



Parish Newsletter

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne

August 2022



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

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Church services in our benefice in August

Sunday 7 August

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

Sunday 14 August

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Sunday 21 August

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

Sunday 28 August

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

Sunday 4 September

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist Veryan

Readings for August (Veryan)

Sunday 7 August Trinity 8

Isaiah 1,1 & 10-20 *Sue Jeremy*
Hebrews 11, 1-3 & 8-16 *Margaret Cortis*

Sunday 14 August Trinity 9

Isaiah 5, 1-7 *Blair Jobson*
Hebrews 11, 29 to 12, 2 *David Elliott*

Sunday 21 August Trinity 10

Jeremiah 1, 4-10 *John Veness*
Hebrews 12, 18-20 *Julia Pound*

Sunday 28 August Trinity 11

Jeremiah 2, 4-13; Hebrews 13, 1-8 & 15, 16
Brian and Valerie Willis

Sunday 4 September Trinity 12

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

*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 Fete 23 July 2022

A massive thank you to everyone who helped at this year's fete and to all our sponsors.

Those who gave of their time and effort are just too many to mention but you know who you are, what you gave and how appreciated you are. We tapped into people skills! From those who can spread jam first in quantity and make tea, to the skilful poster designer and 'putter upper' and, in terms of putting up, those who did the marquee, gazebos and bunting and then took it all down again. The team for clearing up was as good as the team for preparing and the willingness of everyone was a true church and community effort. People travelled to Caerhays to collect scones, Probus to arrange the pork, St Mawes to collect a gazebo, Gerrans to arrange the singers and wrote copious begging letters for the very generous raffle prizes. Not to mention the bean counters who finished counting the first tranche of money at 7.30 pm. And thanks to Chaos who have taken everything that was left over. They will use it well and we don't have to store it for next year- that's a massive bonus for them and us.

The final figures from stalls are as follows:-

Ice cream £122.71	Cake £129
Books £136.00	Name the Bear £33.80
Face Painting £19.00	Raffle £363.00
Pre- Loved clothing £270.00	Bric a Brac £339.42
Nail Painting £25.00	Pork £102.90
Cream Teas £247.31	Plants £152.40

Plus generous personal donations made on the day £ 1,025.00 – those donations are of course given because we are there making the effort and the donations are very much appreciated.

The whole Fete ran like clockwork because most of us have done it before and know the drill- the weather could have been kinder but bear in mind all that money was ultimately made in about two and a half hours.

Final total **£2755.13** with all the bits that have come in afterwards.

Thank you everyone!

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From the Registers

Funeral at Veryan followed by cremation

Monday 4 July
Deborah Jane Cain aged 49

Cremation at Penmouont

Friday 22 July
Sylvia Mary Coombe aged 77

Veryan Church Flowers

High Altar Porch
6 & 13 August

Jo Elliott Nicola Bush

20 & 27 August

Mandy Holloway Margaret Cortis

3 & 10 September

Helen Robins Catherine Walker

Bellringing Practice

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

Veryan's Fate

As reported by Trunce Guy...

I made sure I left by 4 o'clock. The trouble is, if you stay 'til the finish you end up having to help Gilbert to clear everything away. It wouldn't have gone ahead at all if twad'n for Gilbert. We'd two years of time to ourselves, thanks to Covid, grown a bit older, lacked that earlier enthusiasm.

So when Gilbert piped up with "If we don't have it this year we might never hold it again", some thought that was a good argument for leaving the whole thing lapse. But Gilbert was persistent and everyone had to dig out the bric-a-brac and books and clothes that hadn't sold the last time around in 2019, bring it all in boxes and set up the stalls, knowing that they would only have to box most of it up again at the end of the day, ready for next year.

Come Friday morning, there was Gilbert ringing round for help to erect the marquees and tables. Well, yes, he got one or two together. Not everyone had a ready made excuse.

Two o'clock on Saturday it all got under way, church bells ringing, Father Doug declaring the opening in his own, low-key theatrical way. Soon everyone packed around the lavish stalls, jams and cakes, ice-cream, books a plenty, clothes, flowering plants, face painting run by a newly titled lady. There was singing. Gilbert had arranged for a group of talented shanty singers to do a gig for charity.

Altogether there was a harmony that showed that there is life and community in the old village yet. It was good to be there and share that feeling of pride in place. And nothing looked more joyful than Father Doug's bare feet with toenails decorated in multicoloured splendour.

I was taken by the sight of a big teddy bear. Someone had given it a name. "Guess its name" said the banner "and it's yours at the end of the day" Only 30p a go. Well of course "Gilbert" was the name I chose. I paid my 30p and gave my phone number in case they needed to inform me that I had won. I never win anything.

We all benefit from a bit of communal spirit. But we'm all getting older, we should say to Gilbert. We can't do this like we used to. Though age don't seem to have wearied Gilbert in the same way. He's still got the energy of a 50 year old and the enthusiasm of a 20 year old. I did give him a hand to stack up the bales he'd put around for seats. Stacked them ready for him to bring down his tractor and trailer to load and carry away. Then I left, 'twas past four and he'd have to get someone else to help load them.

I'd seen to the sheep and cows at home by the time Annie arrived back.

"You guessed the name of the bear right" she said.

"That's good", I replied, "I never win anything. Did you bring it home?"

No" she said, "they gave it to Gilbert 'cause it had his name on it"

"Gave it to Gilbert?" I said, "that can't be right".

So a couple of hours later, still aggrieved, I rang the person who I thought was the secretary to ask her to take my complaint to the committee. She didn't show any sympathy. Said she'd had a long tiring day and she wasn't really the secretary and that there wasn't a committee, only Gilbert, and next year, I'd better stay on to the end of it all and help Gilbert with the packing up, then if I'm lucky enough to win anything I might be there to accept it!

A good time was had by all.



A LEGACY FROM MARGERY

Many years ago following a request from Cornwall's Family History Society, Margery, Sue T, Sue's Dad and I agreed to plot and transcribe the headstones in Veryan's churchyard.

We divided the churchyard into areas and allocated each headstone a chalked number. We took in turns to read out the inscriptions and to write them down; crawling around on grass, under bushes, through brambles and behind trees was certainly challenging!

We sent a typed copy and a copy of the plans to the Society, and Margery acted as custodian of the original and the sketch plans. Over the next months she indexed the whole transcript by surname followed by Christian name in alphabetical order [good indexing practice!] adding relationship, age, date of death and plot location reference. She happily dealt with numerous enquiries from all over the world from families looking for 'Veryan roots', and entered into long correspondence with several.

The complete folder - text, plans and index – emerged from Margery's many files and folders and has been handed back to the church. The original will be kept safe, and we've had a couple of copies made so that the information can be retrieved quickly when we receive enquiries. We aim in time to put a copy of the plan and the index [which needs to be typed] in the church for reference to help visitors find family graves.

Altogether there are 107 A4 pages of typed transcripts representing over 600 headstones, recorded in full; ten pages of plans and 51 handwritten pages of index. Over 1250 individual names are recorded. Many memorials include the names of several members of one family. 226 'family' surnames are listed, the most frequent being Blamey [90 individuals], Dunstone [75], Johns [59], Trounce [49] and Rundle [44] - but bear in mind that not everyone who is buried in the churchyard has a memorial stone. There are many unmarked graves, and it would be a useful exercise to compare the number of burials recorded in the registers [safely at the Cornwall Record Office] with the number of headstones and names for the corresponding period: the earliest recorded stone is dated 1734, the most recent we transcribed was from 1979.

However, not everyone recorded on the memorials is buried here: some lost their lives in battle and are buried in military cemeteries overseas, others died while living or working in America, Canada, South Africa. A significant number died in parishes within or outside Cornwall.

Too many are children: childhood illnesses, overcrowding, poverty, all took their toll, sometimes several little ones from the same family are recorded, like the five children of John and Jane Harris, all of whom died before their 8th birthdays; or the family of William Dowrick, all under five years old. The inscriptions are deeply affecting: 'A precious child lies buried here', 'safe in the arms of Jesus', 'Sleep on, sweet babe'. And do look for 'darling Arthur':

Oh what joy there was in heaven, Oh what rapture was up there
When they saw our darling Arthur climbing up the golden stair'

Mothers died in childbirth; young men and women died of consumption or 'wasting disease'. [the registers from 1812 give the cause of death - another area for analysis maybe?]

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Many headstones include Biblical quotations [the most popular seems to be ‘Peace, perfect peace’], while there are a good number of – surely original - verses.

‘While man and wife we were, In love we did agree;
Until God ordained it so, And parted him and me...’
And what about
‘He grieves and sighs no more, his race is run’d
We hope his sufferings now are at an End’

We can only speculate at the lifestyle of William Treffry whose brick tomb carries a twelve line verse:

‘...Immersed in cares, the path of vice he trod
Nor sought to know or do the will of God
But when disease and conscious guilt combined
To rack the body and alarm the mind
To heaven he poured his penitential prayer...’

Dated 1793, might this have been penned by the vicar, Rev’d Jeremiah Trist? [we also suspect that he composed the inscription on the grave of Philip Clear, our ‘Waterloo’ soldier]. And read the inscription on the adjacent tomb of William Treffry’s daughter...

Look for the grave of Veryan’s first schoolmaster, Digory Polkinghorne, close to the wall of the former vestry where his first school met [the transept now occupied by the organ]; and that of Francis Dunstone, first secretary of the London Cornish association, whose stone carries two words in Cornish: ‘Kernow: Londres’.

Maybe the most poignant of all is the inscription for William Johns who died aged 23:

‘Only goodnight, beloved, not farewell...’

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ST SYMPHORIAN - 22 AUGUST

Symphorian was a native of Autun in Burgundy, France. He was put to death in the third century for refusing to worship a pagan idol.

He has been the patron saint of Veryan church since at least 1278 [the earliest known reference is in a document of that date in the National Archives which refers to ‘parochial sancti Symphoriani’] In 1281 the parish is recorded as possessing ‘a small bell’ of St Symphorian.

Why this French martyr? He is the patron of numerous churches in France and in Belgium, where the ‘Confrerie de Saint-Symphorien’ every year makes a procession during the feast of Pentecost to show and celebrate the 13th century casket supposed to contain relics of the saint. [see right]

It may be that when the manor of Elerky was given to the Cluniac monastery of Montacute in Somerset in 1110 the monks [French, from Burgundy] mistook the name of a local saint for one whose name was familiar to them.



Who was this possible ‘local’ saint? Yet another document, a tenth-century list of 48 Cornish dedications, held in the Vatican library in Rome, includes many of our local saints: Just, Anthony, Gerrans, Phileigh, Rumon, Ewe, Gorran...and ‘Sevillon’, identified by Dr Oliver Padel and others as a possible earlier dedication of the church of the manor of Elerky.

Possible, plausible, but not proved...but Symphorian has been our patron saint for over 700 years so let’s celebrate him this month.



School News

Throughout this half term, Veryan School have had the privilege of working along side Will Keating.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed and been inspired by workshops with him, which have involved them in learning a repertoire of his songs. This culminated in a fantastic showcase evening held in the church on Tuesday 19th July.

It was a wonderful evening, which I am sure the children will remember fondly for years to come; their faces were alight with joy as they performed and we are incredibly grateful that the children have been able to have this opportunity.



St Rumon's Church

Thank you to everyone who came for cream teas on the 2nd of July at Glebe House.

The tent was put up between the showers but by 2.30 pm when the event started, the sun was shining, and it turned out to be a lovely afternoon. The raffle was a sell out and there were lots of prizes. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Many people also popped up to the church, to have a look at the Art Exhibition, which ran for a week. The church was full of fantastic paintings from seven local artists, and it was nice to see several of the paintings being sold. Thank you to the artists for running this event.

We now look forward to our Harvest Festival with special guests (Scarecrow Choir) on the 19th September. More details to come in September.

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NEWS FROM PORTLOE

We are delighted to announce that The Little Cellar Shop in Portloe opened at the beginning of July.

It's really starting to take shape & the support & feedback from everyone has been wonderful.

It is run purely by volunteers & raises money for several charities & the local community.



We have available cakes/ savouries, produce & locally made crafts.

We're also taking orders for dressed crab & lobster supplied by Camel Fish.

Opening hours are
Wednesday & Saturday
10-3pm throughout July
& August

Any queries please contact
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Thank you so much...

to all those dear people in Veryan who opened their gardens in aid of Cornwall Hospice last month, provided tea and cake, and decorated the church.

The sun shone, but not too much, and we had visitors from all over the county as well as many holiday makers, all of whom were really appreciative of the event.

*Altogether, on the day and including subsequent donations, the grand total was an amazing
£1926*

****VERYAN MARKET****

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(Mar to Dec)**

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Veryan WI

We welcomed two visitors and a potential new member to our July meeting in the Parish Hall.

The speaker for the evening was Emma from Prickles and Paws, the only hedgehog rescue centre in Cornwall; they admitted and rehabilitated well over 1,000 hedgehogs last year, many of which were very small hoglets. Most of the hedgehogs were returned to the wild in the area they came from.

This was followed by refreshments and a short business meeting, mainly discussing arrangements for the Church Fete teas and our next meeting, when we will be in a member's garden for a bring and share supper.

Visitors and potential members are always welcome: for further information please contact Mary Earp on 01872 501636.

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 14.43	2 15.16	3 15.51	4 16.30	5 17.19	6 18.23
7 19.41	8 8.26	9 9.48	10 11.00	11 12.03	12 12.57	13 13.45
14 14.29	15 15.08	16 15.44	17 16.18	18 16.54	19 17.37	20 18.32
21 19.43	22 8.15	23 9.31	34 10.34	35 11.25	36 12.08	27 12.46
28 13.20	29 13.52	30 14.23	21 14.54			

Full moon 12th New moon 27th