

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

**The parishes of VERYAN and  
RUAN LANIORNE**

**Priest-in-Charge:**  
Vacancy

**VERYAN  
(St Symphorian) Parish Church  
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**(All Saints) United Church  
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**Hon. Treasurer**

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**RUAN LANIORNE**

**(St Rumon) Parish Church  
Churchwardens**

Mr David Hughes  
Castle Towers  
Ruan Laniorne  
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Mrs Caroline Martin  
[501697]

**Hon. Secretary**

Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

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**Church services in our benefice in July**

**Sunday 4 July Trinity 5**

9.30 am Holy Communion Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan

**Sunday 11 July Trinity 6**

10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan

**Sunday 18 July Trinity 7**

9.30 am Matins Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan

**Sunday 25 July St James the Apostle**

9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe  
11 am Service of the Word Veryan

**Sunday 1 August Trinity 9**

9.30 am Holy Communion Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe

**Readings for July**

**Sunday 4 July Trinity 5**

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

**Sunday 11 July Trinity 6**

2 Samuel 6, 1-5 & 12b-19 *Margaret Cortis*  
Ephesians 1, 3-14 *Sue Jeremy*

**Sunday 18 July Trinity 7**

2 Samuel 7, 1-14A *Blair Jobson*  
Ephesians 2, 11-22 *David Elliott*

**Sunday 25 July St James the Apostle**

Acts 11, 27-12.2

2 Corinthians 4, 7-15

*Brian and Valerie Willis*

**Sunday 1 August Trinity 9**

2 Samuel 11 26-12, 13a *Christine Edwards*  
Ephesians 4, 1-16 *Sue Truscott*

### Did you know?

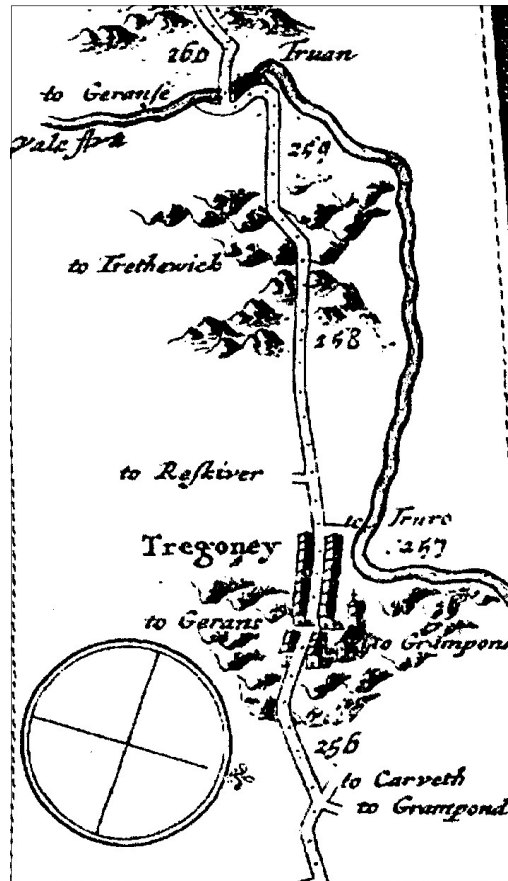
Looking at Ogilby's 1675 map, people will be surprised to learn, that the main road from London to Land's End went through Ruan Lanihorne.

The map clearly shows the road going over the bridge at Tregony, passed the turning for Reskivers and on to Ruan. From Ruan it continued to Trelonk, down the right of way to Trenestrall, through 'Phily' and then crossing the river where the King Harry Ferry is.

Is this why the road to Ruan is relatively wide compared to some of the other local ones?

Just imagine the traffic on the A30 going through the village! I for one, am glad that it is now off the beaten path.

Carol Hughes



### From the Registers

**Wedding at Veryan  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Eleanor Ruth Jackson Bush  
and Simon Paul Charles Reed

### Portloe United Church

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on  
Wednesdays

### St Rumon's Church

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on  
Sundays between 11.00 am and 5.00 p.m.

**May\_100 Club Draw  
Winners** Chris and Melinsey Davidson

**Membership Details from  
Sue Day 01872 501673**

### TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR JULY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 17.32	2 06.02	3 06.55
4 07.52	5 08.52	6 09.49	7 10.40	8 11.25	9 12.07	10 12.47
11 12.47	12 14.03	13 14.40	14 15.18	16 16.45	17 17.39	18 06.17
19 07.22	20 08.33	21 09.47	22 10.57	23 11.59	24 12.54	25 13.43
26 14.27	27 15.07	28 15.43	29 16.17	30 16.53	31 17.32	

Full moon 24th New moon 10th

### ***Meeting change***

Traditionally changes were not made during inter regna, vacancies, periods of transition. However, it is already more than eighteen months since Fr Philip Greenhalgh left. If the life of the people of God in this Benefice is to flourish, action needs to be taken now.

Whether we like it or not the times are changing. It seems clear that there will be fewer priests available throughout the Diocese. It is inevitable that there will need to be more involvement of lay people in worship as well as in other forms of ministry. Veryan PCC is encouraging everyone who would like to be involved.

There are many ways of being involved in worship, the most obvious is just being there! But for those who would like, (feel called), to be more involved what can you do?

Some people have defined roles, such as the responsibility of Churchwardens to lead Morning and Evening Prayer, (Mattins and Evensong), in the absence of a Priest, Reader or Worship Leader. But how can members of the congregation can be involved in the Eucharist, (Mass or Holy Communion)?

It is often assumed that a Priest must lead almost all of the Eucharist apart from, perhaps, the Intercessions. This is not the case. Only three things must be carried out by a Priest, (or Bishop). The Absolution, the Consecration of the elements, (The Eucharistic Prayer), and the Blessing. Lay people can, and should, be involved in the rest of the service.

The most obvious are the Intercessions, both by preparing them for someone else to voice as well as preparing and praying. In the past Noelle Hussain regularly led the Intercessions.

Before the restrictions of Covid 19 Sue Truscott assisted with the distribution of the Communion. There is no reason why a lay person should not distribute the wafers, (the Body of Christ), as well as the wine, (the Blood of Christ). Remember that in the Feeding of the Multitudes Jesus blessed the fish and loaves but the disciples distributed them.

Help, advice and training will be available if you would like to be more involved. But, importantly, no-one should feel pressurised into doing something.

If you would like to know more please speak to the Churchwardens or other members of the PCC.

*Father Doug*

### **Bookworm**

I had wanted to read this book for some time but hesitated in case it was blasphemous in any way. I think that it is fair to say that it is a book that will divide opinion.

The book is **Proof of Heaven** by **Dr Eben Alexander**, an eminent neurosurgeon in the US.

Dr Alexander suffered a sudden, extremely rare, life-threatening e-coli infection in his brain and was in a coma for a week, not expected to survive the vicious attack, or if he did would need lifelong care.

The surgeon had obviously heard of near-death experiences (NDE) in his patients but had only given them scant interest as he followed the science which indicated that they were caused by unusual electrical activity in the brain in cases of severe trauma.

I won't go into details as I recommend you read it for yourself, but this book is a fascinating read describing the events during his coma from his perspective and his eventual full recovery against all the odds and subsequently researching NDE in others. It is a real page turner.

I read this book expecting it to be hyperbole but instead found an amazing account of what truly could be heaven.

*Linda*

## Celebrating Toys!

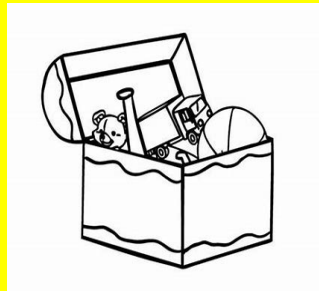
Veryan Church will be holding a Festival of Toys, old and new from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 11am -4pm, and will welcome your exhibit. All items will be catalogued, including any details or history you choose to give us.

Toys will have to be displayed at the owners' risk; however, they will be cordoned off and out of reach, and the church will be well stewarded. In addition to older, much loved toys we also invite children to submit their favourite toy.

Although children will not be allowed to touch the exhibits, we will have a small area supplied with some toys, crayons, books etc where children can touch things and play under supervision.

For an entry form and further information please email [shelaghkester76@gmail.com](mailto:shelaghkester76@gmail.com) or telephone 01872 501788. For security reasons no toys will be accepted on the day and a completed entry form has to have been received and logged. If you are able to help with stewarding please contact Pat Raine at: [r.grove123@btinternet.com](mailto:r.grove123@btinternet.com)

We really look forward to hearing about your teddy/doll's pram/ tea set/ Match Box toys/ Beano comics, and if you don't have anything to exhibit just come along and enjoy a trip down memory lane!



### ***Birthday!!***

***We have it on good authority that local stalwart Mr Gilbert Grigg celebrates a milestone birthday on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.***

***Wouldn't it be funny if every reader sent him a card. We could spend the day watching him open them all!***

***Send to Parc Vean, Veryan Green.TR2 5QD.***

### Veryan WI

The WI is unlikely to meet again formally until September at the earliest as further building work is planned in the Hall.

However, members have continued to keep in touch by email and some have also enjoyed monthly walks.

It is also hoped that as the weather improves we can meet up for a picnic tea now and again.

For further information please ring Mary Earp on 01872 501636.

### Veryan Players Want You Back

Members of Veryan Players recently got together to discuss how they can start up a new 2021/2022 season of plays and entertainments.

Whilst dates and details are still being worked out they soon hope to be able to advertise forthcoming events.

Veryan Players are eager to be able to entertain those who have supported us in the past and others who are yet to have the experience.

*Graham Webb*

### Roseland Quilters

It is hoped that The Quilters can start meeting in the annex to Portscatho Memorial Hall fortnightly from Tuesday 22nd June.

Meanwhile some very successful hand sewing sessions have been held in various members' gardens for the last few months.

We are still hoping to have a fundraising coffee morning for Cornwall Hospice Care but probably not until next spring.

For further information ring Mary Earp on 01872 501636.

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ELECTRIC LAWN MOWER  
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Free to a deserving home  
[but donation to Veryan church funds appreciated]  
  
Phone 501727***

### *“Historical Fiction”*

Is there – can there be – such a thing? You will say “What about Poldark?” That’s a story about imagined people set in an historical past; an historical novel, maybe.

When the earlier Poldark books were being written Winston Graham was a regular visitor to the Cornwall Record Office, seeking information about such aspects of life in 18<sup>th</sup> century Cornwall as the private banks, how mines were managed, cases heard at Quarter Sessions, details of a county election.

In 1976 I heard him give a superb talk on ‘The Craft of the Historical Novelist’ [published in 1977 in the Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall] where he said, memorably, that he would rather “read about two romantic and fictitious beaux crossing swords over a damsel in distress than, say, Louis XV uttering phrases invented in 1950”.

Many years later, after Winston Graham died, his family established a three-yearly prize awarded for ‘an outstanding work of historical fiction based in the south-west of Britain, published in the previous three years’. Last year I was asked to be one of the judges, with nine novels to read and assess. Archivists of course expect historical accuracy [there are plenty of documents to consult!] and I have generally been disappointed by the genre, apart, I have to say, from Hilary Mantel’s superb works on Thomas Cromwell where the diligence and accuracy of her research shines through the text.

Having struggled through several books of very unexceptional quality, the judges agreed a list of criteria: a good story, believable characters, historical accuracy in all aspects, dialogue that is ‘of its time’ and a certain amount of ‘real’ geographical information.

My goodness, we had some ‘howlers’! One author tried to invent the ‘home life’ of real participants in the Civil War of the 17<sup>th</sup> century; having read and catalogued many of the relevant documents I couldn’t reconcile what I knew with what I was reading.

Several writers made commendable attempts to use vocabulary and phrases appropriate to their chosen period; others sprinkled the pages liberally with conversation that sounded more 20<sup>th</sup>, if not 21<sup>st</sup>, century. Incongruities abounded: fabrics, food, furniture, flowers even, could all have been easily checked in reference books or dictionaries.

We did award the prize, to a cleverly crafted novel that moved between modern times and the late 19<sup>th</sup> century: it wasn’t ‘exceptional’ but it was clearly the best of the bunch.

I do hope that I haven’t put you off ‘historical fiction’ if that’s your favourite reading, and you may justifiably say “what does accuracy matter if it’s a good yarn?” - but I’m not sure that Winston Graham would agree!

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