



# *Parish Newsletter*

## *Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne*

### *November 2022*



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

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**Hon. Secretary**  
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

**Hon. Treasurer**  
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*Friday 11 November*

*Please join our school at  
Veryan's war memorial at  
10.40 am for an act of  
remembrance and the  
two minutes' silence  
at 11 am*

**REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY  
13 November**



**BENEFICE SERVICE**  
The service will begin in  
Veryan Parish Church  
at 10.50 am

**ALL WELCOME**

**SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

*Veryan's service at 11 am  
will be taken by  
Bishop Philip Mounstephen  
making a return visit  
following our  
churchwarden's  
confirmation earlier  
this year.*

*Let's make it a service he  
will remember!*

*Special collection for the  
Bishop's Discretionary Fund*

**Church services in our benefice in  
November**

**Sunday 6 November 3 before Advent**  
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan  
[Rev'd Martyn Pinnock]

**Sunday 13 November**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
10.50 am BENEFICE SERVICE  
AT VERYAN  
[Fr Doug]

**Sunday 20 November Christ the King**  
9.30 am Matins [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan  
[Bishop Philip Mounstephen]

**Sunday 27 November Advent**  
9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan [Fr Doug]

**Sunday 4 December Advent 2**  
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan  
[Rev'd Martyn Pinnock]

**Readings for November (Veryan)**

**Sunday 6 November**  
Job 19, 20-27a Christine  
2 Thessalonians 2, 1-5 & 113-end Sue T

**Sunday 13 November**  
*To be chosen*

**Sunday 20 November**  
Jeremiah 23, 1-6 Doreen  
Colossians 1, 11-20 Sharron

**Sunday 27 November**  
Isaiah 2, 1-5 Blair  
Romans 13, 11-end Sue T

**Sunday 4 December**  
Isaiah 11, 1-10 John V  
Romans 15, 4-13 Julia

## VERYAN PCC

Would you like to help to keep our church open and involved in parish life?

There's an opportunity for new members of the church's council to become involved in a variety of activities - do contact our chairman, Shelagh,

[shelaghkester76@gmail.com](mailto:shelaghkester76@gmail.com)

or our churchwarden Sharron,

[veryanchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:veryanchurchwarden@gmail.com)

if you'd like to know more.

The only conditions are that you come to church occasionally, are included in the church's Electoral Roll, and are over 16.

Another rôle soon to be vacant is that of PCC secretary - mainly arranging meetings, taking minutes, a bit of filing, and generally keeping in contact with the diocesan office. Contact our current secretary Christine if you'd like to consider this one.



### *...talking of filing...*

Our secretary was 'weeding files' the other day and came across the PCC's annual report for 1998; it makes interesting reading.

There were 116 names on the church electoral roll [we have 64];  
Average Sunday attendance was 60 [around 15 now];  
Common Fund [now the 'Mission and Ministry Fund'] was £13,906 [this year's charge is around £14,000 but reduced as we don't have a priest]

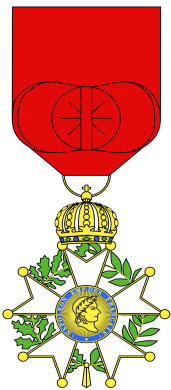
## From the Registers

Funeral service at Veryan 24 October  
**DONALD GILLIS MURDOCH DUNLOP**

Aged 99

Followed by a private committal  
at Penmount on 25 October

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## *A new editor!*

*We are delighted that Pippa Stephens has volunteered to take on the editorship of the Newsletter - thank you so much!*

*You may have noticed that Veryan church now features regularly in the Roseland Magazine, also thanks to Pippa - she certainly has a way with words and we look forward to 2023.*

## *Books for sale!*

Did you know that you can support Veryan church by buying some of our booklets? Here's the list!

History of the church - £2.50

The wreck of the 'Hera' £2.50

Philip Clear, our 'Waterloo' soldier £1

Church bells on the Roseland £2

Jeremiah Trist and his school £2.50

The Homeyard Homes 50p

Veryan 1914-1919: the men from Veryan who fought in the Great War £3

Veryan 'walkabout' £1

There are leaflets about the 'Olivebank', how to trace your family history, and looking after the churchyard. Why not have a look?

### Veryan Church Flowers

High Altar Porch

29 October/5 November

Sue Fallick

Ann Preston

12 & 19 November

Nicola Bush

Jo Elliott

## Bellringing Practice

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



## Winter Candlelit Concert Tour

Will Keating and John Dowling are embarking on their Winter Candlelit Concert Tour of Cornish Churches!

Will and John will be performing to communities in hamlets, villages, and towns across the Duchy. Each church they have chosen, stunningly beautiful in its own right, steeped with history, has fantastic acoustics for a concert! This is a very meaningful tour to both musicians.

**The duo will return to St Symphorian, Veryan on**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.**

**Please note the changed date and time.**

This return visit is very much due to the enthusiastic reception given to the pair when they performed in Veryan in February, and to the work which they did with Veryan School back in the summer.

Those who have heard them previously will need no explanation of their skills and ebullience. But if you haven't managed to catch them before you will be in for a treat as Will delivers Cornish songs '... with passion and presence, honesty and integrity' according to legendary Cornish song writer, Harry 'Safari' Glasson.

And John's banjo playing '... reminds us of the breadth of expression this sometimes-maligned instrument is capable of. In his hands the dignity due to this instrument is restored. John is not just a great banjo player but a master musician' according to international star, Ralph McTell.

Together, Will and John blend nostalgic Cornish folk songs with intricate foot tapping instrumentals, leaving audiences both amazed and touched. This really will be an evening to remember.

Reminder: **the date has been changed from that previously advertised.**

**Tickets in advance, £10.00 available only through**

**Will's website: [www.willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets](http://www.willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets) .**

**Tickets on the door £12.00.**



## Remembering...

Our news nowadays is full of concern for our changing climate, the loss of habitats and wildlife, species once plentiful now endangered: what is happening to our world? I look back to a childhood in the 1950s, and am dismayed at so many creatures and plants no longer common.

Among the many books in my house is a set of three, presents at Christmas 1950, called 'The Shown Series', written especially for children, describing and depicting Flowers, Butterflies and Moths, and Birds. They were a valued gift and I made good use of them.

My mother was especially interested in identifying wild flowers [they stayed still, unlike birds and moths]. We explored the lanes and the fields around Tregavarras [and the weeds in the garden] together. We discovered such oddly named delights as tormentil, sneezewort, mouse-eared chickweed and knotty figwort - memorable then and still identifiable today. At ten years old you remember so much information...

In those days we picked specimens, pressed them between sheets of blotting paper under piles of books, and stuck them into albums with a note of the name and when and where we found them.

I still look at the hedges when I'm out walking, and thrill at the first stitchworts or the early may blossom, but many of the once familiar - and the rarer - plants seem to have disappeared. The hedge at Penvergate, just up the road from Portluney, was every March white with sweet white violets. For years now I have looked in vain. Straythe used to be a reliable source of primroses: does anyone now remember Pamela's carefully arranged 'Christ is Risen' in golden primroses set in damp moss in the porch of Trewartha chapel at Easter?

The 'Shown' bird book included pictures of the better known birds. It was a challenge to identify them all, but at Tregavarras we had fields, hedges, woods and the coast, with a good variety of 'feathered friends'.

For a number of years however even the once familiar varieties have been largely absent; a missel thrush used regularly to nest in Gran's ash tree, there were treecreepers in Veyan churchyard, yellowhammers at Four Turnings, and nests galore in Sentry Lane. At Camels when I was very young we occasionally heard the extraordinary churring song of the nightjar. There were fulmars, kittiwakes, terns all along the coast, turnstones and little plovers on Portluney beach. And when did you last hear a cuckoo?

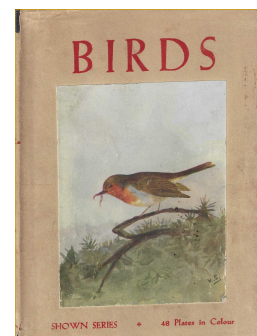
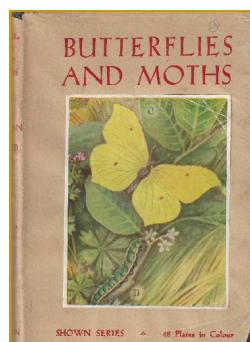
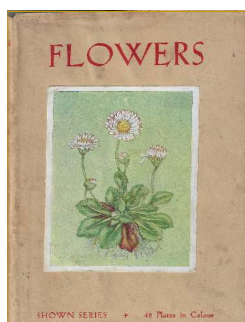
Dad seemed to be able to identify any bird by its appearance or by its song. I suppose that working in the carpenter's shop at Caerhays, just below the main drive, he would hear birdsong all day long, not only the familiar domestic varieties but rare migrants. We would sometimes make the effort to get up and out in an early spring morning to hear the dawn chorus, Dad sending the results to, I think, Brian Vesey Fitzgerald, then a regular on Children's Hour [do you remember 'Nature Parliament'?] A couple of years after I had been given my 'Shown' books my mother made a rare expedition to Truro [a day's journey there and back from the remoteness of Tregavarras]. She had noticed in the 'West Briton' an advertisement for Mr Glover's second hand bookshop in Ferris Town which listed 'Morris's British Birds, 8 volumes, hand coloured plates, £5' and determined to get the set for Dad.

That was a huge amount of money: nearly a week's wages, but she was a thrifty soul and knew how much he would appreciate the books. He was delighted and horrified at the same time, but read, and re-read them constantly. We were able to identify the rarer birds not in my little volume, and the illustrations are superb. I still have the set, 'heirlooms' now I suppose.

And what about 'Butterflies and Moths'? Apparently this year has been the most disastrous for these beautiful creatures 'since records began'. The orange tip, always the first in spring, was missing this year. Our buddleia bush used to be alive with red admirals, peacocks, tortoiseshells, painted ladies, commas..I've hardly seen any this year. And while I am relieved not to have to rescue suicidal moths from the lights on summer evenings, I can't remember when I last saw the hawk moths which used regularly to be busy in the front garden.

Do today's children walk the lanes to look for the first violets, make poppy 'dolls' or daisy chains? Do they marvel at the fragile beauty of a butterfly's wing? Do they watch a wren or a blue tit dive into a hedge with a beak full of food for their brood? I hope so: if we are aware of the beauty of our natural world we are surely more likely to look after it.

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## News from Veryan Players

You may remember ‘the play that got away’? Over two years ago, at the point of dress rehearsal with the stage set, we were thwarted by lockdown. Not to be beaten, we love the play so much we are in rehearsal again! We have some cast changes, and we are very pleased to welcome several new people into Veryan Players.

**“Hell Fire Corner” by D.M.Thomas** is set in a mining community in Cornwall at the beginning of the twentieth century, and explores the hardship and difficulties faced by people living and working in those difficult conditions.

Against this background of hardship emerge the themes of community, and the relief and pleasure found through singing and rugby. We follow the life of Jack, as he struggles to provide for his family, and Jack’s hero, Bert Solomon.

Bert was a real person, a local working class lad from Redruth, whose skill and expertise in rugby eventually took him to Twickenham where he played for England.



Above  
*Cornwall rugby team 1908, Bert Solomon  
on the right of the middle row ; Bert in 1910*



Right: *Bal maidens at Dolcoath, 1890*  
*[images © Cornish Studies Library]*



**VERYAN PLAYERS’ production of “Hell Fire Corner”,  
Thursday 24th, Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm  
Veryan Parish Hall.**

**Tickets from Veryan and Portloe Stores, Dee on 01872 501974,  
or [tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk)**

## Old Cornwall Society



**Wednesday 9th November** we hope to hear Christine Edwards on 'Who needs Recipes?' not a cookery programme, more a ramble round centuries of cooking, eating, trade, shopping, gardening...with archival recipes to try at home!  
*[see page 8 for poster]*

If you're interested in the past of your native or your adopted county, why not come along? Meetings are held in Gerrans Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm, and the annual subscription is only £10 [visitors pay £2.50 a session], so for ten talks and events from October to May, the subscription is real value for money!

## CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE ROSELAND COMMITTEE

We are holding a Hot Potato Lunch in Vryan Parish Hall on 17 November  
**12 noon for 12.15 pm with a glass of wine on sale too.**

We aim to raise funds for our two adult Hospices and hope that you will come and join us on that day. This has proved to be a very popular event in previous years: come and enjoy a delicious two-course lunch and take the opportunity to buy some Hospice Christmas cards as well

Tickets [£10] will be available by ringing Margaret [01872 501256]

## Will Keating & John Dowling in concert

**Vryan parish church**  
**SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER**  
**7.30 pm**  
**Tickets £10 on line**  
**£12 on the door**

*see page 3 for more information*

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

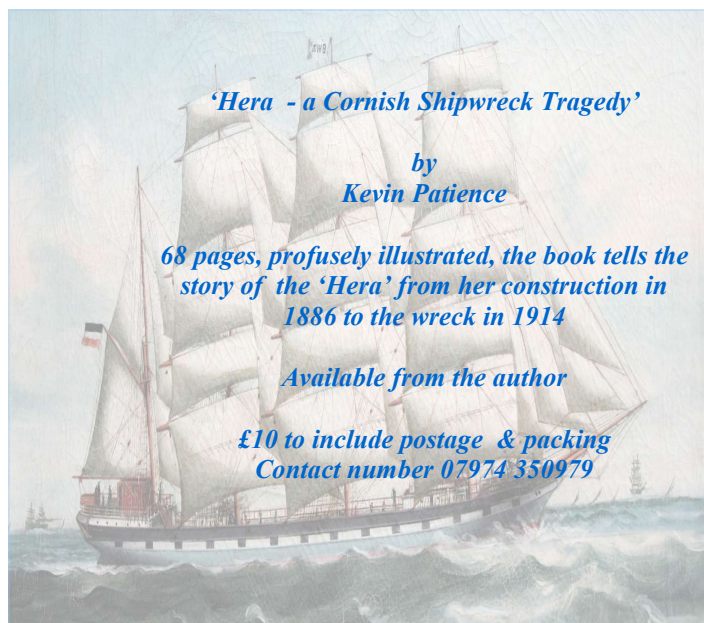
**First SATURDAY of the month**  
**(Mar to Dec)**  
**10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

## VERYAN PARISH HALL

### \*LOCAL PRODUCE\*

**home baking**  
**bee products, preserves**  
**vegetables in season**  
**plants and flowers**  
**crafts**  
**books**  
**skin care**  
**AND MORE**

**Tea, cafetière coffee and cake available**



## Three November saints

### Saint Cecilia

was a Roman virgin martyr and is venerated in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and some Lutheran churches. In spite of Cecilia taking a vow of virginity, her parents forced her to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played Cecilia "sang in her heart to the Lord".

By the sixteenth century she had become the patron saint of music and musicians.

Many musical compositions are dedicated to her, and her feast, on 22 November, is often chosen as a day for concerts and music festivals. Cecilia is frequently depicted playing the viola, a small organ or other musical instrument.



### St Hilda

lived in seventh century Northumberland, and founded the abbey of Whitby which in the tradition of the Celtic church was a double monastery for men and women and which was renowned for the high standard of its teaching.



Her life is recorded by the Venerable Bede in his Ecclesiastical History. Her feast day is 17 November.



### St Minver

church on the north Cornish coast is dedicated to

Saint Menefreda, one of the 24 children of Brychan who tradition says came to Cornwall from Wales in the fifth century. Among her sisters were Endelienta, Mabyon and Teath, all of whom have local churches or chapels dedicated to them.

Menefreda settled at Tredresick near Padstow, and lived an austere life there in her little cell.

One day, while she was combing her hair beside her holy well, the Devil appeared to her and tried to molest her. However, she threw her comb at him forcing him to descend into Hell through Lundy Hole which miraculously appeared just in time.

Her feast day is 24 November.

## Veryan WI

Members and three visitors enjoyed a fascinating illustrated talk by Lynn Goold of Fowey at their October meeting. Lynn has walked the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain - the Way of St James - and studied it for many years. We learnt of the many pilgrim routes across mainland Europe and Scandinavia, as well as the beginning of the route here in Cornwall, Padstow to Fowey, where in mediaeval times boats of pilgrims left for the next stage south through France. The pilgrims' overnight resting place remains in Fowey to this day as the oldest building in the town.

Our WI meets on the first Tuesday evening each month in Veryan Parish Hall. We have an excellent and varied programme of talks and events, and welcome visitors. For more information about visiting or becoming a WI member contact Co-President Mary Earp [01872 501636]

### TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 16.41	2 18.23	3 7.02	4 8.22	5 9.20
6 10.09	7 10.53	8 11.33	9 12.10	10 12.43	11 13.14	12 13.43
13 14.08	14 14.35	15 15.12	16 16.18	17 17.48	18 6.18	19 7.30
20 8.30	21 9.22	22 10.10	23 10.56	24 11.40	25 12.23	26 13.06
27 13.50	28 14.38	29 15.33	30 16.39			

Full moon 8th New moon 23rd



**Kowethas Kernow Goth – Gerens ha Porthskathow**

**St Gerrans and Porthscatho Old Cornwall Society**



**Kuntellewgh an brewyon eus gesys na vo kellys travyth**  
Gather up the fragments that are left that nothing be lost

## Who Needs Recipes?

A light hearted look at food through the centuries.

**by Christine Edwards**



A career as Cornwall  
archivist has equipped local  
woman, Christine Edwards,  
with a cornucopia of  
Cornish history and  
heritage knowledge. She  
will discuss what our  
ancestors ate, what

foodstuffs were available, what were fashionable, whether  
ingredients were home-grown or from the wider world, a look at  
cooking methods and a bit about travel, transport, gardening,  
and shopping...all in under an hour!

It's not a talk about cooking, nor a cookery demonstration, so no  
free samples! However, there may be a few recipes from the  
archives to try at home, and one or two best not tried at home.

**Guaranteed to be a tasty treat!**

**7:30pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Wheelchair Friendly**  
**Hearing Loop**  
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**Refreshments Available**

**Gerrans Parish Memorial Hall**  
**Portscatho Truro TR2 5EE**  
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