

Parish Newsletter
Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne
September 2022

The parishes of VERYAN and
RUAN LANIHORNE
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Church services in our benefice in September

Sunday 4 September

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

Sunday 11 September

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

Sunday 18 September

10.30 am **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan
6 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG at Ruan

Sunday 25 September

9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe
11 am Matins [BCP] Veryan

Sunday 2 October

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

Readings for September (Veryan)

Sunday 4 September Trinity 12

Jeremiah 18, 1-11 *Christine Edwards*
Philemon 1-21 *Sue Truscott*

Sunday 11 September Trinity 13

Jeremiah 4: 11,12, 22-28 *Margaret Cortis*
1 Timothy 2,1-7 *Sue Jeremy*

Sunday 18 September Trinity 14

Jeremiah 8, 18 to 9,1 *Blair Jobson*
1 Timothy 2, 1-7 *to be arranged*

Sunday 25 September Thrirti 15

Jeremiah 32, 1-3a & 6-15 *John Veness*
1 Timothy 6, 6-19 *Julia Pound*

Sunday 2 October harvest evensong

Deuteronomy 8, 7-18 *Blair Jobson*
Luke 12, 16-20 *Trounce Guy*

*NB Please feel free to ask others to read if you're not available!
Rota from Harvest onwards will we hope include two additional
readers: volunteers always welcome!*

VERYAN CHURCH NEWS

All change!

Well, it's been an eventful few weeks! For personal reasons our secretary, Sarah, and our senior churchwarden David, both decided to retire from what admittedly are particularly busy roles in the life of any church. Given that we have now been without a parish priest for three years, much of the running of the church's administration has fallen on their shoulders, as well as the additional pressure from the Diocese and Deanery in the long months of meetings and reports to try to agree a new affordable and workable scheme for our Roseland group of parishes. We are hugely grateful for their commitment and hard work over many years and we hope that relinquishing their responsibilities will allow them both to have more time for themselves and their families,

Consequently the Parochial Church Council [PCC] has had discussions and meetings about how best to ensure the future of our church: there are numerous 'duties' and responsibilities which are being shared between several of us until we can encourage a few more willing volunteers to join us!

We do have vacancies for two members on the PCC: and are allowed to co-opt: you need to have your name on the electoral roll of the church [this is not the voters' list!], be a baptised member of the church and an occasional attender at church services.

Do contact Sharron Cartwright our churchwarden, Christine Edwards our present secretary or Shelagh Kester our lay chairman, if you'd like to know more!

The meetings about the changes to our parishes continue but we are assured that we should hear fairly soon some positive news about a clergy appointment for the Roseland - wherever he or she will be living!

Our church clock will strike again!

We have received an unexpected and significant legacy which has substantially increased the amount of funds available for the maintenance and renovation of our lovely but crumbling church. Our first thought was to 'top up' the funds already set aside to replace the winding and striking mechanisms of our tower clock. We have applied for a faculty [the church's version of planning permission] and are hopeful that Cumbria Clocks will carry out the work later this year.

Our Quinquennial [5-yearly] inspection of the building in 2021 however raised some serious issues which will need attention: the roof needs work as do the 'rainwater goods' [gutters and downpipes]. The tower and pinnacles need to be repointed and we would like to replace our weathervane when the pinnacles have been stabilised.

We've also asked advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee about new lighting - eco-friendly, versatile for services and concerts and enabling visitors to the building to see our lovely carved roof timbers.

Services and clergy to the end of the year

We are enormously grateful to Fr Doug for looking after us so well for so long; he is sometimes asked to take services elsewhere, and doesn't he deserve a few Sundays 'off' sometimes!

With that in mind we have asked some other clergy to help out occasionally: do look out for the posters at the lych gate and of course the newsletter will have the necessary information, but here's a couple of dates for your diaries - we would love to see a really good congregation:

Sunday 20 November Bishop Philip Mounstephen
Sunday 18 December Bishop Graham James

From the Registers

Wedding at Ruan Lanihorne
Saturday 20 August 2022

Henry Robert Hughes and Anne-Marie Turner

Veryan Church Flowers

High Altar Porch
3 & 10 September

Helen Robins Catherine Walker
17 & 24 September
Dee Field Nicola Bush
1 October

HARVEST LIST

Bellringing Practice

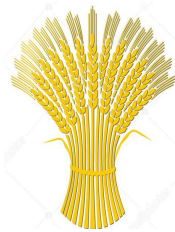
Veryan Church—Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. Further details from 01872 501825

St Rumon's Church

The churchyard is normally kept cut with some wild areas, but visitors and locals may have noticed that throughout June and July the upper churchyard was left uncut with only a path through, which produced a sea of yellow flowers. It was lovely to see so many different butterflies and bees. Unfortunately, the large ash tree in the lower churchyard has ash die-back and will be taken down in September under safety grounds.

We look forward to our Harvest Festival on the 19th of September at 6 pm. This year we are doing things differently and the congregation will be joined by a Scarecrow Choir. We would like you to make a scarecrow and bring it along to the service, where it will join others in the choir stalls. We hope you will join in with the choir singing a bouncy harvest song. There will also be a harvest hamper for the best scarecrow too. After the service, you are invited to a Harvest Supper in the Reading Room

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

PORTLOE

10.30 am Sunday 18 September

Helen Nicholson

RUAN LANIHORNE

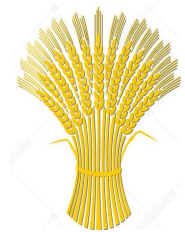
6 pm Sunday 18 September Harvest Evensong

Fr Doug

VERYAN

6 pm Sunday 2 October Harvest Evensong

Fr Doug



‘Thank you for being open’

So many of the visitors to Veryan's church make this comment in the visitors' book: it is the quiet, tranquil space which allows people to sit, think and remember, or merely be still for a few moments.

As well as comments about the building there are appreciative words about the churchyard:

‘love the layout and plantings’,
‘stunning churchyard especially the whitebells’ [wild garlic!];
‘glorious wild flowers, thank you’.

We are thanked for the friendliness of locals encountered in church or nearby;
for the organ [‘lovely to hear a *real* organ!’],
for the arrangements of flowers and for the range of booklets.

We have a fair sprinkling of families visiting the parish of their forebears: Beard, Roberts, Harris, Dunstone, Blamey, Curgenven are all mentioned in the current year's entries.

While we have not seen so many overseas visitors recently as in former years addresses include Belgium, Poland, Australia, Bermuda and France, a French family being especially delighted at the lovely drawings of flowers produced by the children of our school.

Thank you to all our volunteers, whatever you do, to make sure that our church is open and welcoming and that our churchyard delights not only with its more formal shrubs but also in its seasonal displays of wild flowers.

VERYAN AUTUMN SHOW IS BACK!

Saturday 17 September
Schedules available now!

If you would like to receive a copy, please contact me, Rosalind Hocking on 01872 501538 or email ros.hocking@googlemail.com

***And if you enjoyed the scarecrow display last year,
we're doing it again!***

Following last year's great success, the Scarecrow competition will take place again this year. The competition is open to everyone from children to adults and any of the organisations in the village and surrounding district. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best scarecrows. Choose your own theme and please make sure that your scarecrow can be seen from the road.

The scarecrows will be judged the weekend BEFORE the show - 10/11 September - as we'll all be too busy baking, making and taking photographs in the days leading up to 17th.

For an entry, please contact me, details as above.

Rosalind Hocking - Hon Secretary

More from the archives...

Our indefatigable treasurer has been scouring websites in search of Show information: the photograph below was published in July 1945 and shows Mr Maurice Petherick opening the show, with Miss Damaris Jenkin, president, and Mr J H Johns, chairman.



An earlier report relating to the Autumn Show [November] 1937 describes the 'hundreds' who 'flocked from the district to the Legion Hall, Schoolroom and Women's Institute to see some splendid produce'. The standard was high, 'Veryan district being one of the best in the county for horticulture'.

Not all prizes were won by locals: honey prizes went to Wadebridge, 'roots' classes were dominated by Mr Bice from St Columb, but 'a youthful competitor, Reggie Woodward, won a special prize for the best exhibition hen' His mother won the dairy section; Mrs S G Bennett [the schoolmaster's wife] won special prizes for her flowers, Mrs M E Rundle, saffron cakes, and best children's pasty, Pamela Dowrick.

Officials included the schoolmaster, Mr S G Bennett, chairman; Mr P Rundle, treasurer; joint secretaries, Mrs H G Fuge and Mr F Reynolds.

[You may well hear more of some of these officers at the 2022 Show...]

MORE CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN!

Will Keating

If you enjoyed - or if you missed - the Will Keating concerts earlier this year, you'll have another chance to hear him again in November in another concert in Veryan church as part of Will Keating and John Dowling's next Candlelit Concert Tour.

Tickets will be available through Will's website in due course.
More details next month.

Date for your diaries:

Friday 11 November

River Blue

And in mid-October there's to be yet another concert, this time from River Blue - date yet to be confirmed so look out for posters, on-line information and next month's newsletter!



Bells in our Roseland parishes?



Did you know:

That in the reign of Henry VIII the towers of all but two of our current Roseland group of parishes all contained three bells - capable of being properly rung, not merely chimed?

That in 1949 Cuby applied for a faculty to install a ring of six?

That the bell at St Anthony in Roseland is the only one known to have been cast by the Truro founder Francis Dingey?

That in 1813 Philleigh's tower was in such a dangerous state that it was likely that the three bells might 'fall on persons below'?

Look out for a new booklet on sale later this year in Veryan church!



'Hera - a Cornish Shipwreck Tragedy'

***by
Kevin Patience***

***68 pages, profusely illustrated, the book tells the story
of the 'Hera' from her construction in 1886 to the
wreck in 1914***

Available from the author

***£10 to include postage & packing
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'Handy measures'

When I was a little girl I was fascinated by the story of Noah and the Ark: how big was it, to have housed all those animals, birds and bugs?

Dad was a carpenter and understood wood, so I asked him. Surely he would know what 'gopher wood' was? He said 'let's look it up in the dictionary - it doesn't grow at Caerhays'. We were both pretty disappointed when the dictionary definition was simply 'the tree of the wood of which the ark was made'. How useful was that? Never mind, he did know how to work out how big it was. A

'cubit' apparently was a useful measurement if you didn't have a ruler or tape measure, which Noah clearly didn't. Another dictionary check [Dad was good at finding out things we didn't know] and we learnt that 'cubit' derives from a Latin word meaning 'elbow'. A cubit is, or was, the distance from your elbow to the tip of your middle finger, roughly [in an adult] around 18 inches.

Predictably the next exercise was working out the ark's length [300 cubits] - 150 yards or 450 feet; its width [50 cubits] - 25 yards or 75 feet; and its height [30 cubits] - 15 yards or 45 feet.

'Yes, but how would he have measured a foot without a ruler?' 'Rule of thumb' said Dad, confusingly. I was still not convinced that there would have been room for the elephants.

Later I found out that early measurements had been approximate, depending on who was doing the measuring, as you simply used what was - literally - to hand:

A 'hand' was - and is - four inches [the width of an average palm], still used in the equine world; a span was the distance between the tip of the little finger to the tip of the thumb with the fingers spread out, or around 9 inches. Three spans, conveniently, equalled a cubit.

And all the adult women in my family would measure a yard of fabric, ribbon, wool, by using the distance between their nose and the tip of their middle finger, arm outstretched. [and that of course is two cubits...]



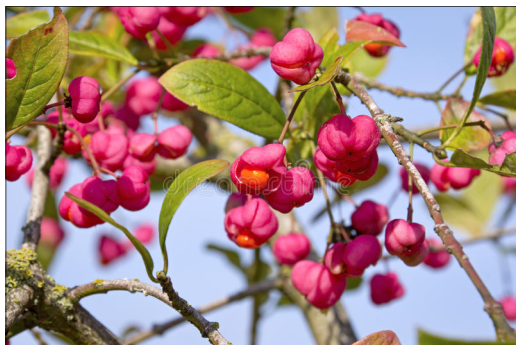
When I entered the world of archives I encountered even more strange and wonderful measurements: land measurements involved the use of 'Gunter's Chain' - a real piece of chain, with links of a specific size and where 25 links measured a 'rod, pole or perch' [remember the tables on the back of school exercise books?] of 5½ yards, the standard measuring chain being 4 rods long, or 22 yards [which was the length of a cricket pitch of course]. Eighteenth century hand-drawn maps would include illustrations of the surveyor laboriously carrying his Gunter's Chain in order to measure fields. And some of us are old enough to remember that 40 rods [poles or perches] measured a furlong or ten chains, and that 8 furlongs make a mile...

Old measurements of fabric are still in use, though unnoticed; materials in my youth came in three pre-metric widths, 36 inches, 45 inches or 54 inches; why? Mediaeval fabrics were made on different sized looms; 36 inches was the standard yard measure, but 45 inches was the width known as an ell, used for specific types of cloth, while 54 inches was used for what was then known, for obvious reasons, as 'broadcloth'.

And there's no room to explain 'double elephant' paper...

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The beautiful fruit of the spindle tree
[Euonymus europaeus]



I fear that enthusiastic trimming may have killed off the little specimen of spindle which grew on the hedge below Veryan's lychgate; bright pink berries with orange centres make it unique among our trees. Used, as the name suggests, for spindles for spinning; also used to make skewers, clothes pegs, toothpicks and viola bows, the hard white wood was also used in inlay: my Victorian piano has a beautiful inlay panel above the keyboard, appropriately featuring the spindleberry.



****VERYAN MARKET****

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

VERYAN PARISH HALL

LOCAL PRODUCE

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bee products, preserves
vegetables in season
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books
skin care
AND MORE

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Veryan WI—August Meeting

For a change, Veryan WI members met for a social evening and supper in a member's garden. We were very lucky with the weather as it was warm enough for us to stay outside all the evening. Each member brought a plate of food to share, so there was an excellent choice of both first course and puddings!

Next month we will be back in the Parish Hall, our speaker will be Rachael Reid from Cornwall Council on Waste and Recycling, followed by a short business meeting.

We will also be serving teas later in the month at the Autumn Show.

Potential members and visitors are always welcome. For further information contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636 or look at our Facebook page.

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 15.27	2 16.03	3 16.48
4 17.51	5 6.32	6 8.13	7 9.50	8 10.58	9 11.54	10 12.43
11 13.27	12 14.06	13 14.41	14 15.13	15 15.42	16 16.12	17 16.43
18 17.32	19 19.00	20 7.33	21 8.58	22 10.07	23 10.57	24 11.39
25 12.18	26 12.54	27 13.28	28 14.01	29 14.33	30 15.07	

Full moon 10h New moon 25th