nutrients they have taken up from the soil. The one weed she seems to approve - and I can't - is 'couch grass' ['stroil' to us in Cornwall]. Dig it up and burn the roots, say I!

But if you have space, as I do, try to tolerate dandelions, buttercups, celandines, herb Robert, goosegrass, speedwell ['bird's eye'], even a patch of nettles which are particularly good for caterpillars. My front 'lawn' has daisies, clover, yarrow, buttercups, hawkbits and a few self-sown primroses. In spring and early summer it is literally buzzing with insect life.

The hedge at the back has wild roses, blackthorn and may, foxgloves, champions, poppies, fennel and teasel: they attract hoverflies, bumble bees, honey bees, iridescent beetles, butterflies, ladybirds... and there are slow worms in the compost bins. I hope still to see or hear the hedgehogs, badgers, foxes which used to visit [not so bothered about the rabbits but they did provide food for our local buzzards] : but they all need 'highways' to travel about from field to garden, garden to garden...

The Romans were accused of 'making a desert and calling it peace' - we mustn't let that happen in our gardens, a world 'bereft of wilderness' is no world at all.

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