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VERYAN AND RUAN LANIHORNE DECEMBER 2013

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES

**Sunday 15th** RUAN LANIHORNE: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the Roseland Churches' Choir 6 pm

**Thursday 19th** PORTLOE: Celebration of Christmas 7 pm

**Sunday 22nd** VERYAN: Carol service 6 pm with the Roseland Churches' choir

**Christmas Eve** VERYAN: 4 pm Crib service; 11.30 pm Midnight Mass;  
PORTLOE: Christmas Worship 11.30 pm

**Christmas Day** RUAN LANIHORNE: 9.30 am Holy Communion;  
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# IN YOUR GARDEN

## *this month*

It'll soon be Christmas. Gosh, it seems to come round quicker than ever and in mid-November with my summer baskets still ok and flowers on the clematis things were looking good. Ok we have had enough rain but the mild temperatures meant I didn't take the tomatoes down until early November.

In fact I was rather amused to do my daily walk around the garden and see fuchsia, clematis, roses, campanula and chrysanthemums all in flower together. The dahlias were still ok but perhaps the biggest surprise was an agapanthus in flower with a bud still to come.

The flowering cherry still had all its leaves with just a few beginning to turn and of course the hydrangeas still look good even when the flowers are beginning to look papery. I had the good sense last month to bring some in for drying and spraying for Christmas arrangements and I have dried some eucomis flower successfully this year too.

And then they promised a cold snap, I looked at the long range weather forecast and well, you just don't want to know the rest....I suspect there is some real winter around the corner. So what to do in December? If you look out of the window into your garden on a cold winter's day you should not be looking at bare mud, twigs, leaves and rotting herbaceous plants.

Winter is a time for planning, thinking about the year's successes and failures and wondering how your garden can look better in winter. (If yours is looking stunning then stop reading now!). You can put a winter smile on your face by using the three tier approach much vaunted by the late Geoff Hamilton. His approach was to

use a tree or two, a lower tier of shrubs or herbaceous plants and underneath that a layer of lower growing plants.

The tree for this time of year which will flower on and off throughout the cold weather is the autumn cherry *Prunus x subhirtella* 'Autumnalis'. It doesn't get too large and has semi double white flowers. There is also a pink version 'Rosea'.

Alternatively the evergreen cotoneaster x waterii with masses of long lasting berries. Geoff always said this is really a large shrub but can double for a tree in a small garden.

For the middle tier the dogwoods have brightly coloured stems and the variety 'winter flame' has the fiery red foliage in late autumn too.

My late mother in law was a great fan of daphnes. I cringe slightly because I know they don't like being moved from pot to soil and certainly not once they have established. But she didn't know that and I didn't tell her and so she moved them around the garden successfully and in blissful ignorance. How often that state of mind is a blessing!

The daphnes are supposed to flower in February but mine is often in full bloom at the end of December and throughout January and February. It is a shrub that has very long lasting flowers and one really feels it gives value for money. The variety *d. odora* 'Aureomarginata' is particularly pretty with variegated foliage and is hardier than its plain green relatives. Winter flowering heathers are superb on the bottom tier.

All the *Erica carnea* varieties have a prolonged flowering period from January to April and they do not need an acid soil. The variety Eileen Porter will flower all winter and starts usually in mid-December.

She is a rich carmine red and seems appropriate in the Christmas period. Also on this tier are the bergenias which often look a bit moth eaten and raggy in the summer but as soon as the colder weather comes they seem to straighten their backs their leathery leaves green up and some varieties not only have the pink flower but rich red tinges to the leaves also.

A little shade will encourage the Christmas rose *Helleborus niger*, a lovely evergreen that produces delicate white flowers for Christmas. This lower tier will also accommodate the winter flowering bulbs including aconites, scillas and early crocus.

There is no excuse to be without flowers and all this without mentioning the camellias which, depending on variety can be with us in flower from November to May.

I often look at the garden and remember with fondness the plants that have been given to me.

I have two mature holly trees which are cuttings my father took many years ago. I have a monkey puzzle tree which was grown from seed from his garden. But this year and right now, I am going to move a tree lily bulb which was given to me as a birthday present by my mother in law, recently departed. It's one of those strange things. You keep thinking I must move that lily and I have been thinking that for about three years. But now she has gone this is a very much more important task as it will always remind me of her.

If you want lilies, which I think are better in the garden than in pots then they should really go in now.

But the garden centres are so busy selling baubles you might be lucky to find them.

By the time you do the soil may be too wet or frozen to plant them. If that's the case pot them up temporarily and move them later. They do not mind disturbance, contrary to popular opinion, as long as the drainage is good and if in doubt plunge the pots straight into the ground when the soil is workable. If you pot a few every month from now until April you will have flowers until next autumn.

If you have a moment over Christmas when the soil is workable and the visiting family are just proving too much, go out and dig the runner bean trench. Dig only to a spade's depth and start filling it with all the vegetable peelings that are accumulating over this festive period. Refill it with soil in March/ April and vow to grow the longest runner bean for next year. I think we are striving for over 24" so the better your trench now, the more likely your success.

This autumn my terrace has been adorned by a large yellow chrysanthemum which I bought at the Show auction for a very handsome £6.00. (The auctioneer was outrageously pushy, hence the price) It was grown from a cutting by a friend of mine who donated it to the auction. It has flowered brilliantly and profusely and seemed particularly beautiful on grey days. It has been named 'Gilbert'.

*Happy Christmas!*

**NB**



# Letter from Lincoln

## Surprised by the Passion

In a previous letter I lamented the absence of the Gospels from the readings set for weekday morning prayer. This has been more than corrected over the last two or three months but with one rather odd affect.

On a sunny late summer morning or on a day blown about by autumn gales it comes as a shock to hear the passion narratives. These usually come at the end of a long period of preparation through Lent. When they come out of the blue the impact is different.

I hear them in a more detached way; there is less of the strong emotion of Good

Friday. Inevitably I ponder why this might be. More immediate though, they seem to demand more than before an answer to the question of why the Gospels devote so much space to them. The answer has to be that something extraordinary happened. Christians everywhere have been wrestling ever since with what that truly means.

Back though to morning prayer in a Cathedral that is slowly losing the warmth of summer. In recent weeks the 'Old Testament' reading has come from the Apocrypha, that mysterious collection of books sandwiched between the Old and the New and often forgotten in the Protestant tradition.

These books have always intrigued me. When I left my parish in Leicestershire, the PCC gave me a King

James Bible unusually including these books. I must confess that I did little more than glance at them. So to hear a reading from the book of Maccabees or Tobit has been quite new.

These two books are different both to the Old and the New Testament Books but also to each other. Passages from Maccabees would be 'x' rated for their graphic description of violence, but at the same time they make the listener stand back in awe of what people will endure for their faith. Tobit, on the other hand, is (thus far) a gentle story of a quiet faith that in its own way is equally inspiring.

What a gem our Bible is. I hear that next spring one of the theatres in Lincoln will be putting on a production entitled The Bible by the Reduced Shakespeare Company. You may know this theatre company which prides itself on extremely short productions of Shakespeare's plays. It will be a different take that I hope with leave the audience hungry for more. Or is this naïve?

Very early Christmas greetings

*Phil*

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To find out more, please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or contact the local organiser Margaret Stevens on [mstevens@btinternet.com](mailto:mstevens@btinternet.com) or on 01736 719090

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## **FOOD BANKS AND THE TRUSSELL TRUST**

*You may not think that our part of Cornwall is in need of food banks, but please read on...*

Food banks set up by arrangement with the Trussell Trust aim to supply three days/ emergency food and essentials to aid people who find themselves in a crisis situation because of circumstances outside their control such as benefit delays or changes, delayed wages or other unexpected causes.

The Truro Foodbank now has a Roseland satellite. A supply of food parcels will be stored locally. This will be a 'virtual' Foodbank to begin with as we will not staff a 'centre' (as who could say where the centre is and how could anyone without a car get to it??) but will give people who are in receipt of a voucher, and/or voucher holders, contact phone numbers.

Vouchers can be obtained from GP practices, Gerrans and Veryan Schools, the Roseland Cluster Anglican churches and Portscatho United Church. Other places may be identified in due course.

**Voucher holders may make arrangements to exchange their vouchers for food parcels by telephoning:**

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**Revd Jill Edwards 01872 580117**

**Fr Doug Robins 01872 501618**

**Truro Foodbank emergency line 07721711669. Arrangements will then be made for the delivery of the food box.**

The Roseland Foodbank Satellite is a completely new venture - it is the first in the country, so the Trussell Trust will be looking at it closely to see if it can be replicated in other rural areas.

**If you would like to donate any non-perishable goods they can be left in Veryan or Portloe Churches and the goods will be passed on to the Truro centre to be logged into the system. For Ruanlanihorne, please contact Fr Doug.**

*No meeting in December -  
Christmas meal on 3rd.*

**JANUARY MEETING**

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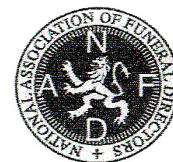
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## MAKING CONNECTIONS

A few weeks ago I had a letter from Mrs Stella Shanks of British Colombia. Now well in her 90s, she first came to Cornwall Record Office in the 1980s searching, as many overseas descendants of Cornish families did, for her forbears. 'Which family are you looking for?'



*Stella at 90*

The reply was 'Morses, in Veryan'. I said, 'My granny was a Morse in Veryan' and was immediately claimed as a cousin. Much research on Stella's part did in fact establish the connection, and we

have continued to correspond, her letters always ending with 'and love from your oldest Morse cousin'.

I had always resisted tracing our family tree, but as a present for the diamond wedding of gran's sister, Auntie Olive (Felicia Olive Morse) and her husband John Palmer Dowrick ('Uncle Pa'm') I did yield to family pressure and investigated the Morse (or Moss) 'tribe'.

When I was little gran used to recite to me the names of her ten sisters and two brothers, their spouses and offspring, all in order (a bit like the 'begats' in the Old Testament), so I had a good basis from which to start.

That generation of girls had married into Veryan families - Johns, Symons, Rundle, Tregunna, Dowrick - and Kendall and Rogers from Gerrans, Reynolds from Tregony and, more adventurously, Auntie Iris married Basil Tambllyn from Indian Queens (the result apparently of a visit by Indian Queens band to a Band of Hope tea

treat at Trewartha). The two boys married into Gerrans families, Uncle 'Har' (Henry) marrying Beattie Golley, Uncle Sid marrying Winnie Robins.

Newer parishioners will no doubt begin to realise, if not to understand, the Byzantine complexities of our parochial relationships!

But where did the Morse family come from? The mistaken assumption is often that 'people never travelled far from their own parish'. The earliest Veryan reference to a Morse is in the 1730s when Thomas Morse of Tregony moved into the parish on his marriage with local girl Elizabeth Nicholls.

Thomas' parents were Asa Morse/Moss and his wife Chessen Kerkin, who was born in Ruan in 1716. Asa's grandfather Benedict was rector of Tregony in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. Born in 1626 in Abingdon, Berkshire, to Anthony Morse and his wife (name unknown) he matriculated at Oxford in 1642 and came to Tregony in the 1660s

with his wife Grace and three children. Their younger children were born in Tregony.

Cousin Stella's mother, Frances Buckthought Morse, was descended from another Asa Morse who in 1839 had married Frances Buckthought of Stoke Damerel. A bit of arithmetic indicated that we were cousins, 7 generations 'removed'.

So much for gran's family.

Fortunately my cousin Tom Johns had in retirement applied his formidable scientific brain to disentangling the complexities of the Rundles, my maternal grandfather's family. Tom's father, Tom senior, whose mother was a Rundle, had in 1919 married his first cousin, Clara Annie Mackenzie Rundle, one of my grandfather's sisters.

Tom's research produced an intriguing pattern of connections within Veryan and its neighbouring parishes. In the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries there were marriages with the families of Tregunna, Johns, Beard, Ball and Morse, with

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*Thomas Frost Johns, son of Richard Thomas Johns and Clara Annie Mackenzie Rundle, aged about four*

Collett and Crews of Philleigh, and with Lower of St Mawes.

What Tom also found was that the Rundles only appeared in Veryan in the 1770s. William Rundle (Rundell, as then spelt) was born in 1725 in St Mawgan in Pydar. He married Philippa Andrew of nearby Newlyn East.

What prompted them to move to Veryan we do not know, but in 1771 their first child, Elizabeth, was baptised in Veryan church. There followed William, John and Richard.

Elizabeth married William Blamey (another complicated Veryan family, whose ancestors were already settled at Carne before the days of Henry VIII). Elizabeth's brothers all married local girls.

From these three marriages descend all the subsequent 'Rundles', including William Rundle, carpenter, immortalised in Charles Lee's 'Cornish Tales', the architect Ken Rundle, Mrs Margery Truscott (née Rundle), cousin Tom, and me. What intrigued Tom, though he could not prove any real connection, was the similarity of name (Rundell) with that of the illustrious family of Arundell of Lanherne - in St Mawgan in Pydar.

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## **LOOKING FORWARD... CELEBRATIONS AND COMMEMORATIONS IN 2014**

### *February 2014*

On the night of 1 February 1914 the German barque 'Hera' was wrecked off the Gull Rock, with the loss of all but five of her crew. Veryan church will mark the centenary on 1 & 2 February 2014 with an exhibition, a concert, the rededication of the grave of the sailors who were drowned, and a special service.

### *Details in January magazine*

### *August 2014*

What became known as 'The Great War' began in 1914 and lasted until 1918.

War memorials list the names of those men who were killed, but what about the ones who came back? Canon Kempe, Veryan's vicar in 1914, made a list of all the men from the parish who went to war, and we are hoping to find out a bit about them and their families. We already have information about those who died, and this will be published in a booklet later this year.

### *Autumn 2014*

In November 1814 the school at Veryan, which had been established in the church for several years, moved into a new building on the site of where the present school stands. We want to celebrate 200 years of our parish school...watch this space!

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## SCHOOL NEWS

A little while ago the school was visited by Mrs Dennis, Mrs Rossen and Goldie the Guide Dog. Goldie is a working dog when she has her harness on but is also a family pet.

**We are collecting used postage stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind, so that another Goldie can be trained. PLEASE HELP US!**

And you can support the school too by buying Christmas cards at Reception; all the money will go to school funds.

Christmas events are listed in the 'Diary' on page 16



### *Just a trifle...*

How many 'festive' restaurant meals offer 'sherry trifle' for pudding? How many of them consist of slices of Swiss roll and chopped banana in the firm hold of red jelly, topped with Bird's custard and sprinkled with 'hundreds and thousands'?

A 'proper' trifle is not to be trifled with - it's a boozy, creamy, indulgent pudding that dates back to the time of Elizabeth I and that has always been part of festive fare. There are of course variations down the centuries, but the 18<sup>th</sup> century version [adapted by Mrs Beeton] includes sponge cake, macaroons, ratafia biscuits, plenty of 'sack' [dry wine or sherry] and a 'good' custard made with eggs, all topped with a syllabub or cream. Sara Paston-Williams [The National Trust book of Christmas and Festive Day Recipes, Penguin 1983] suggests decorating the top with crystallised fruits and nuts.

For a really irresistible trifle, split sponge cakes and spread with raspberry jam, add ratafia biscuits, soak well with sherry [plus a little dash of brandy or raspberry liqueur which certainly adds a little something!] and allow to soak overnight. Make a custard with eggs and milk, and allow to cool. Next day top up the sherry if it needs it, add fresh or frozen raspberries, whisk the custard to a creamy pouring consistency, and add to the trifle. Whip double cream and spread over the top, and decorate with toasted flaked almonds, angelica and cherries [Maraschino are better than glacé]. Chill until ready to serve. There will be a fight to 'lick the dish'. This recipe is not suitable for small children, although our goddaughter's little brother once got hold of the almost empty dish and having said 'lovely gravy', smiled at everyone, and fell happily asleep ...

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# ***PANTO TIME - 'Babes in the Wood' 1952-style!***



**L-R Back Row** Audrey Truscott, Mrs Lee, Carrie Truscott, Miss Jenkin, Mrs Southall

**Middle Row** Susan Coad, June Richards, ?Mike Chenoweth, Jean Bullen, Margaret Guy, Diana Lee, Desiree Buddle, Joyce Leach, Paul Richards, Gillian Martin

**Front Row** Barbara Martin, Shirley Tregunna, Susan Dawson, Joan Blamey, Angela Richards, Tony Lee, Mary Sulley

*Photographs and information supplied by Sue Truscott (née Dawson).*

*Sue writes:*

“I think the Hall had been refurbished and this was the first production. I can remember dancing and throwing a good deal of glitter about to make a magic spell. Who swept up I don’t know but they must have had their work cut out.

We also ‘toured’ to Tregony where my glitter was forgotten when I went on stage. Half-way through my dance I became aware of a hand pushing it under a bit of scenery. ‘Too late’ I thought and carried on without it.

I think this must have been my first venture on to the stage, although I was the Angel Gabriel in the school nativity play, but thankfully no photograph exists of that!”



**L-R** Angela Richards, Barbara Martin, Joan Blamey, Joyce Leach, Tony Lee, Shirley Tregunna, Mary Sulley, Susan Dawson



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*Joyce Goldie responds to Fr Doug's appeal to us to consider what sort of future we would like to see after he retires - what he said was*

*" would it be to seek another priest on a house-for-duty basis, to explore whether a part-time stipendiary priest could be funded; to merge with a neighbouring benefice or...? We need to know what you, the parishioners, want. This is your chance to have your say".*

*Fr Doug is seeing the Bishop on 9 January to discuss our future.*

#### **Joyce considers the church 'in 20 years' time'.**

I doubt that I shall be here to see it, but all the same, I hope that the electricians installing our new heating will do it in blocks that will be appropriate for when the lower ceiling is in place, and the church space is used for many things, on a Sunday, and all week. With proper partitioning, parts of it could be used as an overflow for the school. The new buildings planned for the village and its surroundings will certainly bring more children along.

Then on Sundays there could be an area for those who cling to our old services, another for those who prefer a more modern approach, and a lively Sunday school with computers for everyone (after all, the kids will be using them in school).

A quiet area with comfortable chairs and books on all kinds of religion, with a kettle and mugs. To complete the picture, a trained priest on hand to answer questions, and all this will be managed by members of the community, churchgoers or not.

The 'church' is PEOPLE and our building could offer all this in the centre of the village. I know my ideas will annoy some people and distress others, but we have been challenged by Father Doug, and this is my response. The alternative may well be a very beautiful museum.

Wherever I am by then, I hope to be playing a wonderful organ like ours or at least singing in the choir.

***WHAT DO YOU THINK? LET FR DOUG KNOW!***

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **LOST PROPERTY?**

*Found in Veryan church on the morning after the organ recital (22 October)*

*A chiffon scarf in autumn colours, found in the Lady chapel.*

*If it's yours, please contact churchwarden Robin Rundle on 01872 500590*

### **VERYAN PARISH HALL Christmas Events**

**Sunday 1 December**  
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## DAY OF RECKONING

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Veryan Players' latest production was a light-hearted look at one aspect of village life and as such it had the ideal audience who appreciated the character casting and the interplay between various village types.

The action centred around the village fête committee and the stalwarts serving on it. They ranged from the posh Major's wife, Sally (Lesley Heath), the shy innocent newcomer primary school teacher, Angela (Michelle Couch), the horsey and forthright Marjorie, (Nicola Bush), the denied spinster, Gloria (Julia Pound) secretary of the committee to the Chairperson Pauline (Ann Louise Taylor) with a failing marriage to the local vicar, Geoffrey (John Heath). There had to be a village gossip involved, Ethel (Sue Truscott) and a delightfully eccentric 83 year old lady, Mavis (Heather Tylke) who says what she thinks. All these characters were extremely well portrayed by the cast.

The first act depicted the chaotic committee in action, struggling to get all the members sitting down and concentrating on a lengthy agenda with one nonsensical interruption after another - nipping out to check on their husbands, numerous cups of tea and custard creams resulting in visits to the loo, Michelle Couch & Heather Tylke title tattle and anything other than the work in hand!



Three hours later, with little settled, the tired, tense, committee breaks up with a frustrated secretary losing her temper.

### ***Veryan parish Christmas Lights***

The committee is delighted to tell you that all the necessary repairs and alterations to the displays have been made and there will also be a new one!

We are so grateful to the Pre-School for donations from their Christmas Fair which go towards the lights on the Pond. We'll be switching them on at this year's fair on Sunday 8 December from 5 pm.

We are also grateful to all those parishioners who let us use their land - and their electricity! - for the displays - it couldn't happen without you.

There is of course a cost involved in bringing a Christmas sparkle to the parish, and if you are able to help us with a donation, however modest, it will make such a difference.

Please send donations [cheques payable to 'Veryan Christmas Lights Committee'] to the secretary, Mabetwyn, Veryan Green, TR2 5QE.

And of course a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!



*L-R: Leslie Heath, Sue Truscott, Louise Taylor, John Heath, Julia Pound, Michelle Couch, Nicola Bush, Heather Tylke*

In the event the fête makes a profit of over £1000 despite various hitches on the day and as the action dies down we learn more about the various characters. The innocent Angela becomes pregnant by the local 'tom boy' who 'hit the bulls eye!' but only after a brief lesbian affair with the horsey Marjorie, who continues to pursue her.

In a quiet moment Gloria admits to the vicar that she committed an act of euthanasia on her elderly mother who had denied her a chance of marriage by hiding letters from a male suitor, and even the disillusioned vicar had a brief extra marital affair with Sally!

So plenty of interest and humour, well done Veryan Players.

*Douglas Reece*

### **Christmas Greetings**

*From Bill Hunkin  
who won't be sending cards this year  
but wishes all his friends  
A very happy Christmas*

*Anne and Ralph Meering  
have reluctantly decided  
that they will be sending fewer cards this year,  
but wish everybody a very happy Christmas*

*...and from all of us involved in the production  
and delivery of 'Parish News',  
thank you to subscribers,  
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*We hope that you continue to enjoy the magazine  
in 2014 (tell us what you'd like to see in it!)  
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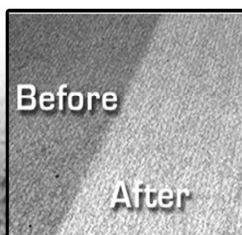
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# Round the Churches...

**Ruan**

**Lanihorne**



Our celebrations for Christmas will start at 6 pm on 15 December when we shall be holding a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Roseland Churches' Choir will join us. There will be mince pies and coffee to follow.

**Please note that there will not be a service of Mattins on 15 December.**

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 14 December from 10 am. Help and/or donations of greenery and flowers will be welcomed. Service of

**There will be a service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning at 9.30 am.**

The churchwardens and PCC wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

**PF**

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## NEWS FROM PORTLOE



We had a great start to our Sunday services at the beginning of November. Morning Worship was led by Russell Buley (it's always a joy to have him with us) and afterwards Fr Doug led a celebration to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Trounce and Annie Guy. The unique and informal service included the renewal of Annie and Trounce's marriage vows. There was also exquisite flute playing by Hannah Carbis, hymns with Trevor Trudgeon on piano accompaniment, and readings including one from Corinthians chapter 13 with Trounce repeating in Cornish the lines read by Annie.

Fr Doug's series of talks/discussions 'Exploring Spiritualities' has been immensely successful, and was an excellent way to spend seven Wednesday evenings! Full marks to Doug, all the speakers, and everyone who came. What's next, please?

Together with Robin Rundle and David Elliott I went recently to the Cathedral to join the large congregation in welcoming Archbishop Justin for the Festival of the Cross. It was the most moving and uplifting service and the three of us felt immensely privileged to have been there.

Next soup lunch is on 2 December - come along!

Also come for our Celebration of Christmas on 19th with carols, readings, music, mulled wine and mince pies.

And at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve, the Revd Aubin de Grouchy leads Midnight Worship. A wonderful way to greet Christmas Day.

**JH**

## VERYAN Parish church



### CHURCH HEATING

The faculty [the legal permission to carry out the work] has arrived and the PCC is now able to allocate the project to one of the three contractors who have been invited to tender. More importantly, we are able to apply for grant support towards part of the work - but we shall need a good deal of help from the people in our parish. We all love our beautiful church, and generations of families have been baptised, married and buried here. If you can think of ways in which you or any parish organisation can help to raise the necessary funds, do contact Fr Doug or one of the churchwardens. Without heating the building itself will suffer from damp and need even more maintenance.

The PCC agreed that new heaters would be installed gradually as funds become available - so we won't have to wait until we have all the money in hand to get things moving.

### FUNDRAISING

The organ recital by Chris Gray was a brilliant evening and raised over £520 towards the heating.

The PCC is planning a series of events to help raise money, and we have had offers of help from Cornish poets and entertainers Bert Biscoe and Pol Hodge, from local poetry lovers offering a wine-and-cheese-and-poetry evening, and from the internationally famous lutenist Ben Salfield, who will be giving a concert in church on 3 April.

### HUNDRED CLUB

And don't forget that your Hundred Club membership subscriptions also go towards the heating fund - with the chance of a good money prize each month! If you would like to join, contact Coral Pepper [501670] or pick up a leaflet in church.

## CHURCH CLOCK

You may have noticed that the church clock has stopped. There's nothing wrong with the clock itself, but the electrical mechanism that keeps it going seems to be affected every time we have a power cut and we have to 'get a man' down from Derby to sort it out. The clock stopped when the new electrical cables were being installed, and as we hope to get moving on the heating soon, the PCC agreed to wait until there was little risk of the same thing happening again. As someone said, 'at least it's right twice a day...'

### 'HERA' CENTENARY: appeal for help

The centenary of the wreck of the 'Hera' off Gull rock in February 1914 will be commemorated on the weekend of 1/2 February 2014: you will see on page 7 the programme of events Fr Doug is planning, and there will be more information in our January issue.

We have some of the photographs taken of the wreck, the funeral and the grave, but several are not good images, so please, if anyone has any copies we would love to borrow and copy them: phone Christine [727] or Sue [609] if you can help.

### OUR FUTURE

In last month's magazine Fr Doug asked how we might see the future of our two parishes when he reaches his 70th birthday [there is an extract on page 10 of this issue, with a response from one of our Veryan congregations].

PLEASE give this some serious thought: planning ahead is not always a C of E strength, but we do need to consider how we can survive and more importantly, where the funding is to come from? Fr Doug is seeing the Bishop in early January to discuss this, so please have your say!

## 'COME DANCING'

*After many happy hours of dancing the Sunday evening sessions will no longer be taking place.*

### MEDITATION GROUP VERYAN

**Third Thursday in the month 2.30 pm**

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**There is a warm welcome for everyone and we can arrange transport if needed.**

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
<b>Sunday 1 December</b>		
<b>Advent 1</b>		
11 am Eucharist Revd Ken Boullier	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd Ken Boullier	10.30 am Morning Worship David Robshaw
<b>Sunday 8 December</b>		
<b>Advent 2</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Anglican Informal Worship
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>		
<b>Advent 3</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	6 pm Carol Service	10.30 am Morning Worship Vivian Waters
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>		
<b>Advent 4</b>		
8.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
11 am Mattins Canon Doug		
6 pm Carol Service		
<b>FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PAGE 1</b>		
<b>Sunday 29 December</b>		
<b>The Holy Family</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Morning Worship Rachel Carbis

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### Sunday 1 December ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2, 1-5  
Ann Craven [731]  
Romans 13, 11-14  
Pat Raine [479]

### Sunday 8 December Advent 2

Isaiah 11, 1-10  
Christine Edwards [727]  
Romans 15, 4-13  
Sue Truscott [609]

### Sunday 15 December Advent 3

Isaiah 35, 1-10  
Blair Jobson [530288]  
James 5, 7-10  
Julia Pound [741]

### Sunday 22 December Advent 4 MATTINS

Micah 5, 2-5a  
John Veness [704]  
Luke 1, 36-38  
Marilyn Veness

### CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 PM

#### Midnight mass

Isaiah 62, 6-12  
Titus 3, 4-7  
Churchwardens to read

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52, 7-10  
Margery Truscott [302]  
Hebrews 1, 1-4 ONLY  
Margaret Cortis [256]

### Sunday 29 December

#### The Holy Family

Isaiah 63, 7-9  
Robert Pepper [670]  
Hebrews 2, 10-18  
Coral Pepper

### Veryan Flowers and Brass

High Altar  
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SEE CHRISTMAS LIST

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### Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

1 Dec: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley\*

\*No flowers in Advent

15 Dec: Mrs Evans/Mrs Farr

5 Jan: Mrs Mihalop  
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Portloe United Church  
FLOWERS AND CLEANING  
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## The Parishes of Veryan & Ruan Lanihorne Church Services

### VERYAN Parish Church of St Symphorian

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays:

11 am Parish Eucharist

4th Sunday 8.30 am

Holy Communion [BCP]

4th Sunday: 11 am

Mattins [BCP] unless Eucharist  
for special feasts

### PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH All Saints

Methodist services 1st, 3rd & 5th  
Sundays at 10.30 am

2nd Sunday: Service of the Word  
[Anglican] at 10.30 am

4th Sunday: Eucharist  
at 9.30 am

### RUAN LANIHORNE St Rumon

1st Sunday:

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]

3rd Sunday:

9.30 am Mattins [BCP]

CHANGES TO THE USUAL  
TIMES,  
FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL  
SERVICES WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED IN THIS  
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## REGULAR EVENTS

AllStars for ages 7-12 fortnightly in Veryan School 5-6.30 pm [contact school for details]

Brownies meet Mondays in term time, Veryan Parish Hall 6.15-7.30pm

Country Market every Friday in Veryan Parish Hall 10.30-11.30 am

Parish Council meets on third Monday, 7.30 pm, Veryan Parish Hall committee room

Pre-school: at Sports and Social club, Veryan, Mondays 11.15am-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.15am-1.15 pm

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ZUMBA class: Wednesdays, Veryan Parish Hall 7.30 pm [07739 468142]

## December Diary

Sunday 1st Christingle  
Parish hall 6pm

Monday 2nd Portloe soup lunch  
12.30 pm

Tuesday 3rd Veryan WI  
Christmas meal

Sunday 8th Pre-school  
Christmas Fair  
Christmas lights switch on  
at 5 pm

Wednesday 11th  
Pensioners' Party  
Veryan parish hall 2.30 pm  
Wednesday 11th  
Old Cornwall Society  
at Gerrans, 7.30 pm [page 11]

Thursday 12th School carol  
concert 6.30 pm

Saturday 14th PFA Christmas  
fair

Sunday 15th Ruan church  
Carol Service 6 pm

Thursday 19th Portloe 7 pm  
Celebration of Christmas

Friday 20th end of school term  
& school disco 2-4 pm

Sunday 22 December 6 pm  
Veryan church carol service

For details of all Christmas  
services see page 1

FOR MORE DETAILS OF  
SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL  
EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT  
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## JANUARY

Monday 6th New school term  
begins

## From the registers

Portloe  
3 November  
Renewal  
of marriage vows  
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