



Parish Newsletter
Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne
April 2021

The parishes of **VERYAN** and
RUAN LANIHORNE

Priest-in-Charge:
 Vacancy

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(St Symphorian) Parish Church
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(St Rumon) Parish Church

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Church services at the time of publication

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week

Good Friday meditation; Ruan 12 noon

Easter Sunday Holy Communion

9.30 am Ruan 11 am Veryan

**Unless regulations change, regular Sunday services will
 continue as at present; please see notice boards for details**

Please remember the rules - we're not yet "back to normal"!

Keep a safe distance - "social distancing" - - at least 6 feet, Wht's NOT
 advisable: the 'elbow-bumping' greeting -that's probably less than three feet!

· Remember the basics of good hygiene - use hand sanitizer -

· wear a face covering -

**masks are legally compulsory in indoor public spaces, especially in shops
 and churches.**

If we look after ourselves we're also helping everyone else.

Readings & psalms for April

4 April Easter Sunday

Acts 10, 34-43, psalm 118, 1,2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15, 1-11,
 Mark 16. 1-8

11 April Easter 2

Acts 4, 32-35; psalm 133, 1 John 1 to 2,2; John 20,19-31

18 April, Easter 3

Acts 3, 12-19; psalm 4, 1 John 3, 1-7; Luke 24, 34b - 48

25 April, Easter 4

Acts 4, 5-12; psalm 23, 1 John 3, 16-24; John 10, 11-18

2 May Easter 5

Acts 8, 26-40; psalm 22, 25-31; 1 John 4, 7-21; John 15, 9-17

From the Registers

Friday 5 March

Funeral at Veryan followed by cremation at Penmount

GERALDINE ANN CRAVEN of Treviskey aged 86

Tuesday 16 March

Cremation at Penmount

JOY EVANS of Ruan Laniorne aged 94

DIARY DATE: Veryan annual parochial meeting Wednesday 12 May in church 7 pm
Details in next month's issue

ANN CRAVEN

Geraldine Ann Craven [née Beswick] was born in County Durham in 1934, the eldest of four children born into an army family between the wars. Her father's army duties took the family to Palestine and Malta until the bombing of the island necessitated evacuation home via Gibraltar.

After the war the family moved to Germany where Ann attended a British Armed Forces school which was run on the ideals of service, character and discipline of Kurt Hahn, the founder of Gordonstoun. Ann met Malcolm in Germany where he was doing National Service and they kept in touch after Ann's family returned to England, and married in 1956.

Malcolm had joined the Metropolitan Police but in 1958 transferred to the Somerset and Bath Constabulary with postings in a number of towns.

Three daughters were born, and Ann and the girls were much involved in Girl Guiding, Ann being a Guider with Brownies, Guides and rangers, and a Commissioner, for the area.

The family enjoyed boating, from their first Otter dinghy to a 37-foot sailing boat in which Ann and Malcolm sailed to Ireland, the Scottish islands and the south west coasts of Britain. More recently they changed to a more gentle vessel, a canal boat.

After Malcolm retired he and Ann planned and completed a three-year journey round the world driving a camper van called 'Wilma'. Their many adventures and experiences were recalled in a series of articles written by Malcolm for 'Parish News'. Travelling continued however and over the years they visited India, Africa, Australasia and China.

It was after the epic round-the-world journey that Malcolm and Ann moved to Treviskey in 1988. They soon became

'local', being involved in most parish and church events over more than 30 years. Ann joined Roseland Guiding and Veryan Women's Institute, and was a regular worshipper at Veryan church, being PCC member, deanery representative, sidesman, regular reader of lessons, and for a few years churchwarden. She organised several church fêtes, a Christmas tree exhibition, and made countless cups of tea and coffee at concerts, carol services and coffee mornings. She was the sort of person every parish priest would like to have - nothing too much trouble and all done without fuss.

In recent years Ann was a regular participant in the 'Open the Book' team which brings Bible stories to life for the children of Veryan school: the lovely tributes left outside the church by the children show how fond of her they were.

Memorably she organized the knitting of 'chain mail' for the local Players' production of 'Murder in the Cathedral'.

Ann lost Malcolm and her youngest daughter within a matter of months - how cruel was that: but she carried on with church and her other activities: a true fighter and a dear friend to many of us. We will miss her.

This is a much shortened version of the eulogy read at her funeral.

Donations in Ann's memory will be shared between Veryan church fabric fund and 'Open the Book': details on www.memorygiving.com; OR cheques made out either to PCC of Veryan or to The Bible Society sent to L J Tregenna, 49 Kenwyn Street, Truro TR1 3DB.

JOY EVANS

It was with great sadness that we learnt that on 7 March one of our previous churchwardens, Mrs Joy Evans, passed away in her 95th year.

Joy joined Ruan Laniorne PCC in 1984 and was elected Rector's Warden in April 1987. In 2003 she was going to retire but was persuaded to stay on and eventually stepped down in April 2013, having served 26 years as churchwarden of St Rumon's.

Many people will remember her standing behind the counter in the Reading Room, serving very strong coffee at the Church coffee morning. She was always busy doing something for the church and she will be greatly missed. **Carol Hughes**

Joy was cremated on Tuesday 18 March, with friends and parishioners standing by the lych gate of the church as she went on her final journey.

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 15.10	2 15.47	3 16.29
4 17.23	5 18.30	6 7.37	7 9.33	8 10.34	9 11.21	10 12.03
11 12.41	12 13.14	13 13.42	14 14.08	15 14.26	16 14.45	17 15.10
18 15.41	19 16.22	20 17.28	21 19.17	22 8.09	23 9.21	24 10.21
25 11.14	26 12.04	27 12.51	28 13.54	29 14.15	30 14.54	

New moon 4th, full moon 27th

From Zoom to Zoom

Over the latest lockdown Veryan Primary school, in common with many others, has taken advantage of Zoom technology to enhance its remote education provision. The weekly family worship sessions proved very popular.

Now we are back in school with a Zoom of a different kind! Mr Hall, one of our dedicated volunteers has been supporting our school with an exciting buggy project that combines learning from Science, Design Technology and Maths.



The task had two dimensions : Design a buggy that will go the furthest and that is attractive! Then in groups the children from across the whole school had to build their buggy from the basic kit of components that was given. This involved using saws, screw-drivers, and drills. The sawing was hard work, but the children showed great resilience and determination.

The whole project has been great fun: the carefully designed buggies showed incredible attention to, and understanding of, the science of forces. We are looking forward to testing these later in the week! Watch this space for the results

We wanted to thank Mr Hall for giving up his time and for sharing his resources with us – Mr Hall asked that we show our appreciation through donations to the local FoodBank. So far, we raised £106.40 and gathered some lovely produce to deliver to the FoodBank for distribution.

If any members of the local community would also like to make a donation, please contact our school office: veryan.secretary@celticcross.education.



We are delighted to feature our C of E school each month - many thanks to teachers and pupils!

Easter Biscuits

These are a traditional treat for Easter Day.

This recipe makes about 18 biscuits.

Cream together 4 oz butter and 4 oz caster sugar until fluffy.

Sieve together 8oz SR flour, 1 teasp mixed spice and a pinch of cinnamon. .

Add beaten egg to the creamed mixture and fold in the flour and spices to make a stiff dough.

Fold in 3 oz currants and knead lightly until smooth.

Chill dough for 15 minutes then roll out on a floured board to quarter to half-inch thickness.

Cut into biscuits using a 4 inch fluted cutter.

Place on baking paper on baking trays & bake for 15-20 minutes in a moderate oven c. 180°C [150° fan] until pale golden.

Remove to cooling tray, dredge with caster sugar and allow to get cold and crisp.

'On our Way'

Hello everyone, I live in the Blue House in Portloe, right alongside the United Church. When I arrived 6 years ago the church was so welcoming to me – my first memory was the sunny smile of Lynda as I entered, Jeannie sitting at the back gracefully showing me into the seats, Annie delivering a very inspiring service (which I think began with a story about fish and chips!), and an engaged conversation with the likes of Mara, Mark and Trounce afterwards over coffee about the state of the nation.

I felt, this was truly a Christ-centred and Jesus-shaped place!

What I have so appreciated is how my faith experience here in the Roseland is helping me with my work with the national church. For around ten years now I have consulted to the Church of England on the kind of leadership needed in their “senior ranks” to steward the institution through its changing times. Just in the last two years I have now met with nearly 100 of the bishops on my “leading big complex change” workshops and around 30 of the cathedral Deans.

Being a devotee of this newsletter, I can see that the disturbance and strong emotions that come with any change are being stirred up here right now. It's very difficult isn't it to be able to adapt to something like a re-structure - the words of that Banarama pop group from the '80's “It's not what you do it's the way that you do it!” rings very true when leading change well. Engaging with people to create ownership for the solution is a vital part of “the way”.

I'm very hopeful that the “On Our Way” change process, reported in the last newsletter and stewarded by our own local Diocese, will pay good attention to how it is led. On that note, I had the good fortune to have met our own +Hugh in 2020 - as a newly consecrated “lockdown Bishop” he arrived in very challenging circumstances and was an eager participant on my programme in 2020. Here are a few words from him about how he, alongside +Phillip, wish to lead this change.

“So much is changing at the moment, including for the church, and none of us know quite what the future holds. *On the Way* is an invitation for Deaneries across Cornwall to pause to pray, dream and plan for this emerging future. The process will start in Powder Deanery in September and there's lots more information on the Diocese website at www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/ministry/on-the-way/ including a short introductory video by +Philip”

Maybe we will hear from +Hugh later in the year! It just leaves me to encourage us all to engage with Christine's invitation to openly voice how we feel about the changes that are emerging in our midst.

Deborah Rowland

Gull rock getaway?

In April 1785 two Tregony men, carpenter William Allen and mason Henry Jacobs, were granted a lease for 99 years of the Gull Rock, 'within the parish of Veryan', with permission to erect buildings.

They agreed 'at our own costs and charges...to well and suitably repair, uphold and maintain the premises'.

It seems that though they were unsuccessful in constructing any buildings the proposal may have created a modern precedent; information has reached us that a new application may have been submitted for a 'modest' dwelling to provide a 'retreat, hideaway or hermitage' for individuals wishing for a period of real solitude.

A 17th century map of the area shows not only puffins, but swans, dolphins, fishing boats and a mermaid, though we understand that none of these attractions can be guaranteed today.

The Gull Rock has of course since August 1989 been the property of the National Trust, and we hope for a statement, and of course information on travelling and booking, before noon on Maundy Thursday.

Note: the 1785 lease, ref G308, and the map, ref AD51, are in the care of the Cornwall Record Office at Redruth]

Linda has recently joined our congregation at Veryan - we haven't had a chance to chat after services to find out all about her so we persuaded her to introduce herself!

Dear Friends at Veryan and Ruan

I have been asked to write a few words to introduce myself to you, (apologies to those who already know me).

My name is Linda Kerswill and I grew up near Hampton Court but moved to Oxfordshire when I married Roger 51 years ago. We have 5 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 step and 2 foster grandchildren. We moved to Treworga to be on Grannie-duty to our youngest daughter, Natalie.

My hobbies are reading, patchwork and quilting, knitting and jigsaws.

I have always had a deep faith and attended church. In my teens I visited Baptist churches and Gospel halls, but always returned to an Anglican high church where my soul belongs. I have held many positions in the church over the years.

For the last three years I have felt called to take my duties in the church further and first undertook the Local Worship Leaders course which I thoroughly enjoyed and this affirmed that I wanted to continue studying. I then enrolled with Durham University to study for the Certificate in Theology which I achieved last summer. This was an extremely challenging course for someone who had left school at 15 to become a hairdresser, but thoroughly rewarding.

I am currently exploring my next step along my road of faith and look forward to getting to know you better when restrictions allow.

Linda also sings with the Roseland Churches' Choir.

'How do you say it?'

'How do we get to – Megavissey – Jerrans – Tre-gonny...?'

Visitors to our lovely part of Cornwall are often bemused, and confused, by the network of lanes, the inadequacy of 'tourist' maps, and the apparent unpronounceability of our local place names.

Compilers of guidebooks would do us all a service if they were to include advice on how to say the names of these intriguing places marked on the map. There seems to be no logic: 'Lanson'. but 'Liskeard'; 'Penzance', but 'Helston'; and if the main towns are difficult, what about parishes, villages, hamlets and farms?

A general, but not universal, rule, is that the stress in Cornish placw names is often on the penultimate syllable: Treviskey, Trevennen, Tregavarras, Treberrick, Heligan – not, not, NOT 'Helly-gan'! If you can say 'Illogsn' it's easy - just mentally double the 'g'!

Further afield, the unsuspecting can trip up over Tywardreath. ('Tower –dreath', not 'Tie –war –dreath'); Ruthvose ('Ruthers'); Mousehole ('Mowzzle'). Quethiock ('Quithick'). Trewarthenick in Cornelly parish was in my recollection, by my gran's generation, always locally called 'Tredinnick', while Caerhays isn't Cae –r –hays' in the Welsh fashion, but 'C'raze'. Longer names are often abbreviated: 'Viskey, 'Worlas, 'Lonk, 'Wa'tha.

And we never go 'to' somewhere: from Camels it is 'down' Churchtown, Portloe, beach; 'out' Nare head; 'in' Truro. We go 'up' Lanson, Exeter, London; 'out' Newquay, Perran, St Agnes; 'over' Scilly.

Our place names tell us about our landscape and about the people who once lived here. 'Tre' is a settlement, a farm; 'Pol' a pool; 'Pen' a headland. And they are not strange, but rhythmical and poetic.

How many English places would make a poem?

Trethennal, Melinsey, Portholland, Tretheake, Elerky, Treviskey, Polmenna, Polcreek, Camels, Calendra, Caladrick and Carne, Penhale, Trelagossick, Perada - and Barn.

Heligan, Porthluney, Trevennen, Polgrain, Tregavarras, Treveor, Penvergate and Polbain, Crugsillack, Treburthes, Reskivers, Park Vean, Penheskin, Trevilveth, Trewartha - and Green.

Ruan, Treviles, TreLonk and Pennare, Tolverne, Eglosrose, Trelagossick and Gare, Mellangoose, Caragloose, Tregamenna and Froe, Gonitor, Trethellans, Reskivers, Portloe.

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This originally appeared in 'Parish news' in 2002; we've recently heard a few 'mispronunciations' of local place names... hence its reappearance!