

Parish Newsletter
Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne
June 2021

**The parishes of VERYAN and
RUAN LANIHORNE**

Priest-in-Charge:
Vacancy

**VERYAN
(St Symphorian) Parish Church**

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(All Saints) United Church

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(St Rumon) Parish Church

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Hon. Secretary

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Hon. Treasurer

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Church services

Sunday 6 June Trinity 1

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan Laniorne
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 13 June Trinity 2

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 20 June Trinity 3

9.30 am Matins [BCP] Ruan Laniorne
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 27 June Trinity 4

9.30 am Holy Communion [CW] Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Sunday 4 July Trinity 5

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan Laniorne
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe
11 am Eucharist [CW] Veryan

Readings & readers [Veryan] for June

6 June

1 Samuel 8, 4-11, 16-21 [Blair Jobson]
2 Corinthians 4, 13, to 5,1 [A N Other]

13 June

1 Samuel 15, 34 to 16, 13 [Alan Baptist]
2 Corinthians 5, 6-10 & 14-17 [Lida Kerswill]

20 June

1 Samuel 17, 32-49 [Christine Edwards]
2 Corinthians 6, 1-13 [Sue Truscott]

27 June

2 Samuel 1, 1 & 17-27 [Alan Baptist]
2 Corinthians 8, 7-15 [Linda Kerswill]

4 July

2 Samuel 5, 1-5, 9 & 10 [John Veness]
2 Corinthians 12, 2-10 [Julia Pound]



Gee Seven!

*Have you heard the song with words by Tim Rice
written for Truro Cathedral choir [and as many as
possible other children from around the world] to sing
to the G7 leaders' conference in St Ives this month?*

*Video, words and music available on
www.sing2G7.org It's glorious.*

Can't reproduce words - copyright - but well worth reading!

VERYAN CHURCH - ANNUAL MEETING

We welcome two new members to our parochial church council - Linda and Alan, who will also attend Deanery Synod meetings: it will be particularly important to have representatives there during current discussions on the future of the Roseland parishes. And wonderful news, Alan has agreed to join David as churchwarden.

We are in dire need of a treasurer! We are grateful to Roger Kirkpatrick who has done sterling work with our accounts but who needs 'a bit more time for the day job'. He will of course be on hand to advise and train a new volunteer and all the electronic systems are already set up. Please contact Christine [501727] if you're interested. Four or five meetings a year...and managing the church accounts: not too onerous!

We're examining ways of opening our church for visitors - would we have to provide stewards, record names and contacts and introduce a one-way system as well as maintain all the necessary covid-related regulations including regular 'deep cleaning'? The regulations at the time of writing aren't clear; but we do miss our visitors many of whom visit the parish and church of their forebears. We await the next phase of government guidance...

There's still a vacancy on the PCC - if you'd like to play an active part in the care of our parish church do have a word with any of our congregation - we don't meet often but maintenance, security, heating, locking and unlocking, cleaning [including brass] and of course fund-raising, all need people and ideas to keep the church open and in use.

And we need ringers - if you'd like to learn contact Nicola or any of the PCC.

Services at our three churches continue on Sundays thanks to Fr Doug, but as yet with no singing: let's hope that we shall be allowed to 'make a joyful noise' later this month...

Bookworm

I first heard about the Camino Frances about 15 years ago when my then parish priest announced that he was taking a three-month sabbatical to contemplate and walk the 800 kms from St Jean Pied de Port in France over the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain staying at hostels along the way. I would watch David pass by my shop window as he practised the mileage carrying an ever-increasing backpack. Sadly, David broke his ankle on the second day of his pilgrimage and spent his three months contemplation in the vicarage.

I next heard about the Camino when Bishop Chris gave a talk about his experiences of walking the pilgrim route across Spain and my interest was piqued. As a lifelong couch-potato, I have confined my interest to reading books about the route, some better than others.

The one I recommend is **The Way, My Way** by **Bill Bennett** an Australian film producer. This is an amusing book written in the style of Bill Bryson. In the opening chapter Bennett describes looking longingly at an abandoned wheelchair whilst limping through Biarritz airport, his arthritic knees giving him pain. Bennett is a people watcher and observes the way pilgrims interact with each other along the Way. He confesses to having no religious beliefs but depends on his 'PGS' (a Personal Guidance System similar to a car's GPS) to guide his choices intuitively about how far to walk each day and where to stop overnight. His belief that we all have a PGS, I believe is very spiritual as we all have the ability to follow our instinct or, coincidences if we choose to. Many theologians believe that there are no such things as coincidences and that they are all guidance from above.

Linda

TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 17.05	2 18.03	3 6.43	4 7.52	5 9.00
6 9.55	7 10.42	8 11.23	9 12.01	10 12.36	11 13.09	12 13.40
13 14.11	14 14.45	15 15.25	16 16.08	17 17.03	18 18.10	19 6.52
20 8.01	21 9.07	22 10.11	23 11.11	24 12.08	25 13.02	26 13.51
27 14.37	28 15.20	29 16.02	30 16.48			

New moon 10th, full moon 24th

Keeping a record...

A few of us have been trying to sort [and weed!] the numerous files of papers in Veryan's vestry filing cabinet. Fortunately there are standard 'record management' regulations for church records about what to keep permanently and what can be disposed of after a number of years, and there has been a bonfire or two... However, a few items of real interest have emerged, not least two early inventories of 'furnishings and fittings' for 1927 and 1951. [for inspection by the then archdeacon] and as we were also checking the current inventory, we were intrigued to compare the three versions. Many of the items in current use have been in the church for years, others not so long as we had assumed. Some entries were unintentionally entertaining, others provided new information. For example, in 1927 the early registers of christenings, marriages and burials [now safely stored in the Corn-wall Record Office] were kept in a safe in the vicarage study and the church silver in a cupboard in the [unlocked] vestry. Clearly this was not acceptable: in 1928 a safe was provided.

The brass ewer used at baptisms was noted in 1927 as 'Leaks'; it was eventually repaired in 1974. A flag, originally listed as 'of St George' was subsequently altered to 'Union Jack' [now no longer in existence!] The offertory bags which we would normally use on Sundays were already in use in 1927; the four sets of seasonal vestments were obtained in 1930 by the Rev'd Gerwyn Rhys.

The 1951 record is more informative and was significantly updated by Canon Geach who also added the hallmarks and inscriptions for all the church silver. He also acquired a new 'safe' safe.

The Lady Chapel was fully restored by Mrs Tribe. [Barn Cottage] in 1935 'with a granite altar, parclose screen, oak reredos, altar rails, full ornaments and flower stands.' The Prie Dieu [kneeling stools] which we had assumed were part of this refurbishment were added in 1951.

The Christmas crib figures [always known to locals as 'the images'] were acquired in 1950; Canon Geach added a note querying when the Easter Garden figures were included.

[We have discovered from Dorothy Ball, who has a wonderful memory, that they were purchased from SPCK in Truro in 1956 after she and her sister visited St Ewe church and saw the Easter Garden there.



They said 'we can do that!' and persuaded the then vicar, Rev'd Edmund Lee Dodds, to arrange the purchase!]

Other files provide information about the water supply: a legal agreement between the trustees of the Homeyard Homes and the PCC in 1956 allows the church to use 'whatever water is needed for church and churchyard' in return for an annual rent of a shilling payable on 9 March; it could be cut off if payment was not made [has it been??]

And there's an intriguing series of mock-formal letters dated 1993 between Canon Geach and Michael Trinick of the National Trust [they were actually good friends] where the Trust, as the now owners of Gwendra, agreed to pay £300 as arrears [it was calculated at £5.40 a year] towards the upkeep of Richard Thomas' tomb [an annual sum of money - £5-8s - to be paid by the owner of Gwendra was specified in his will made in 1804.]

More recently, and frighteningly relevant, is a letter dated 2002 from Emergency Planning at County Hall requiring an assessment of the number of vacant and therefore available grave spaces 'because of the anticipated 'human 'flu pandemic'.

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What would you do?

Mediaeval churches were full of colour and imagery - wall paintings, stained glass, images of Christ, his Mother Mary and saints, carved screens and bench ends, many of which were removed or defaced as 'idolatry' during the Reformation of the 16th century and the Civil War of the 17th. Those that have survived have been carefully preserved, restored and cherished as part of our churches' history and heritage., reminding us of the past, however different from today.

Now we are being told to remove, amend or 'explain in context' any memorial or headstone which refers however indirectly to colonialism or slavery: presumably including the one in our church at Veryan which mentions the defeat of the French in the fight for Canada or those which are memorials to men who worked for the East India Company or commanded the Bengal army.

I regard these as documentary records and as I would never destroy or 'amend' historical evidence written on paper or parchment neither would I presume to alter or remove a monument...

Answers to last month's quiz

1. At low tide you can see the remains of the 'Dundela' at Straythe; she went ashore in the Great Blizzard [9 March 1891] with a cargo of fruit
2. Lime, used for mortar and manure, was burnt in kilns at Portloe, West Portholland and Pendower
3. King [or Saint] Gereint, patron of Gerrans, buried with the golden boat and silver oars in which his body was supposed to have been rowed across the bay from Dingerein [an excavation in the 1850s produced only bones, ashes and fragments of pottery urns]
4. Revd Jeremiah Trist. Vicar of Veryan and local landowner; the two at the top of the Green and the two at the top of Tollyfrank Hill were described by him as the 'eastern and western lodge cottages'. [the property between the two sites was mostly either glebe or in his possession]
5. Robin Long was a local smuggler, and was supposed to have been hanged at the junction of the main Tregony-St Mawes road with the turning to Ruan immediately after you leave Bessy Beneath: the junction is [well, was] known as 'Robin Long'.
6. A coastguard station was established in Portloe in 1825 to deal with local smuggling
7. Serpentine can be found on the beach at Kiberick
8. The parish hall was built in 1926 as "a memorial to those who lost their lives in the Great War and as a thanksgiving for those who came home".
9. Trewartha, Portloe, Ebenezer, West Portlholland, East Portholland and the Bal
10. The battles of the Napoleonic War: Salamanca, Badajos, Pampelona, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Toulouse and Waterloo

What a useful little flower is the marigold or 'Marybud'

Traditionally it was used in wedding bouquets and love potions, and was a symbol of constancy in love.

Medicinally it was used to reduce fever, heal open wounds, repel the plague, and act as an instant cure for wasp stings.

Women used it as a colouring agent for their hair, in the making of butter and cheese; and as a poor substitute for saffron.

The petals make a colourful addition to salads along with the flowers of chives and wild garlic.



*Jekka McVicar** has a recipe for Marigold Buns - worth a try!*

Cream 4 oz each of butter and sugar, add 2 eggs and fold in 4 oz self raising flour and a teaspoonful of baking powder, fold in two tablespoons of marigold petals.

Turn mixture into paper bun cases, sprinkle each bun with a pinch of caster sugar and a few petals.

Bake at 160° [adjust for fan] for about 20 minutes. Makes 18

*"Jekka's Complete Herb Book"
1994*

Carol Hughes has been investigating Ruan's Churchwardens

Most people know who their local priest is but only a few will know who their churchwardens are. They are the backbone of your local church and the people who keep it going. Over the years I have visited lots of churches and most have a list of their incumbents, but I have yet to find a list of churchwardens, including in our own church, so I plan to put this right.

Each year churchwardens are elected at the Easter Vestry and the result recorded in the minutes, so this is where I will start. We still have the minute books for 1943 to 1960 and 1982 to present but have not been able to find where 1961 to 1981 are.

This is what I have found so far -

Rector's Warden

Miss Beatrice Best	16 th February 1943 to 9 th December 1943 (died)
Mrs A M Churchill	10 th February 1944 to 30 th January 1953
Mr John B Coad	30 th January 1953 to 30 th January 1956
Mr Thomas H Johns	30 th January 1956 to 3 rd February 1960
Mr Ralph Harvey-Jones	12 th October 1982 to 29 th April 1987
Mrs Joy Evans	29 th April 1987 to April 2013
Mrs Pat Farr	April 2013 to October 2020
Mr David Hughes	October 2020 to present

Peoples' Warden

Mr John B Coad	16 th February 1943 to 12 th February 1951
Mr Victor Wasley	12 th February 1951 to 30 th January 1953
Mr Wallis	30 th January 1953 to 30 th January 1956
Mr John B Coad	30 th January 1956 to 3 rd February 1960
Mrs Jean Wasley	12 th October 1982 to 22 nd April 1985
Mr George Miners	22 nd April 1985 to 17 th April 1990
Mrs Jean Wasley	17 th April 1990 to 13 th April 1993
Mr William Critchley	13 th April 1993 to 14 th April 2000
Mrs Kate Carter	14 th April 2000 to 16 th May 2002
Mrs Pat Farr	April 2005 to April 2013
Mr David Hughes	April 2013 to October 2020
Mrs Caroline Martyn	October 2020 to present

Other churchwardens mentioned in various documents are -

1641 William Crocker and Richard Trestean
1679 John Crocker and Thomas Doble
1727 Stephen Doble and James Blamey
1743 John and Stephen Doble (sundial)
1900 Dobell and Bodilly
1915 Mr George Wasley
1926 to 1928 Mr James Coffey - Peoples'
1927 George Wasley – Rector's
1929 Mr Victor Wasley
1933 A news article refers to two women churchwardens but no names.

TWO POEMS FROM VERYAN SCHOOL

The school tells us " These children are in year 5 in Kiberick class They have been studying South American rainforests as part of their topic work - they have listened to music, read various texts and used their factual knowledge to influence their poems"

THIS POEM IS BY RORY BEETHAM

The jaguars swept ~~there~~ ^{rough} the long way
green grass.
behind him was his mates, panting for
the Kill.
The jaguars was scurred, bleeding and
tired.
he proiks into the cave and lay down
onko a dry cluster of leaves.

THIS ONE IS BY BONNIE TULLETT

The Sounds in the Rainforest so ^{magical} ~~magical~~ you will see.
The Rain is as loud and as ^{scared} ~~scared~~ as the prey.
The Call of the perfect parrot will never go away in the
Shing Sun of day.
The ~~skreech~~ ^{screech} of the Monkey he is greedy some say...
Theounding paws of the golden tiger running to catch
his prey.
The dacing ~~sway~~ ^{dancing} of the grass waltzing in the moon light
The Sarnel of the Snake hissing and spitting slivering
away.
The poisin frog always wondering if you are awake

AND AN APPEAL FROM THE SCHOOL

Veryan School is a small school with a passion for books and reading. We strive to develop our children's lifelong love of reading, but, as a small school we need all the financial support we can get! National Book Tokens have a link below to nominate our school. The more nominations our school receives the more chance we have of winning and making our library amazing!

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

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