



# *Parish Newsletter*

## *Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne*

### *November 2021*

The parishes of **VERYAN** and  
**RUAN LANIORNE**  
**Priest-in-Charge:**  
Vacancy

**VERYAN**  
**(St Symphorian) Parish Church**  
**Churchwardens**

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Boswague, Tregony [501230]  
&  
Vacancy

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**(All Saints) United Church**  
**Church Steward**

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**Hon. Secretary**  
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End Cottage, Portloe [501114]

**Hon. Treasurer**  
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**RUAN LANIORNE**  
**(St Rumon) Parish Church**  
**Churchwardens**

Mr David Hughes  
Castle Towers  
Ruan Laniorne  
[501855]

Mrs Caroline Martin  
[501697]

**Hon. Secretary**  
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

**Hon. Treasurer**  
Mrs Pat Farr [501599]

#### Church services in our benefice in November

##### Sunday 7 November 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent

9.30 am Holy Communion Ruan *Bishop Graham James*  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan *Bishop Graham James*

##### Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

10.50 am Remembrance Service Veryan

##### Sunday 21 November Christ the King

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

##### Sunday 28 November Advent

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

##### Sunday 5 December Advent 2

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

#### Readings for November

##### Sunday 7 November 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent

Jonah 3, 1-5 & 10 *Margaret Cortis*  
Hebrews 9, 24-28 *Sue Jeremy*

##### Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

Lamentations 3, 21-36 *Blair Jobson*  
Matthew 5, 1-12 *David Hughes*

##### Sunday 21 November Christ the King

Daniel 7, 9,10,13,14 *Christine Edwards*  
Revelation 1, 4b-8 *Sue Truscott*

##### Sunday 28 November Advent

Jeremiah 33, 14-16 *John Veness*  
Thessalonians 3, 9-13 *Julia Pound*

##### Sunday 5 December Advent 2

Baruch 5, 1-9 *David Elliott*  
Philippians 1, 3-11 *Linda Kerswill*

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

14th November

**BENEFICE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Veryan Parish Church**

**The service will begin in church at 10.50 am**

*All welcome*



**St Rumon's Church**

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Sundays between 11.00 am and 5.00 p.m.  
Wednesdays between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

**Portloe United Church**

The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays and services on Sundays

**Veryan Church Flowers**

**High Altar                      Porch**  
**6 November**  
Barbara Savile   Sue Truscott

**13 & 20 November**  
Jo Elliott   Jenny Elliott



**Bookworm**

This month's book is the Book of Joy. It is a 'fly on the wall' account of the latest meeting between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and is written by Jewish author Douglas Abrams. This certainly is an inter-faith collaboration.

This uplifting book gives the reader a true insight into these two great faith leaders who have been friends for many years but as they are both in their twilight years and have health problems this will be their last meeting. During their time together they celebrate Tutu's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, with cake.

What comes across in the book very clearly is their tremendous sense of fun and mischief where they are often trying to trick or outdo each other. However, there is also huge mutual respect, as men, faith leaders and their different beliefs. This is shown quite clearly when Tutu is celebrating Holy Communion and the Dalai Lama, who is forbidden to take alcohol, dips his finger in the blessed wine and touches it to his lips..... True respect.

*Linda*

**HOMEYARD HOMES – VACANCY**

The Homeyard Homes were opened in 1955 as a charitable trust to provide accommodation for 'deserving widows of Cornish seamen'. There is currently a vacancy and the trustees invite applications for the tenancy.

The Charity Commission requires the trustees to adhere as closely as possible to the original criteria for occupancy.

Information and application forms from Mrs Mary Symons, manager of the Homes, by telephone 01872 501306  
Email: [managerhomeyardhomes@gmail.com](mailto:managerhomeyardhomes@gmail.com)



**PARISHGIVINGSCHEME**

Many thanks to those members of Veryan's 100 club who have already changed their donations to the Parish Giving scheme. We have forms for those who would prefer to complete a paper application, but it is possible also to arrange for a donation using the Parish Giving website [home page: Parish Giving Scheme: Home]. You need only to enter the name of the parish [Veryan] and the system should produce 'our' page. You can donate monthly, yearly or any other arrangement, and any sum will be welcome.

## Veryan Players Present Last Tango and Lockdown in Little Grimley

Two years after our last production the Players are reopening with their Autumn production in November.

The Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society is on its knees in **Last Tango in Little Grimley** and only a radical production will give hope to the future of the dramatic society.

“There’s only one thing that sells tickets these days” argues the Chairman “Sex”

That was in March 2019.

In **Lockdown in Little Grimley (AC)** we move into the present day and the tentative awakening of the Dramatic Society after many months of inactivity. Will they be able to build upon their previous success or will the challenges of social distancing and audience inertia defeat their efforts to put on a play as a charitable event to raise money for the NHS.

We will be performing our production on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are on sale in Veryan and Portloe Village Stores, or 01872 501974 or email [tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk).

We look forward to seeing you there.

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### Earwig reports...

You may recall that last month I asked if there were any bell ringers lurking in the village that had not made themselves known to the gang at Veryan Church. Well Graham found one! Jane Pinkney had not rung since she was a teenager when she used to tag along to ringing with her parents. Now, Jane is beyond teenage years, but it turns out it is just like riding a bicycle. A skill once learned can be renewed and the muscle memory returns. Jane joined us about four weeks ago and after three half hour lessons is now ringing well with us on a Tuesday night practice and it will not be long until she is with us on a Sunday. It will be a delight to have all six bells ringing again. Also, a delight was this week’s practice in Veryan when 11 people turned up including ringers from Ladock, Gorran and St Stephen. It was a lovely evening with coffee and cake halfway through. The joy of the visiting bunch is that they are not judgmental (most of the time!) but do it as a hobby and for fun; knowing that we are all still learning and yes, the odd mistake is made, but that is what practice night is about.

I was not laughing this morning however when I discovered that either through sheer stupidity, or deliberately, somebody had left two sets of gates open on the public footpath through the farm. Another thoughtless person this week had parked in front of a gateway containing animals, denying access to the stock in an emergency.

This is the second time recently that gates have been left open or blocked. On the first occasion the cows escaped into Rundles Walk and munched on the WI Centenary tree and left deposits down the walkway and this morning the cows ended up on the road and we all know what

dire consequences that could have. All the farmers are now very actively watching, and could I ask that if you see a gate open with livestock in the field you shut it and let somebody know? At this time of year some gates are left open for tractors going backwards and forwards for ploughing or drilling but it is fairly obvious that grass fields are for grazing and the livestock may not always be visible. My sheep seem to prefer hiding in the hedges eating ivy.

Thank you to everyone who arranged flowers for our Harvest. The church looked superb and was very much appreciated. One of the contributors is pictured here. Miss Rita Cortis photographed in the porch with her friend. A country girl, Rita is clearly dressed for the occasion, perhaps emulating Mr Grigg.

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**VERYAN GARDEN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of this useful society was held in the neat and picturesque village of Veryan, on Friday last. It may be in the remembrance of some of the readers of the *Cornwall Gazette*, that two distinct sections of garden allotments, in Veryan, designated respectively "Australia," and "New Zealand", have been cultivated in a spirit of amicable rivalry for several years, with most beneficial results to the cottagers, whose plots (averaging twelve square perches each) are devoted to the rearing of the following useful vegetables: turnips, onions, leeks, carrots, and cabbages. The show, this season, was very good, notwithstanding the late unusually protracted period of fine dry weather. As usual there was a numerous gathering of respectably attired villagers, whose beaming countenances, animated conversation, and occasional bursts of merry laughter, eloquently betokened the happy and healthy interest which they took in the proceedings of the day. This feeling was especially manifested during the distribution of the prizes (five first, and five second) to each of the competing parties, as also on their being addressed by the worthy Vicar, and by the kind-hearted and benevolent Squire, whose exertions to promote the "industry" and "harmony" pointed at by the gay banner of the society, have been successfully persevered in for years by various instrumentalities, such as a "Friendly Society," a "Clothing Club," a "Lending Library," &c. Amongst other suitable remarks, some very seasonable and impressive references were made to the "Thanksgiving Sermon" for the late abundant harvest, preached in Veryan Church, on the preceding Sunday, at the request of a number of the parishioners. An animated and appropriate address was also delivered by a clergyman of the county, who takes a deep and practical interest in the village allotment system; after which the customary prizes of winter garments, consisting of the materials for a coat, waistcoat, and a pair of trousers, were drawn for in succession by each of the two parties, whose married men (not having obtained a prize last year) then drew lots for a warm flannel petticoat "for the wife."—Three cheers were then given for the visitors who had so kindly attended and assisted, after which a similar hearty greeting was mutually offered to each other both by the unsuccessful competitors this year, and, on the other hand by their more fortunate neighbours. The day was loyally concluded by singing a portion of the National Anthem, and a discharge from a small piece of ordnance stationed beneath the "Union Jack," whose familiar colours awaken in so many hearts, in so many climes, emotions of fervent gratitude and praise to that great and good Saviour-God on high, who has so signally raised up and blessed "old England," and has made her pre-eminently the beacon bearer of Christianity to the world. Oh may He grant her grace to apprehend more perfectly her high privileges, more meetly to act up to her solemn responsibilities.—*From a correspondent.*

This press report from the Royal Cornwall Gazette [date unknown] about the Veryan Allotments Society was recently posted on the Nostalgic Portloe and Veryan Facebook page and has been passed to us. We would not normally reprint anything without checking copyright but since this is already in the public domain It seems appropriate to reproduce it [with copyright reserved to the copyright owner] as the Parish Council is currently asking if any Parishioners would be interested in taking on an allotment. -

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## *Veryan Parish Council*

### **Allotments Veryan Parish**

Would you like to be growing your own flowers, fruit and vegetables? After the loss of the allotments in Veryan around 20 years or so ago Veryan Parish Council is seeking expressions of interest from those living in the Parish who may wish to rent an allotment. You may be an experienced, green-fingered grower or an enthusiastic 'new-bee' wanting to have a go 'growing-your-own'. If you wish to express an interest, please leave a contact message with your name and address on the Council website [veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk)

or contact the Parish Clerk Mary Symons on:  
01872 501306 or by  
email: [clerk@veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk)

If enough interest is shown the Parish Council will investigate and look to secure a suitable site for community allotments and keep you informed.

### **Veryan Watergardens**

You may have noticed something missing in the centre of the village over the last few weeks, one of the iconic bridges by the pond, erected as part of the parish Millennium Project in 2000, has been removed for inspection, and it was hoped repair. Unfortunately, the news is not good, the damage to the bridge is very significant. Plans and discussions are currently under way as to the future of this or another replacement bridge.

### **Veryan Parish Councillors**

Veryan parish council is pleased to let parishioners know that the council is now complete with the final vacancy being filled.

Your full parish council is:

Mr Graham Webb, Chairman  
Mr Luke Dunstone, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Sarah Carbis, Mrs Hannah Clark, Ms Helen Couch,  
Ms Michaela Darby, Mr Philip Garner, Mr John Leach  
Ms Victoria Ling, Mrs Jess Strongman, Mr Frank Trounce

## **ALLOTMENTS: HISTORICAL NOTE**

Allotments as we know them were a 19<sup>th</sup> century initiative, the result of a combination of factors: the Industrial Revolution, increasing population and a series of poor harvests between the 1750s and the 1850s. Landowners and clergy organised the provision of garden plots for tenants and parishioners so that they could grow vegetables and fruit to feed their families. 'Garden Shows' were organised to encourage 'good husbandry'. Veryan's first Garden Show was held in 1890.

Canon James Arthur Kempe, vicar of Veryan 1887-1915, had founded the parish Cottage Garden Society in that same year. possibly following Parliament's passing of the Allotments and Cottage Gardens Act of 1887, which obliged local authorities to provide allotments if there was a demand for them. [at that date, the church Vestry Meeting was the only 'local authority' in existence apart from County Councils, newly created in 1888].

Following the creation of Parish Councils in 1894 responsibility for local allotments passed to these new civil authorities, and the Allotments Act of 1908 reinforced earlier legislation.

*Recommended reading:* 'The Village Show' by Ursula Buchan, Pavilion Books Ltd, 1990 ISBN 1 85145 4357

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### **TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR NOVEMBER**

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 08.27	2 09.23	3 10.13	4 11.00	5 11.46	6 12.29	
7 13.11	8 13.52	9 14.35	10 15.25	11 16.30	12 17.55	13 06.28	
14 07.56	15 08.57	16 09.45	17 10.26	18 11.04	19 11.39	20 12.12	
21 12.42	22 13.08	23 13.32	24 14.01	25 14.36	26 15.24	27 16.35	
28 18.00	29 06.30	30 07.41					

**New moon  
4th  
Full moon  
19th**

### Veryan and District Autumn Show Memories

In last month's newsletter Christine asked readers to share their memories of the Autumn Show.

My earliest memory goes back to the mid 1970s when I was going to school in Wyke Regis as Dad was serving with the Royal Navy at Portland. On the Friday for our homework, we had to find an unusual fruit or vegetable and bring it into school on Monday. We were coming home to Veryan that weekend as it was Autumn Show on the Saturday, and I was concerned that we would not have time to go looking for fruit and vegetables.

However, whilst looking at the fruit and vegetable exhibits Dad noticed there were medlars which was something I had not seen before.



Fortunately for me he managed to buy them in the auction at the end of the show. I was so proud to go into school on Monday with the medlars and tell everyone that they had come from Veryan.

When Dad retired from the Navy, we returned to live in Veryan permanently and were able to fully take part in the show. Mum and Dad were welcomed on to the Committee and I was able to enter the Children's Classes and enjoy the rivalry with my classmates.

I have now been Treasurer of the show since 2000 and whilst show days can be stressful, they are also great fun. The Committee manages to put on the appearance of an elegant swan on the surface but we are paddling frantically under the water to make sure everything runs smoothly. It is only when Gilbert has stowed the final piece of staging safely back under the Parish Hall floor that we heave a collective sigh of relief.

Our chance to unwind is when the Committee go for Sunday Lunch at a local pub or restaurant. Once we have all finished lunch, Margaret regales not just us but usually a whole restaurant with tales of past shows, family holidays and selling houses on the Roseland!!

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*My memories are earlier than Yolande's, as I remember the Show when it was held in November, the day before Armistice Sunday [as it was in the 1940s and '50s]. We lived then at Tregavarras in Gorran but always came home to Gran's at Camels so Dad could ring before the service on the Sunday with the bells half-muffled [and setting end and fillet]. Because Auntie Olive next door [Gran's sister] and her husband Uncle 'Pa'm' [John Palmer Dowrick, known to all as 'Pa'm'] were on the Show committee I was expected to enter some of the children's classes; imagine searching the front garden by torchlight for moss and flowers [in November!] for the 'miniature garden on a dinnerplate' and then carrying it down to the then Legion Hall next morning. One year my mother had grown exceptionally good parsley and brought a bunch with her. Dad and I were asked to carry the parsley to the Hall. We walked of course; the schedule said, I think, six stems. We were given extra stems, but by the time we got to Pugs' Turnings Dad was looking anxious.. When we counted the stems there were only five. We retraced our steps, no sign of the missing stems so we gave up and came back to Gran's. Ma was not happy!. And there was the one time I got first prize for handwriting [no, you don't believe it and neither did anyone else] and the memorable day when I was awarded a coveted red first ticket for 'pencil drawing, children 10-12 years old' beating Tony Couch and my cousin Ivor, who otherwise always won all the art classes. And there was the time that Ivor's coconut pyramids triumphed over our cousin Pamela's... and her mother [Auntie Olive] said 'never ought to be allowed, a boy entering cookery classes!'*

*I could go on but there's more on the next page from the Show's esteemed Chairman...*

*PLEASE - let's have more memories of shows long ago and more recent...*

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## *More memories...*



Following the request in our last issue asking for memories of past Shows, I am proud to say that for over 25 years I acted as ‘temporary’ Secretary, until a ‘proper’ Secretary was found. I was recruited and placed under the watchful eye of Mr Geoff Stoneman the then Treasurer who, I might say, had the most amazing system for paying the prize money - I think he was the original inventor of the ‘spread sheet’, written by hand, entirely in Biro and quite impossible to understand.

My first Show was a real eye-opener. Arriving at the school with the rest of the committee on the Friday evening I wondered how on earth we could possibly display the vast number of entries with all the school desks *in situ*. Not a problem! I was amazed to see Gilbert arrive with a large screwdriver, remove the lock from the Canteen door and watch as the unwanted school equipment and desks were stored in the kitchen. A plan of the desks was written on the blackboard, overseen by a very young Chris Moss, sworn to secrecy of course, and at the end of the Show the Canteen lock was removed, the desks etc. replaced in the classrooms, the lock screwed on - job done!

I have such wonderful memories of the years which followed; the ‘Battle of the parsley’ stands out: however, we won’t dwell on that as it resulted in an exhibitor never darkening Veryan Autumn Show portals ever again. See me if you want more information.

Another traumatic event was the year when I inadvertently locked us all out of the school, discovering this just before the Opening. The Committee was assembled outside in the sunshine, smiling nervously, while the Opener gave his speech and the judges were introduced to the assembled village onlookers.

Meanwhile another member of the Committee was quietly removing a large pane of glass from a window at the rear to gain entry into the school to allow everyone to go inside to view the exhibits.

Well! Talk about sailing along smoothly whilst paddling like mad underneath; not my finest hour! Dear Bill Hocking was dispatched to Truro to find a replacement window pane and we were all able to breathe again.

Lots of memories come flooding back. I could fill the Magazine without doubt but I will leave you with two very special events. One year we had a class for Giant Sunflowers, and BOY, did we get some Giant Sunflowers. It was late Friday evening and the exhausted Committee members were ready to lock up the Hall and get some sleep before the Show when we noticed that the Giant Sunflowers were slowly toppling away from the wall where they had been secured. Our gallant Chairman Cyril was up a ladder in no time to fasten them up but as quickly as he got one to stand up another started to bend over and so it went on until hysteria set in and Cyril was at the end of his tether, so we all went home very quietly and decided to sort them out on the Saturday morning, discretion being the better part of valour.

Finally [*for now? Eds*] one fine Show morning the Committee and Judges were assembled in the Parish Hall having a cup of coffee while awaiting the arrival of the Vegetable Judge who was running rather late. I was standing at the door looking up the road in a state of panic, as usual, when I saw a gentleman with a briefcase walking down past the pond. I was so relieved and rushed out to greet him, shook him warmly by the hand and dragged him into the Hall. The poor bewildered man stared at the giant onions, 10-foot leeks, giant pumpkins and assembled people saying ‘I’m afraid you’ve made a mistake, I’m a Jehovah’s Witness’ and shot out of the door. Luckily the real Judge arrived and all went well, as it always did. Afterwards we all said that the poor Jehovah’s Witness must at least have been delighted to receive such a warm welcome for change.

I feel so very lucky to have enjoyed such happy times and, hopefully a few more to come. The Committee has now found a ‘proper’ Secretary and I have been elevated to the grand position of Chairman - how’s that for career progression after 25-odd years?

*Margaret Cortis, proud chairman of Veryan Autumn Show*

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