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# IN YOUR GARDEN

*this month*

Many of you will be involved this month with the exhibition of Christmas trees in the Church. Most of our local clubs and societies are decorating a tree to the theme of their various interests and the exhibition will be raising funds for charities and the Church fabric.

This inspired project made me think about Christmas trees and the legacy that Prince Albert left for us. There are few of us who do not have something resembling an adorned tree whether it is real or fake at least for a few days during this festive season. Researching the growing and selling of these trees has been my task for this month.

We all see Christmas tree plantations around the country and we often buy from Christmas tree growers. But actually over a million trees were imported for our use (figure from 2010) from Europe and mainly Denmark. The Danes certainly saw us coming at this time of year and made a fortune in the process. Therefore many growers in this country have been expanding and many new growers are emerging particularly where there are grants for growing but equally there are rules and responsibilities which don't make this an easy task. We now produce about 7 million trees ourselves solely for the Christmas market.

If you start a plantation it will need the correct soil and location. These trees, depending on variety, enjoy a poor well drained soil with a pH of between 5.0 and 7.5 again depending on variety. Bear in mind from establishment to first crop will take 7-10 years.

Historically it was the Norway spruce that was the tree of choice but recently fir trees have taken over from spruce

because they hold their needles better and are less prickly. But firs are slower growing and therefore more expensive to produce. So now we have the Noble fir, *Abies procera* which has a beautiful scent and soft needles but can succumb to late frost, the Nordman fir with exceptional needle retention and very even, pyramidal growth (12 years to reach 2m) plus the Norway spruce and the Scots pine; the latter is superb as it grows on very poor soil, is less fussy about its pH but can grow into peculiar shapes rather than the pyramids that we love.

Growing is labour intensive to protect the roots of the young trees from wind and drying out, to protect from predators and 4 main diseases that can kill a whole crop. There are environmental impact assessments to be made, felling legislation, disease control, shearing, pruning, lifting, marketing, cutting, wrapping, netting and transportation to consider before we even get to selling. So bear in mind the poor grower when you moan about the price!!

There is retail evidence to suggest that trees are being bought earlier in December than ever before. When I was young our tree went up on Christmas Eve and came down at 12<sup>th</sup> night. If you are buying earlier then you have to choose carefully or you will be left with a yellowing skeleton by Christmas. I have already mentioned varieties that drop or retain needles but unless they are well looked after none will perform well.

Make sure the tree is fresh; the needles should bend rather than snap. Shake the tree gently to make sure the needles don't drop. If you can buy locally this will help – it doesn't bear thinking about what an 'on-line' tree has gone through. If your tree is cut not rooted (shame on you) then make a fresh cut of around 4cm with a sharp saw. This takes off the dried end and should help the tree to take up water. Exactly as you would do with cut

flowers. If you have time, stand the tree in water for a couple of days and whatever else you do remove the ghastly netting as soon as possible.

The best stands for trees are those with a spike in the bottom and a wide base for water. You are giving your tree every chance to take its last gasp of water before its demise. Some trees will take such large gasps that they will need water every day. Do not put sugar in the water as some retailers suggest, it is harmful not helpful, just plain water. A light water spray would help but I suspect that electricity from the lights and water don't mix well!

It goes without saying that these trees hate being indoors. If your home is warm and dry the tree will suffer. Try and find the coolest place for it and certainly not near a radiator or fire. Use LED lights which are cooler and reduce fire risk.

Now you may have guessed that I am not a fan of real Christmas trees. For me it is like bonsai. A cruel and unnecessary art form that we humans have taken for granted. But I accept the business case and the very recent tradition so will have to live with it.

So what about a fake one? There are some stunning fakes now which you will be hard pushed to recognise from the real thing. Well, they have a carbon footprint ten times greater than a real tree, a 6ft fake tree is as damaging to the environment as toasting 5,222 slices of bread or driving 120 miles in your average car. Tesco sold over 300,000 fakes in 2010. (source Carbon Trust).

They reported 5 years ago that a consumer's carbon footprint in December is 6% higher than in any other month because of the pre-

sents we buy, the extra food we waste and the extra journeys we make. Most leftover cooked food and fruit ends up in landfill (compost your sprout peelings!!) and produces methane which is 25 times more powerful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. A 6ft fake tree has a carbon footprint of 40kg of carbon dioxide if sent to landfill, a real tree has 3.5kg if it is burned or chipped for composted and 19.5kg even if sent to landfill.

**However** the good news is that if you buy a fake tree and use it for 10 Christmases it is better on carbon in every respect than a real tree. I have used mine now for 17 years and it is now officially carbon neutral and heading towards a carbon minus as it will last many more festive seasons.

All the trees prior to that one have been with roots, bought the week before Christmas and planted outside on Boxing Day – now there's a tradition we could establish.

So, think about the tree you are buying, whatever its constituents, plastic or organic, look after it and if it has roots plant it quickly. I remember my Dad admiring planted trees from Christmases past and reeling off the dates of each tree, but he had the room to grow them.

I will go so far as to say that if yours is rooted and has been well looked after, bring it to me and I will find a space to plant it and keep a record of it. This offer will have to be limited, first come first served, but is a genuine offer of a home for your rooted tree that is, in my opinion, like a puppy, 'not just for Christmas'.

*[continued on page 9!]*



## Letter from Lincoln

"They have taken my Lord... and I know not where they have laid him".

These well known words of Mary are of course words of Easter, and now we are approaching Advent, so why?

The 'why' is serendipitous. Last year Maggie told me of a review she had heard of a Man Booker Prize shortlisted book, I promptly added it to my birthday list and my daughter, Jo, duly gave it to me. I started to read it, but failed to get into it; I put it down. This September I took it up again and have found it revolutionary, or do I mean revelatory?

Colm Toibin's immensely moving book, the Testament of Mary, seeks to tell the story of Jesus from the point of view of

his mother. From this vantage point we are shown a number of the events familiar through the Biblical accounts, principally the Wedding at Cana and the Raising of Lazarus, though nothing can prepare us for the account of the crucifixion. A mother witnessing unbelievable agony in her son is an image for which we cannot prepare. In the book it is short and sharp and stuns.

Whilst this image is central, the theme of the book is that Jesus, a good man, has been 'hijacked' by those who want more. They form an hysterical group around him and egg him on. The chill in the story emerges with grey shadowy men who seek to control Mary into her old age. They want from her an account of what happened that fits with their agenda. She resists. Everything seems to be orchestrated by men in

power, essentially weak men who exert control through fear.

As she approaches her death, these men tell her what her son has achieved. Phrases which might be recognised as articles of faith are trotted out and fall flat in the context of what Mary, the heart broken mother, knows. She concludes, that, no, it wasn't worth it.

The whole book is powerful. There are passages which strike strong chords with 'middle C' of my previous letter. The scene where there are men in hierarchies who demand to be listened to - surely a deliberate construct of the author, but one which seems to fit. The painstaking but angry work of the fictional 'gospel' writers as they wrestle with the difference between what Mary remembers and the theme they are determined to project.

How else might it have been? How else was it? We cannot possibly know, but I find myself trying to peel away layers to find the Jesus underneath. I know not where they have laid him.

I come away from the book not with everything in ruins. Toibin keeps a place for prayer, a place for goodness and peace; neither does he pronounce God dead. Jesus' birth is seen as the miracle that every birth is. In Jesus there is the divine, but in a way that cannot be hedged in by mere men.

That possibly is it, if we want to find the true Jesus, we must open our hearts leaving behind preconceived ideas.

Wishing you  
a thoughtful Advent

*Phil*

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*Portloe - Celebration of Christmas*  
*Thursday 18 December 7 pm*

*Ruan - Sunday 21 December 6 pm*  
with Roseland Churches' Choir

### CHRISTMAS EVE

*Veryan - Crib service 4 pm*

*Midnight Mass 11.30 pm*

*Portloe - Midnight service 11.30 pm*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

*Veryan - Eucharist 11 am*

*Ruan - Eucharist 9.30 am*

### SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

*Veryan - Mattins 11 am*

*'Favourite carols' 6 pm*

*Portloe - Eucharist 9.30 am*



## **A MESSAGE FROM FR DOUG**

### **Truro Diocese financial crisis**

You may have read that the Diocese of Truro has almost exhausted its financial reserves. Despite trying to reduce expenditure, such as through selling parsonage houses and reducing the number of stipendiary priests in parishes, the Diocesan Synod voted to ask parishes to increase their giving to the Ministry and Mission Fund by 28% at their November meeting in order to balance the books in 2015.

This large, and unexpected, increase will cause enormous problems for parishes, especially when the international financial problems have still not been resolved. Statistics show that average weekly giving in Cornwall is the lowest in the country even taking account of the lower than average wage levels in the county. Parishioners are asked to review how much they contribute and, if possible, to increase it. Taxpayers are asked to 'Gift aid' their payments.

I have to express my concerns.

Consultations in September led us to believe that Deaneries would be asked to find ways of sharing the burden of the increased call. This has not happened and is unlikely to be changed until 2017. I do not want anyone to feel that they are excluded from membership of the Church simply because they cannot afford to give at the rate which seems to be expected. (The biblical passage about the Widow's mite seems appropriate.) I am also concerned that we may put newcomers off because of how much is expected.

Clearly something needs to be done to prevent the Diocese becoming insolvent. Any suggestions about how income can be increased or expenditure reduced will be very welcome. It may be that the Diocese has to rely on more non-stipendiary clergy to be in charge of parishes, if we are to maintain the present parish system. Many non-stipendiary clergy are ordained after retiring from secular employment. It may be sensible to scrap the retirement at seventy rule, as we live longer more active lives, and in the light of national pension policy.

***If you have any views please express them, to me, to the Rural Dean, to the Archdeacon, to the Diocesan Secretary, to the Bishops, but don't feel that you have to leave the Church.***

***Fr Doug.***

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## END OF THE SAND – NOW STARTS THE MUD

Our first ferry into darkest Africa began a whole different type of experience. At the top of the slip waited a well dressed man with a briefcase, obviously an official of some sort. He turned out to be Immigration and led us to his office.

It was now after five in the evening so, wise to the ways of Africa, we asked if he was on overtime. He was – so we decided to camp where we were until morning to avoid the inevitable extras for ‘out of hours’.

Next morning he gathered in our passports. ‘You will need a form to declare your currency.’ I replied, ‘Certainly, where can I get one?’ ‘I have them – they cost five dollars each’.

OK, we thought, the inevitable hidden payment, but for

five dollars we would play ball. He solemnly issued us with a form which we later found we could pick up at any bank counter for free then carefully checked the money we showed him against the form.

‘You have no Zaire money?’ ‘Not yet’ I replied, ‘We have to get some’. ‘You will need a bank’, he said, ‘It just so happens that I have some money here.’

With a flourish he produced the briefcase and opened it on his desk. It was stuffed full: no petty cash taken from the till but neatly bundled, a mini-bank. Somewhat taken aback but prepared to take the opportunity we haggled like the Gnomes of Zurich and beat him down to something like a reasonable rate.

He solemnly filled in forms, stuck on rubber stamps, gave us back our passports, and said, ‘Welcome to Zaire’. As an afterthought he

added ‘Don’t forget Police and Customs post five miles up the track!’

Glad to be free we moved off and bumped off up the road. It was only then that we realised our Immigration man turned banker had not stamped our passports. So who was he? He had access to an office with rubber stamps.

Was he a real Immigration Officer? Perhaps so – just sidelining on his day off. He seemed to live there and there had been a uniform hanging on a peg.

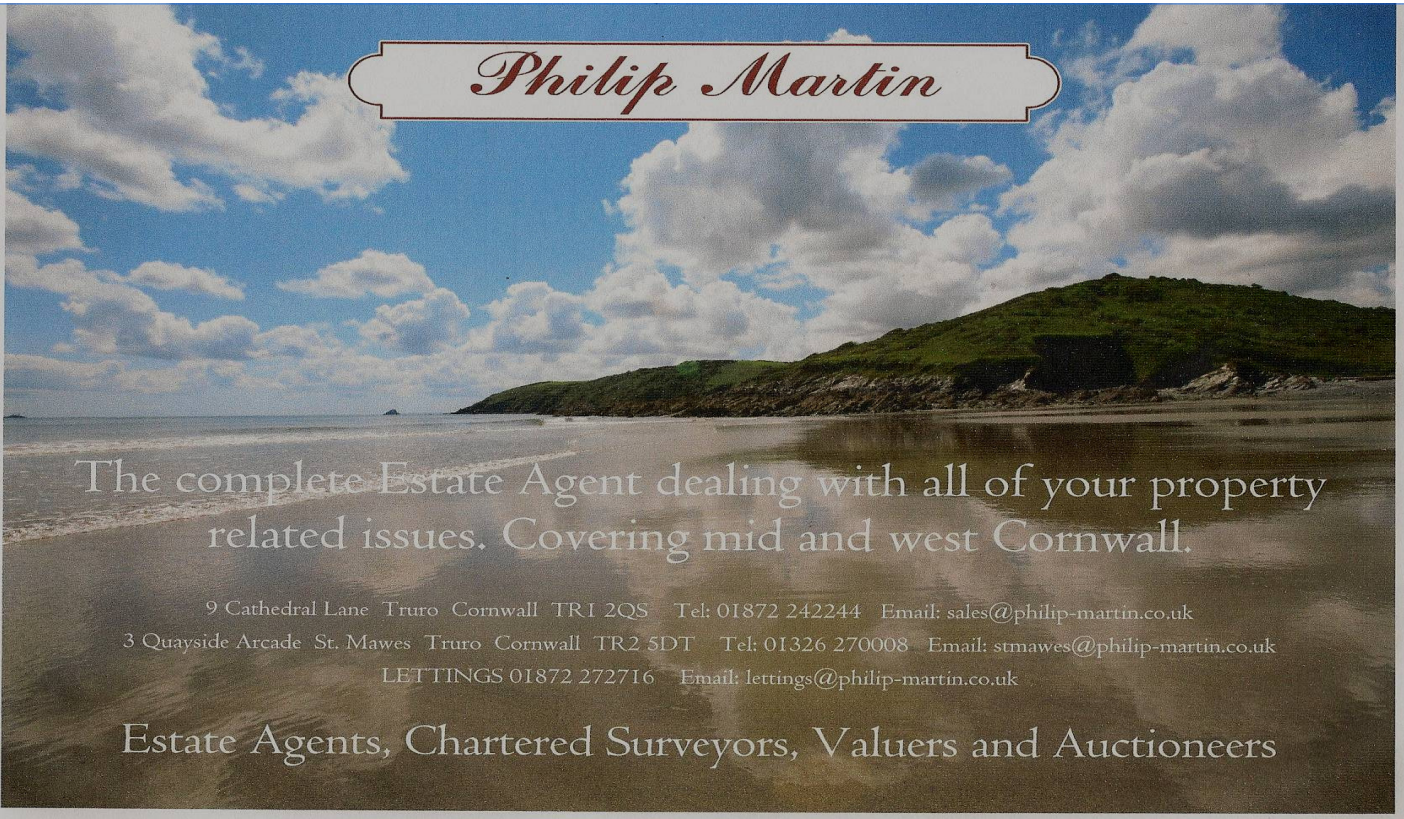
Anyway, when we got to the Police and Customs Post it was closed – so we just kept going. The road now came up to our expectations.



Baked hard by the sun into the shape of its winter ruts it made an English cart track look like the M.1.

Seldom could we get third gear, driving became a constant vigil picking out the best way. Often the underbody armour that we had had put on before we left England took the whole weight of the vehicle. In places the earth had been completely worn away, exposing the bare rock underneath, producing a surface akin to driving up a staircase.

It wasn’t possible to go slowly the whole time. Faced with a gradient or



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need to climb an obstacle we had to take a run at it, cursing, and swearing, swaying and bumping, hitting elbows on the door frames and feeling every wrench of Wilma's tortured body. No matter how well we had packed that morning something would come loose and fly around inside the van.

In the desert the engine took the brunt of it, revving in low gears, but a fairly smooth track. In Zaire the engine could take it fairly easily while the body suffered.

In places dry wadis crossed the track. They had originally been bridged by logs dropped across and planks nailed to the logs to make a roadway. Now the planks had gone and we were left with just a choice of three or four tree trunks as a bridge.

That meant stopping, getting out and walking across

the 'bridge', then looking back to gauge which planks would most likely fit the width of our wheels. We and the Landrover team took it in turns to see each other safely across, guiding the driver so he put a front wheel squarely on a trunk, one to each set of wheels, and edging across. We became quite expert and, miraculously, never fell off.

It wasn't all bad though. We were now deep in the jungle. We were surrounded by trees and bushes which often stretch up and over our heads, making the road a green tunnel. Because of the time of year it wasn't unduly hot or steamy. Most of the time we were shaded by the trees, from which an astonishing number of creepers and vines hung like ropes, often several of them tying together, an impenetrable mass.

We saw surprisingly few birds, though many could

be heard. The occasional monkey could be seen swinging through the trees or sat watching us gravely as we passed by.

We came to villages, clusters of adobe huts with roofs thatched with palm fronds, the jungle cleared back to allow primitive cultivation. Every village had its trees, shade being an essential thing, and under them sat the men, sometimes sitting on the ground, sometimes lounging on a bed, sometimes sitting in a chair made from massive pieces of wood criss-crossed with creepers or string.

The women would be working, cultivating fields, cooking, washing, sweeping huts and surrounds. It was in Zaire that we were first struck by the cleanliness of jungle villages, no rubbish,



for very little is wasted, the front of every hut brushed clean, maize and millet spread out on the ground to dry, washing spread out over bushes and fences in the fashion of native villages the world over.

The African native village could give lessons in cleanliness to many English towns.

*More from Ann and Malcolm in future issues.*

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## A SENSE OF PLACE?

'How do we know where we are if we don't know where we are?' Now there's a thought for December. But with the present promotion in Cornwall of a Cornish Assembly, and the declared policy of Cornwall Council to translate all 'English' place names into the current version of Cornish, it has also been suggested that local communities should investigate the meanings of those place names in their parishes which derive from the Celtic language (there are several versions of this).

The essential reference book for the interpretation of our local names is 'Cornish Place Name Elements' by Dr Oliver Padel [English Place Name Society, 1985]. Dr Padel systematically searched for, and recorded, the earliest known documentary evidence for the names of settlements, farms and hamlets in Cornwall. Given that until the late 12th century very few written records were created, and that even fewer survive, his research necessarily depended on archives from the 14th century onwards. Another problem was that 'Cornish', in whatever form, was not primarily a written, or legal, language (used for legal documents) so written forms of place names were phonetic - whatever they sounded like to the scribe - so it's not surprising that in the Arundell archives alone Dr Padel found 57 ways of spelling 'Tywardreath' - yes, really!

And there must have been a period when both Cornish and English were spoken and



understood, so this could be reflected in the names.

So let's look at our geographical location (this will generate a lot of discussion, a fair amount of muttering, and no real conclusion!).

'Roseland': what does it mean, and where is it? The word is a combination of Cornish ('ros') and English ('land'). It's the Cornish element that's important. 'Ros' or 'Rhos' means a promontory or headland: that's a bit of land with water on both sides. Early maps, like Joel Gascoyne's of 1699 (shown here), and Dr Padel, state this to comprise the parishes of St Anthony in Roseland, St Just in Roseland, Gerrans and Pilleigh (formerly known as 'Eglosrose' - the church on the promontory). It doesn't include Ruan Lanihorne or Veryan, and certainly not Tregony or Cuby. The tourist industry and estate agents have a lot to answer for!

Secondly there's the names of our parishes.

There's no problem with Ruan - he's a 'proper' saint! 'Lan' refers to a church, and the second element is a personal name. But what about Veryan? Until the 13th century the parish and church were known by the name of the local manor or estate: 'Elerky' (swannery - the 'water garden' was in the early 20th century still called 'the old swan pond') It wasn't until 1281 that a saint was recorded - Symphorian, a young French lad martyred for his faith. Subsequent documents recorded this as Symphorian, 'Severian' and eventually 'Verian' or 'Veryan'.

The names of local farms and settlements are not so complicated, however. If you look at the modern Ordnance Survey map you will find that both our parishes have many 'Cornish' 'settlement' names.

Names along the coast describe geographical or natural features; from Pendower ('head of the water') via Gwendra (white sand) to

Kiberick (from 'keber', wooded) to Caragloose (the grey rock) across the stream at Straythe to Camels (crooked cliff) and on to Portloe (harbour inlet).

Some names refer to ancient sites (earthworks, barrows, camps). These include Castlesens, Corwenna (car = camp), Cruggan (crug = barrow), and Polcreek.

Many of our local names begin with or include the element 'Tre' meaning a settlement. Some describe the homestead or its location: Tregamenna, from 'meneth', hill; Trewartha (gwartha = higher), Treburthes (perth ys = bushes), Trelonk (lonk = gully). Trelagossick, strangely, means 'mousey settlement' (logaz = 'mouse'). Other 'tre' places include the name of the owner or occupier: Trethewy (Dewi's farm), Treviskey. 'Melinsey' means 'a mill house', while Bessy Beneath has nothing to do with witches, burials or anything remotely gruesome: 'bos' and 'anneth' both mean 'a dwelling'.

And finally an interesting group of names in Veryan: Calendra (kelin + tre = 'holly tree settlement'), Caladrick (probably 'gewalow' + 'dowric' = watery field), Carbons = a paved road or a cart bridge. Their neighbour, Polcuta (earlier form = 'Polcutta') has baffled even Dr Padel (sorry, Douglas!), though the 'pol' element certainly refers to a pool.

Field names are another story - for another time!

**CRE**

*Is there anyone in Veryan (or in our neighbouring parishes) who does not know Gilbert Grigg?*

*Did you know that each year the 'West Briton' runs a campaign to find 'Good Neighbour' for the current year?*

*This year a couple of our local residents nominated Gilbert for the award, unbeknown to him.*

*Their citation mentioned his caring for sheep and cattle, gardening and 'odd jobs' for elderly residents, 'tending on' and helping sick neighbours and making numerous hospital visits, lending an eclectic assortment of equipment and tools, cutting grass, trimming hedges, being involved with the Sports and*

*Social Club and the Autumn Show and engaging with enthusiasm in raising funds for many good causes. As long ago as the 1960s he organised Veryan's very first carol-singing expedition round the parish in aid of Cancer Research, and the most recent use of his*

*persuasive skills was the restoration of the church windows.*

*Gilbert was one of three people short-listed for the award and was announced as winner in November. Well done, Gil!*



**You may say that there are many others who also give their time and services freely; yes, we all know someone who 'gets on with things' quietly for the parish's benefit - so go ahead next year and nominate them!**

*Continued from page 3!*

#### **So jobs for this month:**

**Visit the Christmas tree exhibition in the Church, a lot of work has gone into it for very good causes! The trees will be re-cycled.**

- Sit down quietly with the seed catalogues and order for 2015, it makes you feel you have made a start
- Prune your grapevine
- Admire the early flowering camellias, the mahonias and those great indoor Christmas flowerers
- Keep indoor Christmas plants cool, cyclamen hate it too hot and equally cannot cope with over watering.
- Prune deciduous trees for shape
- If its warmish and dry take a break from the indoor festivities, do some weeding and digging and planning for 2015
- Use last year's baubles, save carbon and then the garden centres may be encouraged to sell seeds and plants instead.
- Put veg peelings out for compost, put a lid on the sprouts, they boil more quickly and cut the carbon footprint
- Wash the Christmas jumper at 30 degrees not 40 and save 160 kgs of carbon. Unfortunately this may also prevent shrinkage of the monstrous present!

**Happy Christmas!**

**NB**

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*We would like to thank parishioners who have kindly allowed the use of their land and for the supply of electricity, without which the displays could not operate or be stored.*

*If you are able to contribute towards the (usually considerable) costs involved in bringing a sparkle to the parish at this time of year, please forward your donation to The Secretary, Veryan Christmas Lights Committee, Mabetwyn, Veryan Green, TR2 5QE; cheques payable to Veryan Christmas Lights Committee. All donations are gratefully received and - however seemingly small - make a big difference to what we are able to achieve.*

*May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year"*

*The Veryan Christmas Lights Committee*

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## VERYAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL UPDATE

Plans are going well - trees are ordered. There's been a very enthusiastic response from organisations invited to decorate a tree, with much discussion about themes from some, and others determined to keep the element of surprise.

**Help is needed with stewarding.** The rota is made up of two-hourly slots, 10 am to midday, midday to 2 pm and 2-4 pm, from Monday 15th December until Sunday 28th, when the church will be open for viewing. Please contact Shelagh if you can spare a couple of hours, or if you can supply some imaginative Christmas biscuits or a few mince pies!

Visitors will be invited to make donations which will be shared between local children's charities and the church. Do come along, and encourage others to bring their families to enjoy this Festival.

The exhibition will be launched at the Carol service on 14th December, and finish with the 'favourite carols' event on 28th. Trees will be removed on Monday 29th followed by the big sweep-up!

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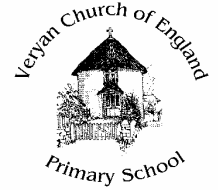
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## **SCHOOL NEWS**



November was a busy month for school - we raised money for Children in need, we collected Shoe-boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal, and we had a very special puppet show called the Magic Beanstalk Show performed just for us by Kneehigh Theatre. And yes, we do get lots of school work done as well!

And it will soon be time for our Christmas events - for details, times, venues etc contact 501431 or [secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.org](mailto:secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.org)

*6 December - School and PFA Christmas Fayre*

*10 December - School carol service, 6 pm*

*16 December - we all go to the Panto!*

*17 December - we entertain the Senior Citizens at their party in the parish hall*

*18 December - Christmas Dinner*

*19 December - Christmas Party and end of term!*

**Veryan School is collecting used postage stamps to help fund a Guide Dog - please help.**

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**THANK YOU too to all our contributors**, both regular and occasional - and we would love to have new items for inclusion. Don't be shy! Do also let us know if you'd like to see different features - it's your magazine!

**And a very big THANK YOU to our advertisers:** without your sponsorship we couldn't afford to produce 'Parish News'.

New advertisers are welcome - our rates are very reasonable at £30 for a quarter page. Contact Pat Raine [r.grove123@btinternet.com] for more information.

**And from the editor, THANK YOU to all the loyal delivery team** who make sure that your magazines reach you promptly every month.

**And finally, a very, very Happy Christmas to everyone!**

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**Full moon 6 December new moon 22 December**  
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*Additional information about forthcoming events can be sent to our church websites for inclusion in the on-line diary:*

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[info@portloechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@portloechurch.org.uk) or

[info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk)

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# Round the Churches...

## VERYAN Parish church



Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 21 December at 6 pm when we will be joined by the Roseland Churches' Choir.

Cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 20th from 10 am. All help will be welcome as well as donations of flowers and greenery.

The Churchwardens and PCC wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

PF

### Roseland Churches' Choir

The choir is available to sing at weddings or other services: contact the chairman, Graham Pauncefort, at [info@crdrecords.com](mailto:info@crdrecords.com) or on 01872 580001, or contact your parish priest.

And why not join the choir - you don't have to be able to read music, and we're always pleased to see new faces, especially tenors and altos!

Don't forget to look at the full-colour magazine on our church website

### Our church websites

[www.veryanchurch.org.uk](http://www.veryanchurch.org.uk)  
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### LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

The Hub radio station [106.1 & 106.4 FM or on line at [www.thehubradio.co.uk](http://www.thehubradio.co.uk)] is dedicated to all those parishes now regarded as part of 'The Roseland'. Our local contact is Sally Carter who will be happy to hear about local news and events: [Sallycarter7@aol.com](mailto:Sallycarter7@aol.com), landline is 01726 871402.

**Heating** - our new heating system seems to be working reasonably well, with only a few 'teething' problems, and Fr Doug was able to offer a genuinely 'warm' welcome to all those who attended the thanksgiving service last month.

We recently received another very welcome grant towards the cost of the heating - some grant-giving bodies only meet a few times a year, but the wait was rewarded. The installation is now all paid for. Our architect is planning to install data loggers to measure and record the temperature of the walls and detect any large and therefore unacceptable rises and falls in temperature. And those enormous bills for oil are now a thing of the past!

**Christmas** - details of all services are on page 4, with something to interest and involve all ages, from the crib service on Christmas eve [mainly but not only for the little ones] to the carol singing evening on 28th when you can come and request your favourite carol.

And don't forget the Christmas Tree exhibition! Details on page 11.

### Church cushions - A note from Veryan churchwardens

At a recent PCC meeting the condition of the seat coverings on our pews was discussed: To say that they are in a poor condition is putting it mildly! They need replacing with something that will provide the final element of comfort and warmth in our newly heated building..

The churchwardens agreed to investigate suitable replacements, and have measured up the pews in the middle and on the south of the church. ('Green Side' pews may have to wait a bit - they are longer and generally less used than the main body of the church). There are 25 pews, which will need 55 yards of cushioning (in old money!) We are in the process of looking for suitable suppliers and prices: watch this space!

**New tree** - a crab-apple tree is to be planted in the churchyard in memory of the late Mrs Yvonne Stuart Matthews.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From Bill Hunkin  
to all his friends

### October 100 Club

winner was  
Graham Webb  
MEMBERSHIP DETAILS  
FROM SARAH RUNDLE  
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At the end of October the funeral of Conrad Williams was held here, conducted by the Revd Jean Rolt. It was a beautiful and very musical service organised by Con's family and well reflected his extraordinarily full life.

The last soup lunch of the year is on Monday 1st December at 12.30 pm.

That apart, it is of course a busy month for everyone. Here, our Celebration of Christmas will be held on Thursday 18th at 7 o'clock, with carols, readings, music and of course mulled wine and mince pies.

And on Wednesday 24th at 11.30 pm the Revd Aubin de Gruchy will be here to lead Midnight Worship. A wonderful way to greet Christmas Day.

Please come and join us for either or both of these very special events.

JH

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**CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
<b>Sunday 7 December Advent 2</b>		
11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Holy Communion	10.30 am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 14 December Advent 3</b>		
11 am Eucharist		10.30 am Informal Worship Jeanette & Jeanne
6 pm CAROL SERVICE		
<b>Sunday 21 December Advent 4</b>		
11 am Eucharist	9.30am Mattins	10.30 am Morning Worship Andrew Gendall
	6 pm CAROL SERVICE	
<b>Wednesday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
4 pm Crib Service		11.30pm MIDNIGHT WORSHIP
11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS		
<b>Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 28 December Holy Family/Holy Innocents</b>		
11 am MATTINS		9.30 am Eucharist
6 pm CAROLS		
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Isaiah 40, 1-11  
John Veness [704]  
2 Peter 3, 8-15a  
Marilyn Veness

### Sunday 14 December Advent 3

Isaiah 61, 1-4 & 8-11  
Christine Edwards [727]  
1 Thessalonians 5, 16-24  
Sue Truscott [609]

### Sunday 21 December Advent 4

2 Samuel 1-11 & 16  
Blair Jobson [530288]  
Romans 15, 25-27  
Julia Pound [741]

### Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Isaiah 52, 7-10  
Robin Rundle [500950]  
Titus 2, 11-14  
David Elliott [230]

### Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY

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

### Sunday 28 December HOLY INNOCENTS/HOLY FAMILY MATTINS

Isaiah 35, 1-6  
Robert Pepper [670]  
Galatians 3, 23-29  
Coral Pepper

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*If you would like to join our team of readers, please contact Christine [727]*

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4 January Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley

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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  
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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

Ringin Practice at Veryan: 4th Tuesday most months, but contact 501203 for up-to-date information

Roseland magazine delivery arranged by local coordinator

Roseland Youth Group meets in Social Club Tuesdays 7-9.30 pm for ages 10-14

School open assembly: Fridays at 9.15 am in church

Whist drive: every Friday, Veryan Parish Hall 7.30 pm

Yoga: every Tuesday Veryan Parish Hall 10.am-12 noon

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

## December Diary

**Monday 1st** Soup lunch Portloe 12.30 pm [p. 14]

**Saturday 6th** School Christmas 'Fayre' [p. 12]

**Sunday 7th** Veryan Christmas lights switch on

**Wednesday 10th** Old Cornwall Society Gerrans 7.30 pm [p. 10]

**Wednesday 10th** school carol service 6 pm [p. 12]

**Sunday 14th** Carol service at Veryan 6 pm [p. 4] and opening of Tree exhibition

**Wednesday 17th** Seniors' party, Parish Hall 2.30 pm [p. 10]

**Thursday 18th** Portloe church celebration of Christmas 7 pm [p. 4]

**Friday 19th** school term ends

**Sunday 21st** Parish Hall Christingle 6 pm [p.10]

**Sunday 21st** Ruan carol service 6 pm [p.4]

**Wednesday 24th** Crib service Veryan church 4 pm [p.4] & 24th MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30 pm [p.4]

**Wednesday 24th** Midnight service at Portloe 11.30 pm [p.4]

**Thursday 25th** Christmas Day services Ruan 9.30 am & Veryan 11 am

**Sunday 28th** community carols, Veryan 6 pm [p.4]

## JANUARY 2015

**Saturday 3rd** Fr Doug's party 7.30 pm [p.10]

**Monday 5th** School begins

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