

**Parish Newsletter**  
**Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne**  
**March 2021**

The parishes of **VERYAN** and  
**RUAN LANIORNE**

**Priest-in-Charge:**

Vacancy

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**Church services**

*At the time of writing our churches remain closed for services but we are delighted that Fr Doug has offered to resume Sunday services on **14 March** [Mothering Sunday], with all the usual Covid-related precautions still in place.*

**Please check church posters for arrangements for future services including Easter Sunday**

*Readers' list for Veryan will follow by email as soon as possible!*

**Readings for March**

**Sunday 7 March Lent 3**

Exodus 20, 1-17; Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1, 18-25; John 2, 13-22

**Sunday 14 March Mothering Sunday**

1 Samuel 1, 20-28; Psalm 127, 1-4

2 Corinthians 1 3-7; Luke 2, 33-35

**Sunday 21 March Lent 5 Passiontide**

Jeremiah 31, 31-34; Psalm 119, 9-16

Hebrews 5, 5-10; John 12, 20-33

**Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50, 4-9a; Psalm 31, 9-16

Philippians 2, 5-11; Mark 14, 1-15, 47

**Thursday 1 April MaundyThursday**

Exodus 12, 1-4 and 11-14 Psalm 116, 1 and 10-17

1 Corinthians 11, 23-26; John 13, 1-17 and 31b-35

**Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday**

Acts 10, 34-43 Psalm 118, 1,2, and 14-24

1 Corinthians 15, 1-11; Mark 16, 1-8

**From the registers**

**Funeral at Veryan and Burial at Broadhempston**

9 February Michael Harrison aged 68

**Cremation at Penmount**

22 February Ian Ollerearnshaw aged 74

### Your thoughts...

Well, page 4 of last month's newsletter certainly generated a healthy response.

Linguistically you are not only incensed at, and agree with the examples in the article, but have suggested more: "different to? NO! different FROM"! "literally"; "110%"; "very unique"; "legendary"; "iconic"; and the recently popular "going/moving forward". Confusion between "less" and "fewer" is another frequent annoyance.

As to our contribution to the Diocesan Fund, a couple of comments were unrepeatable in a church newsletter, though heartfelt and colourfully expressed. Another suggested tithing the senior clergy: "they're paid a salary. We're all volunteers"

### "On the Way"

The latest episcopal missive suggests [ I think] that responsibility for 'moving forward' should not be entirely that of the diocesan hierarchy but delegated to deaneries and parishes. The letter [some 500 words] - briefly - says this:

- Things will change post-Covid
- The C of E has to 'engage with' change
- The diocese's spending 'budget' for 2021 is £2M more than its anticipated income
- A 'new initiative' called 'On the Way' will enable 'local churches and deaneries' to be involved
- 'centralised strategy' will be rejected in favour of local responsibility

We are unclear about what this 'initiative' is. There's a website - do look at the video and tell us what you think. The link is [trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/on-the-way/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/on-the-way/)

*We wonder what effect, if any, this might have on the current deliberations about 'restructuring' the Roseland cluster of parishes?*

Meanwhile the latest Diocesan newsletter is sent with this one – with an article explaining 'On the Way'...

**National press reports** have recently highlighted rumours that the church is reducing yet again the numbers of stipendiary [paid] clergy, but that several dioceses are employing, at considerable expense, 'management consultants' or similar to effect reorganisation and to suggest 'strategies' for the future. Another letter from Lis Escop doesn't actually refute the reported reduction in priest numbers; "There is no such *national* [our italics] plan ... Any decisions we take about the future shape of this diocese will be taken locally, collaboratively and consultatively..."

Once again, as they say, 'watch this space'!

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### One year on .....

When it is my turn to produce the Monthly Newsletter, I like to look back and see what things were going on in the same month for the previous year.

For March 2020 we were looking forward to a St Piran's night celebration and Safari Supper in the Parish Hall, a Veyan Players Spring Production, WI and Old Cornwall Society Meetings, Soup Lunches at Portloe and Veyan Market.

Fortunately, some of these events went ahead as they were held before the country was placed into lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sadly, since the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 most village events have had to be cancelled although we were for a few months able to restart Church Services and bellringing. The WI also managed a couple of socially distanced picnics on the School Gardens.

We have also seen birthday and anniversary celebrations cancelled, weddings postponed, and funerals held with us unable to sing our loved one's favourite hymns or meet up to share memories and reminisce.

When I speak to family and friends, we talk about the things we are missing now, and they include:

Hugging their grandchildren  
Meeting a friend for a coffee  
Going to Church  
Bellringing  
A drink in the pub  
Arranging Church Flowers  
A meal in a restaurant  
Going to the hairdresser  
Going to the theatre and cinema

Let us hope that now the vaccination programme is under way it will not be too much longer before we can start to enjoy these things again.

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## Veryan Parish Council

March 2021 is an important month for everyone. It will be Census Day on 21 March 2021.

The census takes place in this country every ten years and is used as a way of measuring what our land looks like on a set day every ten years. The information is analysed and held securely for 100 years. After this time it is released to the public and forms the basis of what we now use to trace family trees (among other things) – this year the information from 1921 will be released.

By completing the census the information also helps formulate community plans and services.

This will be the first year that the census can be completed online, but those who are not able to complete online there will be the option to apply for a paper copy. There is a legal obligation to complete the census and you don't have to wait until 21<sup>st</sup> March to do so – even though that is the official census day – you can access the census form from the beginning of March.

For information and a Community Handbook explaining the census access:

<https://census.gov.uk/about-the-census>

Mary Symons Parish Clerk

## WHY A CENSUS?

In 1801, the first year of the new nineteenth century, the first national census of population was taken; the Population Act received Royal assent on 31 December 1800 and the census was conducted on 10 March 1801. It has followed every tenth year since then except for wartime in 1941.

Why was it needed? Population calculations had been based on parish church records of baptisms and burials (Jeremiah Trist was an enthusiastic calculator of his parish's population trends and statistics) and the earliest records merely provided figures, not names, including the numbers of males and females, inhabited houses, and occupations (agriculture, trade and manufacture, and 'other'). Overseers of the poor or other reliable parish officials carried out the house-to-house visits. In 1836 Parliament passed the Registration Act which created civil registration of births, marriages and deaths (a necessary distinction from the church records) and the new General Register Office was given responsibility for the census. The 1841 census contained much more information than in previous years; names, approximate ages, whether a person was born in the county in which he or she lived, and occupations. Each household was required to complete a form, which was then collected by official enumerators who copied the information into books which were sent to the Census Office and analysed to produce a range of statistics. From 1851 information required included exact age, relationships and place and county of birth.

The detailed forms and books are 'sealed' for 100 years: no access is allowed to personal information until after an estimated 'lifetime' of the youngest individuals listed.

Consequently the census returns available for historical research at present extend only to include 1911. Much of the information is available on line (free on some sites but on paid-only sites if you want to see the original returns). What a resource for historians of all kinds - only possible because of the legal requirements of the Acts of Parliament and the involvement of every family and household in the country. And on 21 March all of us can make our own contribution to the future history of Cornwall... and know that it is completely confidential for the next hundred years!

House No.	Address	Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	County of Birth	
2. Pine Cottage, Portloe.	1	Ellen Lawrence	Wife	67	General Servant	Devon Exmouth	
		Elizabeth Dunstone	Head	Widow	77	Living on her own means	Shelley St. Martin
		Henry James Kicks	Nephew	Single	15	Scholar	Cornwall Muller
		Mrs. Proffit	Servant	Widow	50	Domestic	Cornwall Redruth
3. Portloe.	1	Philippa Ann Bandy	Servant	Single	18	General Servant	Do. St. Ervan
		Richard Caddy	Head	Widower	70	Fisherman	Do. Veryan
		Edward Will Caddy	Son	Single	40	Fisherman	Cornwall Veryan
		Emily Jane Dunstone	Daughter	Married	35	Fisherwoman	Do. Do
4. Portloe (Ship Inn).	1	Thomas Dunstone	Grandson	Single	1	Scholar	Do. Do
		Edmund Dungey	Head	Married	52	Landlord	Do. Do
		Emma Dungey	Wife	Married	50	Scholar	Cornwall Veryan
		Caroline M. Dungey	Daughter	Single	8	Scholar	Cornwall Veryan
		Charles E. Dungey	Son	Single	6	Scholar	Do. Do

Part of a page from the 1891 census for Portloe; try 'Ancestry' [paid] or [cornwall census online](https://www.cornwallcensusonline.com/) to find out more...

**TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR MARCH**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 3.17	2 13.54	3 14.31	4 15.08	5 15.51	6 16.44
7 17.57	8 06.44	9 08.42	10 09.51	11 10.44	12 11.29	13 12.09
14 12.44	15 13.15	16 13.40	17 14.00	18 14.17	19 14.39	20 15.09
21 15.51	22 17.04	23 06.13	24 07.47	25 08.56	26 09.52	27 10.43
28 12.31	29 13.15	30 13.56	31 14.34			

Full moon 28th    New moon    13th

**Observations from the Earwig**

Somebody asked me the other day what I missed during the last 12 months of our odd lives. I had to think and it's undoubtedly bellringing and the pub on a Sunday. One of my fellow ringers said she used to moan about coming out for bell practice on a cold wet Tuesday evening, but now would give anything to do that! We take our personal freedoms for granted but I am counting my blessings. I have spent good days in the garden and in the fields with the animals and cold wet days in the polytunnel, starting the broad beans, a few seeds and potting up the dahlias. The orange begonias that cover the front of the pub and shop in summer are on the heated bench being persuaded that it's time to grow, Colin's waiting! So it's far from all bad.

I was overjoyed that Boris had met his target to vaccinate the first Groups 1-4 people and sat rather smugly, delighted that there were 15 million people older than me! I was equally delighted when I had the opportunity to book my own job. My husband was confused that I chose Stithians showground as my destination rather than Truro – well, it's a day out with permission! Strange what little joys we find in day to day life now.

I've become a 'zoomer'. Parish Council meetings are held via Zoom and whilst I was very sceptical at first it does work well. If its new to you then be assured it is so simple. You just find zoom on google, download it and as soon as you're invited to a meeting or just a chat it's there at the appointed time. You sit in the virtual waiting room till your host lets you in and there, like magic, are all the people you want to speak with. You don't have to have a camera, you can just do it by speaking, and so your companions can't therefore see you but can hear you, just like the telephone. That means things get done, Parish and Church are still operating and far flung families can communicate. Zoomers are not burying their heads and waiting for this all to be over. We are just finding different ways of doing things and some of them will undoubtedly stick with us.

I have seen massive displays of kindness too. The turnout for Mike's funeral was extraordinary. One of our coldest days with a biting easterly wind but the streets were lined from the Crohans turn, past the black garages, Trewartha and into Veryan and all the way up to Churchtown farm. The builders at Churchtown stopped work and lined the fence with hats off. I'm not sure what Mike would have said- or perhaps I am!

### **Ann Craven**

*For readers who may not have heard, Ann died in hospital at the end of February after a short illness.*

*He funeral service is at Veryan parish church on Friday 5 March at 1 pm.*

*Because numbers attending the service must be limited to 30, her daughters have asked that friends stand at the roadside as Ann leaves Treviskey to travel to church.*

*Donations in Ann's memory will be divided between Veryan church and 'Open the Book', in which Ann was a dedicated and enthusiastic participant.*

*Details of how to give will be on the service sheet and in next month's newsletter.*

### **ST DAVID'S DAY - 1 March**

Patron saint of Wales, father of St Nunn [the patron of Altarnun] and of course the saint to whom Davidstow church is dedicated.

David's birth was recorded in Welsh Annals at some time in the fifth century. His 'Life' was written sometime in the eleventh century [around the time of the Norman Conquest] so not based on contemporary evidence!

For what it's worth, David was brought up in Pembrokeshire, and trained as a priest by a pupil of German [patron saint of St Germans]. He founded twelve monasteries including Glastonbury, went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was made archbishop of all the Britons.

Saints' Lives may not be 'true' but do reflect the importance and the veneration in which they once were held .

### **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

*to the lovely children of Veryan school who left flowers and messages outside the church porch in memory of Ann. What a thoughtful, caring and beautiful tribute.*



### **AUTUMN SHOW?**

*We are hoping very much to hold a show this year, but of course it depends on 'circumstances beyond our control', as they say.*

*However, we've agreed a provisional date, **Saturday 18 September***

*[other organisations please note! We don't want to clash with anything] and we'll let you know for certain as soon as we're able.*

*We may even include a 'lockdown' class for those items of knitting, sewing, handicrafts etc that you've all completed during the last year...*

### **Caerhays gardens...**

**At present the Gardens are open for local visitors only,  
10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m.**

**Entrance £10.00 for an adult ,  
£5.00 for a child (under 5 free).**

**Car parking fees will be refunded at the Sales Point to the gardens.**

**Please pay for an all day car parking ticket and bring your ticket with you in order to obtain refund.**

**Garden tickets can also be booked online at [www.caerhays.co.uk](http://www.caerhays.co.uk) where more information is available.**

**Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times**



Veryan School have once again written some articles for the Newsletter  
The first one is from Ysella Young and the second from Red Shreck (names published with permission)

### Inhabited planet

Dear Allesy,

Since the last time we chatted I have been eager to find out more about your planet, I hope today you will tell me all about it, I did tell you about Earth after all. Tell me what you eat and what your houses look like and what *you* look like, all of that! Please respond as soon as possible,

Your pen pal

Tom

P.S. how come you speak English?

Dear Tom,

What a lot of questions! But I guess our planets are so different, after all *you* probably don't know what a nuayk is and I thought everyone knew what that was. Anyway, get ready because I'm about to tell you all about my home planet and considering you don't know what a nuayk is you better listen.

First of all, we know how to speak English because when we are born, we are injected with the skill to talk every language along with a future job but now I had better explain that system. Every time a new hghe [baby] is born they are injected with skills depending on which star shines the brightest that night. We have a system: the seven brightest stars in the sky each have a fancy name and a skill – a zkkxgin [teacher], a haorjcx [builder], an kvrxkx [explorer], a vxuzkizux [protector], a yiokhzoyz [scientist], a juizkx [doctor], and a vxosk sotoyzkxy [I think you call them prime ministers]. This system means that each hghe has a chosen career for when they are older and there will never be too many people doing one job.

Secondly, a nuayk is what we live in so like a house for you. They are giant craters in our planets surface but with big lids over the top so when we go in and put the lid back on the top then inside we have a cover protecting us and our families. Also, our planet has zero gravity but when we go inside then we have gravity.

What do I look like? This may be hard to explain to you but I guess to you I look like a giant bubble. I can float and glide wherever I want, I shimmer in the sunlight but you can't see through me. I have eyes and a mouth [similar to you humans] but I do not need a nose to breathe, the air just goes through my bubble-like skin. We can also change the colour of our skin; every birthday we gain a new colour to change into.

We can drink anything as long as it's in liquid form and we only need to eat once a month – we go up to the ring hugging our planet and feast on the xuiqy [rocks] there. They taste all different depending on whereabouts on the ring you get them from. I like the ones from the west side of the ring best, they are hard but when you bite into them they crumble and disintegrate into an oozing warm liquid.

I have got to go now because today is the day we go to the ring of our planet and eat!

Your pen pal

Allesy

Dear Allesy,

Wow your planet sounds amazing! I would love to live there. Do you still have wars like our planet? Do you have illnesses? We are suffering a bad one now called coronavirus and we all must stay at home. I hate staying at home, I miss my friends and I just wish I could go out. I wish I could go to your planet!

I have got to go and do some home schooling but I will talk to you soon. Please respond soon as I can't wait to find out more.

Your pen pal

Tom

Dear Tom,

No, we don't have wars but I have seen the terrible devastation they do to your planet and your people. We are all very friendly here. However, we do have illnesses. There is one that is the most deadliest, it can kill you, and you only know you have it when you turn bright green. Then there is one that makes you hallucinate for 3 months and a few less deadly ones. Luckily, we have juizkxy to help us.

I will now describe to you what my planet, Minerva-Juno is like...

Half of it is unexplored but our kdvruxkx are working on it now. The unexplored area is always facing the darkness and my side is always facing the sun but as we do not need to sleep, it doesn't matter. My nuayk is on a lush grassy field, you may think it sounds a bit like Earth but really it is quite different as the grass is as soft as a pillow, this stops our bubbles from bursting, and the colour is baby pink. Also, our sky is not blue but instead as clear as glass so we can see all the planets and twinkling stars, the moons orbiting us and shining sun. I can look down at your Earth any time I want! If you were to walk for a while, away from my nuayk, you would get to a giant waterfall which then leads to our sea which is a vibrant violet colour, the waves are purple and they splash onto the blue-green sand. The waterfall is special because just before you die then you are put through the waterfall and we believe that you then become part of the water which runs through our planet.

I have got to go now as I have my training; when I am older, I will be an explorer and uncover the mysteries of the unexplored area and I would like to do as much training as I can!

Your pen pal

Allesy

Dear Allesy,

I love the sound of your planet and how you live. Do you think humans could ever come and live on your planet? I worry about our Earth. Please ask your people...

Your pen pal

Tom

Dear Allesy,

Why have you not answered for months? Have you asked your people what they think of my idea about humans living on your planet?

Your pen pal

Tom

Author's note

*Here is Allesy (Ysella backwards!) alphabet set against ours so that you can learn her language!*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F

## Rogue Planet

A rogue planet is a planet that has no sun to orbit  
 So it wanders the galaxy in a focused straight line  
 Seeking a sun to orbit  
 In perfect silence

Although it is hard being lonely  
 There is a peaceful side to it  
 You have space, you have quiet  
 You have time to think

It is travelling the galaxy  
 Aimlessly to find something  
 It doesn't know what that something is  
 But it knows it will find something eventually

The planet feels gravity overtake it  
 Being pulled into the solar system  
 Now it's found its new home  
 Even if you are pointing aimlessly you will always find a destination