

Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne Parish Newsletter April 2020

A new-style newsletter...for the time

No events to advertise, no church services to arrange, no school activities to report, no weddings or christenings to celebrate - none of us have ever experienced such a difficult time.

But how fortunate we are to live in this lovely rural part of the country - and in the most beautiful and optimistic season of the year.

With time to walk and garden, and [weather permitting] be out of doors in the clear Cornish air, we can see the growth of hedges, flowers and trees, hear the birds in full song - listen to the dawn chorus - it is at its best now though you do have to be awake with the window open around 5 am - and wait for the coming of the swallows.

How many of us know the names of all the wild flowers in the hedgerows? When I was a little girl at Tregavarras I had a severe bout of whooping cough that kept me in bed for six weeks, and required a full term off school to recuperate. I was taken for walks every day to 'strengthen your legs' and to add some interest to the excursions I was given a book on how to identify wild flowers. Consequently I became familiar with even the more unusual specimens - the many varieties of vetches, hawkbits and all those white composite flowers that look very similar but are not all cow parsley! I learnt the 'proper' names of the flowers that we called 'boots and shoes', 'sour sabs', 'look up and kiss me'. If you're interested in the local as well as the 'proper' names, find a copy of Geoffrey Grigson's 'Englishman's Flora'.

And did you know that if you count the number of woody shrubs and trees in a 30 yard stretch of hedge and multiply by 100, that is supposed to tell you the approximate age of the hedge? Our hedges around Camels have a goodly assortment - holly, hazel, ivy, honeysuckle, crab apple, oak, brambles, elder, blackthorn, hawthorn, elm...

While we are still able to walk along the lanes I go from Camels to Four Turnings, along the road past 'Watha 'Oss Pool' to 'Watha turning', left to Green, through Churchtown, and from the top churchyard gate we are in Sentry Lane, NOT Century!! - it is derived from Sanctuary, as the lane borders the church glebe land, fields called Higher and Lower Sentry, the 'sanctuary' lands of the parish. Up past 'Warwick's Gate' and Pigs' Turnings and back to Four Turnings and home. ..

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Readings for April

Although we can't at the moment go to services in church some of our readers may like to follow the texts set for each Sunday.

29 March Passion Sunday

Ezekiel 37, 1-14; psalm 130; Romans 8, 6-11;
John 11, 1-45

5 April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50, 4-9a; psalm 31, 9-18; Philippians 2, 5-11;
Matthew 26 v. 14 to 27 v. 66

Thursday 9 April Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12, 1-4; psalm 116, v. 1 & 11-18; 1 Corinthians 11, 23-25; John 13, 1-17 & 31-35

Sunday 12 April EASTER DAY

Acts 10, 34-43; psalm 118, verses 1,2 & 14-24;
Colossians 3, 1-4; Matthew 28, 1-10

19 April Easter 2

Acts 2, 14a & 22-32; psalm 16; 1 Peter 1, 3-9; John 20, 19-31

26 April Easter 3

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3 May Easter 4

Acts 2, 42-47; psalm 23; 1 Peter 2, 19-25; John 10, 1-10

A prayer for this time written by Robert, Bishop of Exeter

*Keep us, Good Lord,
under the shadow of thy mercy,
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in thy comfort,
knowing that nothing can separate us
from thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord*

Amen

A note from Portloe

As you may know, our beloved Gena died peacefully on 10 March. We will miss her so much here in Portloe and send her devoted family our love and prayers.

Church services are suspended until further notice: please see our noticeboard for updated arrangements for prayers.

