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“God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing”

— Billy Graham

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Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Laniorne

Sunday Service Times (see back page for more details)

VERYAN

EVERY SUNDAY 11.00 AM

RUAN LANIORNE

1ST SUNDAY

Holy Communion 9.50 AM

3RD SUNDAY

Matins 9.50 AM

PORTLOE

1ST - 3RD SUNDAY

Morning Worship 10.50 AM

4TH SUNDAY

Holy Communion 10.50 AM

Portloe's Timeless Tradition: The Blessing of the Sea

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Margaret Cortis Awarded BEM for Outstanding Charity Work

In a heartwarming ceremony held at Veryan Church on Sunday, June 2nd, Margaret Cortis was presented with the British Empire Medal (BEM) by Colonel Edward Bolitho, the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall. This prestigious award recognized her exceptional dedication to charity work spanning over several decades. Nearly 100 friends, family members, and local community members gathered to celebrate Margaret's remarkable achievements in both church and community service.

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Margaret with The Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho KCVO OBE



If we fail to feed the needy, we do not have God's love, no matter what we say. Regardless of what we do or say at Ham on a Sunday morn, affluent people who neglect the poor are not people of God.
- Ronald Sider



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A Life of Service and Dedication

Margaret Cortis' commitment to charity and community service is truly unparalleled. Her journey began with her longstanding role as the Parish Church Council (PCC) secretary at St Just in Roseland. She is currently an active member of Veryan's PCC, where she has been involved in multiple fundraising activities, including masterminding the summer fete several times. Despite her reluctance, she also participates in the flower arranging team, reads aloud from the Old and New Testaments during the 11 am service and carol service, and assists with the myriad duties of the sacristan.

Contributions to the Community

Margaret's contributions extend far beyond the church. She ran the local Cubs group for many years, organizing events that, while perhaps not meeting today's stringent Health and Safety requirements, were enjoyed by generations of youngsters.

For over three decades, Margaret served as the secretary of Veryan's Autumn Produce Show, eventually stepping up to the role of chairman. Her involvement continues before, during, and after the event, ensuring its success year after year.

Her creative talents shine through in her work with the St Mawes pantomime, which she has written and directed for years. Her persuasive skills have brought many new members into the fold, fostering a strong sense of community. Additionally, as a County Drama adjudicator, Margaret travels throughout Cornwall, often in challenging weather, to remote village halls to judge local drama productions.

Charitable Fundraising

Margaret's charitable efforts have significantly benefited Cornwall Hospice Care, for which she chairs the Roseland funding committee. She orchestrates fundraising lunches and 'open garden' days that raise thousands of pounds annually. Not one to limit her charitable endeavours, Margaret cheerfully participates in filling shoeboxes and providing provisions for food banks whenever there's a need.

Remarkable Achievements

At over 80 years old, Margaret still possesses the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment that would exhaust many much younger than herself. Despite her humorous admissions—she claims she can't arrange flowers, struggles with making quiches without "soggy bottoms," and often searches for her glasses—Margaret's impact on her community is profound. All of this is achieved while caring for and supporting her family, who recently welcomed a new baby.

The Award Ceremony

Margaret's dedication was celebrated in a beautiful ceremony at Veryan Church, a place close to her heart. Though she had attended the garden party at Buckingham Palace, the presentation there was marred by persistent rain—a stark contrast to the sunny day in Veryan.

The Sunday service was filled with joy and admiration as Colonel Edward Bolitho presented the BEM to Margaret. His touching speech highlighted her tireless efforts and the positive impact she has had on the community. The service was followed by refreshments, where attendees shared stories about how Margaret had touched their lives, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere. The cake, in particular, was a hit among the guests!

A Cherished Friend and Community Leader

Margaret Cortis is cherished as a friend by many throughout the Roseland area. Her commitment, determination, and modesty have earned her the admiration of all who know her. Although she hates all the fuss and attention, the national recognition through the BEM is well deserved. It is a testament to what her local community has always known—that Margaret is a truly remarkable woman.

Thank you, Margaret, for inspiring us all!!!



Portloe Blessing of the Sea, Monday after Pentecost, 2024

I was recently asked 'How long has the Blessing of the Sea in Portloe been happening?' I had to admit I was stumped. A reliable source said that it went back at least 70 years but when it started seems to be a mystery.

'Blessing of the Sea' or 'Blessing of the Boats' occurs in many fishing communities. A quick on-line search shows such ceremonies happening in diverse places including Lyme-Regis, Northern Ireland, Margate, Alderney, Bermuda, Greece, Canada and the USA. In some places the event occurs at the start of the fishing or lobster season. In others it seems to have been associated with a particular saint's day.

In the case of Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana the 'Blessing of the Fleet' is thought to have been a tradition brought by Roman Catholic immigrants from southern European countries following a tradition established in Italy in the 15th century.

In Portloe the ceremony is linked with Pentecost (Whit Sunday) and more recently the celebration of the anniversary of the Methodist and Anglican church members coming together as Portloe United Church; a good reason to have the wonderful feast afterwards, generously provided by Joyce and her team, and Trounce to entertain us with his tales.

In common with these other coastal communities there is a close relationship with the sea, and a deep-running awareness of the sea's changeability, dangers and bounty.

Down by Portloe harbour, next to the fishing boats, more than sixty assorted folk and a few resident gulls witnessed the cross cast onto the waters, symbolising the power of the risen Christ stretching out to bless the sea.

May we all travel safely, knowing the power of God, over the waters and in our lives.

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Armed Forces Day: Honouring Our Heroes

Armed Forces Day in the United Kingdom is a special occasion to show support for the men and women who make up the armed forces community, from currently serving troops to reserves and veterans.

When is Armed Forces Day 2024?

Armed Forces Day takes place annually on the last Saturday of June. In 2024, it falls on June 29th. The celebrations kick off the Monday before, with the raising of the Armed Forces Day flag on buildings and landmarks across the country. This date coincides with the anniversary of the first Victoria Cross award in 1857, a prestigious medal given for outstanding bravery.

Cornwall's Wartime Stories

The Battle for Hill 112 (Cornwall Hill) – July 10-12, 1944
The 5th Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (DCLI), a pre-war Territorial unit, saw its first action after landing in France on June 22, 1944. They fought continuously in fierce battles until Germany's surrender in May 1945. Hill 112, near Caen in Normandy, was a crucial strategic point, standing 112 meters (360 feet) above sea level. Despite reaching the summit, the DCLI faced a counter-attack from German Panzer tanks, leading to 19 hours of intense combat. Of the 400 men in the battalion, 234 were killed or wounded, but they succeeded in demolishing one of the German army's top tank divisions. A sergeant from Veryan suggested renaming the hill "Cornwall Hill," a name it retains to this day.

The Battle of Monte Cassino – May 1-18, 1944

The 2nd Battalion of the DCLI saw action in France and Belgium, participated in the Dunkirk evacuation, and later fought in North Africa and Italy. By September 1943, Italy had surrendered, and German forces had retreated to Monte Cassino. The 2nd Battalion joined Allied forces in a gruelling assault to secure a passage through the mountains. The capture of Monte Cassino resulted in 55,000 Allied casualties, including Harold Leach of Portloe, a 22-year-old husband and father.

The D-Day Landings – June 4-6, 1944

On June 6, thousands of British and Allied soldiers landed on Normandy's beaches in northern France. Around 27,000 American soldiers had trained in the parishes around the Fal Estuary, including Tolverne in Philleigh and Turnaware in St Just in Roseland. Commemorative plaques have been installed in these locations to honour their contributions.

Join Us for a Special Service



A Distant Grave

A distant grave, a foreign land
Kept neatly, with respect
Though not at all what they'd have planned
Yet what they did accept.

These youthful lads were wrenched from home –
No one of them was old –
Joined thousands of their fellow men
Fought up a beach, named 'Gold'.

And some survived, though many died
Some fought their way through France
And, though quite likely terrified
To Holland they advanced.

Then 'Market Garden' – a quaint name <
For brutal deeds of war;
But no-one heard those troops complain
In darkest forty-four.

And yet more soldiers met their fate
Heir lives cut short too soon;
As shells fell close, to detonate
In war's demonic tune.

And so they lay, so far from home
So far from kith and kin.
But they, with fallen comrades showed
The way to fight and win.

By Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump).



We will mark Armed Forces Weekend with a special service on **Sunday, June 30th, at 11 am**. Join us as we honour and remember the courageous men and women who serve and have served our country.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS IN JUNE

Resurgam Concert
June 8th @7pm
Veryan Church

Choral Evensong in memory of Nigel Hewett
June 9th @ 6pm
Gerrans Church
Roseland Churches' Choir are organising a Choral Evensong at Gerrans Church. The music will be what we all remember as his favourites.

Rob Barrett Philliegh Folk
June 13th @ 7.30pm
Bohella Bar, St Mawes

Flower Festival
14th , 15th & 16th June 2024
10:30am -4:30pm
St Michael Caerhays

Mike & Barbara, Folk evening
June 21st @ tbc
Veryan Church

EVENTS BEYOND

St Symphorian Church Fete
July 20th
Veryan Parish Hall & Old School Gardens

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers for the day to help "man a stall". We will be collecting bric a brac and good quality clothing from mid-june

Veryan and District Autumn Show
September 21st
Veryan Parish Hall & Veryan School

Schedules for the show will be available in June. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call, Ros Hocking on 01872 501538 or email ros.hocking@googlemail.com.

RESURGAM
CONCERT
OF SACRED MUSIC

MUSICAL DIRECTOR SAM CHICHESTER-CLARK
(Choral Scholar Truro Cathedral)


SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

ST SYMPHORIAN CHURCH
VERYAN, TRURO TR2 5QB

7PM

Free Entrance with Retiring Collection in aid of the Church and Choir

CHORAL EVENSONG
In Memory of
Nigel Conway Hewett
With the Roseland Churches' Choir



ST GERRANS CHURCH
Sunday, 9th June
at
6.00 pm

Philleigh Folk
& friends



Rob Barrett
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Thurs 13th June @ 7.30pm
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14th, 15th & 16th June 2024
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"Cornish Industry Today"

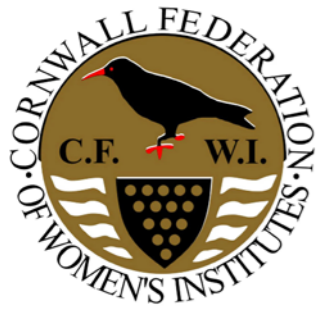


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What's gone on?

A summary of what's been going on in the village and surrounding areas



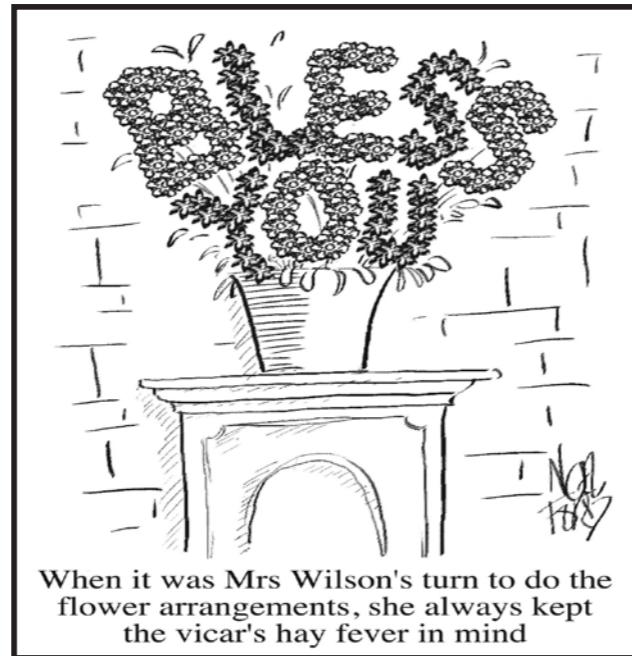
Veryan W.I. members had a great meeting in May. We learnt a new skill and created 2 art works! The subject for our meeting was a Cyanotype Workshop. From the programme not many of us knew what to expect. We were told to bring an apron as it could be a bit messy and that was all we knew. Jools from the Make It Better CIC was the Speaker and she had soon taught us what to do and how to do it – that is, create a lovely picture on light sensitive paper using objects placed on the paper and then placed in a light box for a few minutes. We all managed to make 2 or 3 pictures from the dried leaves and flowers, fabric pieces or the other things Jools had bought for us to use. Great fun!

Our programme organiser has made some small posters listing our subjects at meetings each month for the coming year. These will be put up in the Village and around the area, and we hope you will look at them and see we are not 'Jam and Jerusalem', but have some very interesting talks each month. You are very welcome to come along and join us if you would like to.

In June we are having our usual meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, which will begin with one of our members, a retired Dentist, will talk about Dental Health Matters, so that we can better understand the issues involved with the National W.I. resolution this year, which is on the need for more dental care to be provided nationally. We will then have an introduction to using polymer clay for making a small brooch. We are then going to have another meeting later in the month, when we are joining with St. Just in Roseland W.I. for a talk on birds and bird watching, to be held at Towan.

A scarecrow competition was held in Veryan during May, when the W.I. scarecrow, 'Boudicca', won first prize. If you would like more information about Veryan W.I. please feel free to contact our Joint President, Mary Earp, on 01872 501636 who will be happy to help you.

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Can You Believe It? The Yurt is Up!

The sun was shining brightly as a team of dedicated parents and friends gathered at the school field to tackle an ambitious project — putting up the yurt. What was initially described as a one-day job for two people turned into a three-day endeavour requiring the hands of at least five individuals. But the result is better than anyone could have imagined, and it stands as a testament to the power of community spirit.



Ready for the Summer Term

With the yurt now standing proudly on the school field, the students returned after half-term with renewed enthusiasm. The yurt provides a unique space for learning and activities, adding an extra layer of excitement to the summer term.

Exciting Activities Ahead

This term promises to be filled with engaging activities and memorable experiences. Here are some highlights:

Year 6 Residential to Devon: Our Year 6 students are gearing up for their much-anticipated residential trip to Devon. This adventure will offer them the opportunity to build teamwork skills, develop independence, and create lifelong memories.

Sailing Lessons: Sailing lessons at Percuil Sailing Club continue to be a highlight for our Years 3, 4 and 5 students. Under expert guidance, they are learning not just the skills of sailing but also the values of perseverance and resilience.

Summer Play - Alice in Wonderland: Our annual summer play is just around the corner, and this year's production is the classic "Alice in Wonderland." Students are already busy rehearsing, and we can't wait to see their hard work come to life on stage.

Transition Days: Transition days are crucial for preparing students for the upcoming academic year. They provide a smooth transition for students moving into new classes or schools, ensuring they feel confident and prepared for September.

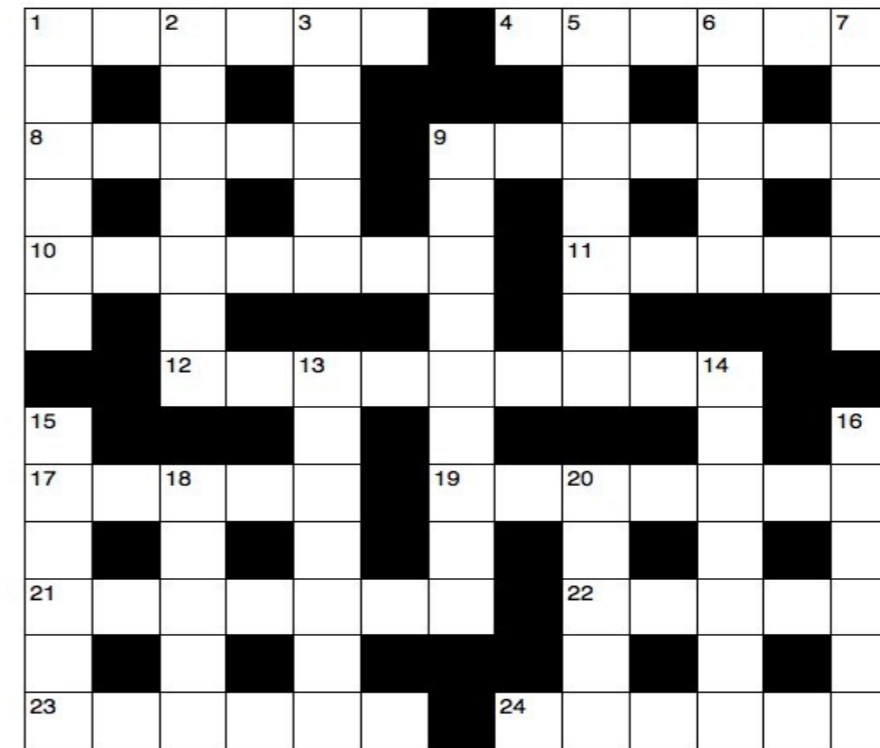
Looking Forward

As we move forward, the yurt and the array of planned activities symbolize the vibrant, supportive, and ambitious spirit of our school team. We are excited and geared up for the summer term, ready to embrace the countless opportunities it will bring.

Here's to a fantastic summer term filled with growth, learning, and joy!



Let's take a pause...



Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)



Holy Days for this month

Let's take a look at some significant days and why they are special

4TH JUNE: ST PETROC
- *the founder of Padstow*

If you would like to be in Cornwall this summer in search of peace and quiet, Petroc is the saint for you. Especially if you used to find Padstow a bit too crowded for your liking! He would have sympathised.

This 6th century abbot is Cornwall's most famous saint. Petroc set sail from South Wales, landed at Haylemouth, and founded a monastery at Lanwethinoc – now called Padstow, after him (Petroc's Stow).

Padstow must have been popular even in those days, because about 30 years later Petroc, in search of some peace and quiet, moved on to build another monastery at Little Petherick (Nanceventon). Here he must have decided to try some 6th century equivalent of 'Fresh Expressions', because he engaged with his local community by building a mill and a chapel.

In time, Petroc began feeling crowded again. So he tramped off to the remote wilds of Bodmin Moor, where he lived as a hermit – until some 12 monks turned up to join him. Firmly, Petroc kept them all housed in a monastery on a hilltop, while he enjoyed his private space in a cell by the river.

But even here Petroc was not alone. One day a terrified stag came rushing through the woods, pursued by the hunt. Petroc flung open the door of his cell, and the panting animal took refuge. When the huntsmen arrived on the scene, they did not dare to argue with the famous holy man, and went their way. The stag's gratitude made him tame, and Petroc would come to be portrayed with a stag as his special emblem.

Petroc was buried in the monastery in Padstow but in c.1000 his shrine and relics, including his staff and bell, were translated to Bodmin. Here they have stayed ever since, except for a short, unplanned trip to Brittany in 1177, when they were stolen and carted off by a naughty Canon of the Church. Henry II intervened, and everything but a rib of Petroc was eventually returned.

16TH JUNE:
RICHARD OF CHICHESTER
- *Wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly*

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3rd April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

25TH JUNE: MAXIMUS OF TURIN
- *first Bishop of Turin*

When many of us think of a 'Maximus', we remember the popular film *Gladiator* and Russell Crowe starring as a Roman general who ends up as a slave successfully defying the Emperor.

But Maximus of Turin, the first Bishop of Turin, also led a tumultuous life in fighting evil.

He had seen violence and suffering when in 397 he witnessed the martyrdom of Sisinnius, Martyrius and Alexander, three missionary bishops in Italy.

The following year, 398, great trouble came to Northern Italy when it was swept by barbarian incursions. Turin soon filled up with soldiers and refugees seeking safety. Maximus challenged the wealthy landowners of the city to use their fine estates and houses to help relieve the suffering of those in need. He also told them not to seek profit from the unrest, but instead to use their wealth to redeem prisoners of war.

All in all, Maximus of Turin risked his own life to act as guardian of the city. One historian has recorded that he "governed his flock wisely and successfully" during those terrible days of invasion, widespread panic and death.

Remarkably, more than 100 of Maximus' sermons still survive. They reveal him to have been a passionate evangelist, standing up to rural paganism, and stressing the importance of Christians knowing their faith. His writings and sermons did much to help the spread and consolidation of Christianity in Northern Italy.

Maximus of Turin even has a link with us: he is thought to have consecrated St Patrick as Bishop, on Patrick's return journey from Rome to Ireland.

29TH JUNE: FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL, THE TWO MOST FAMOUS APOSTLES

- *The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.*

St Peter, 'the Rock'

St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

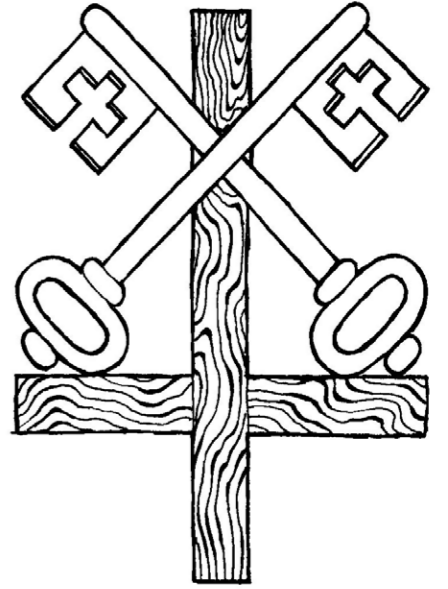
Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.



My experience is that Christianity dispels more mystery than it involves. With Christianity it is twilight in the world; without it, night. – *Madame Swetchine*

What life have you if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community, And no community not lived in praise of God. – *Margaret Thatcher*

29TH JUNE

St Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.

It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

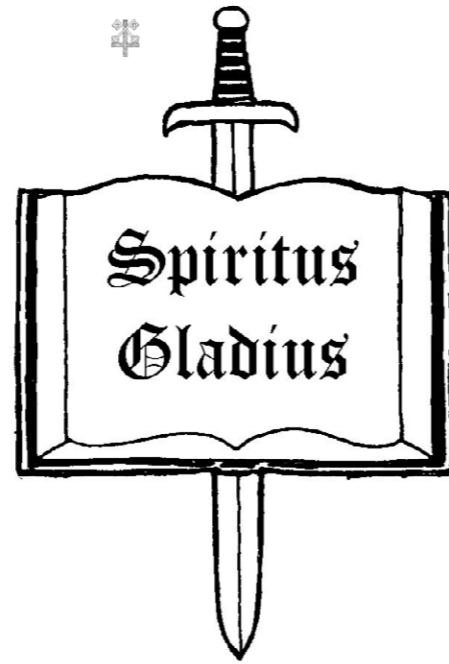
After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly, both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the early 3rd century.



A prayer for June

Dear Lord,

Here we are in June. Halfway through this year already! How the years fly by and often we are so busy, so taken up with everyday concerns that we forget to take time to be still; to consciously be in your presence; to be aware of the wonders of your world.

June is such a beautiful month, so we take this moment, Lord – and we thank you for your goodness to us and your provision for us. Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus who is the only way to you, who is your truth and who offers us eternal life, if we will turn away from our self-centredness and put our trust in Him.

For June and for Jesus, Lord, we praise you and we glorify you. And we move into the rest of the year in hope and trust.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

✝ *For the families who have loved ones serving overseas in our armed forces*

✝ *All those who are suffering from a lack of food.*

✝ *For those who have lost loved ones who were serving in the armed forces*

✝ *For those who work and service of all care homes and day centres for elderly and sick people, and for those carers who look after family and friends in their own home.*

✝ *For those who work for peace and unity*

✝ *All those now living in a strange country due to war.*

✝ *For those who are sick, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear*

*From the registers
3-5-2024
Funeral and Interment
Peter Brian Tregunna*

When you go to church you should actively seek something. You must not go like an empty basket, waiting passively to be filled. – Roger William Riis

Answers

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ACROSS: 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

17 MON	01:57 H: 4.13m	08:37 L: 1.65m	14:43 H: 4.11m	21:02 L: 1.69m	☾ 05:09 ☽ 21:32	○
18 TUE	02:59 H: 4.23m	09:33 L: 1.49m	15:36 H: 4.30m	21:57 L: 1.50m	☾ 05:09 ☽ 21:33	○
19 WED	03:53 H: 4.37m	10:23 L: 1.32m	16:22 H: 4.48m	22:47 L: 1.31m	☾ 05:09 ☽ 21:33	○
20 THU	04:41 H: 4.51m	11:11 L: 1.16m	17:04 H: 4.65m	23:34 L: 1.12m	☾ 05:09 ☽ 21:33	○
21 FRI	05:26 H: 4.62m	11:56 L: 1.02m	17:45 H: 4.80m		☾ 05:10 ☽ 21:34	○
22 SAT	00:20 L: 0.97m	06:10 H: 4.70m	12:41 L: 0.93m	18:27 H: 4.91m	☾ 05:10 ☽ 21:34	○
23 SUN	01:05 L: 0.85m	06:56 H: 4.74m	13:25 L: 0.86m	19:11 H: 4.99m	☾ 05:10 ☽ 21:34	○
24 MON	01:50 L: 0.77m	07:41 H: 4.75m	14:09 L: 0.83m	19:55 H: 5.04m	☾ 05:11 ☽ 21:34	○
25 TUE	02:35 L: 0.73m	08:26 H: 4.72m	14:53 L: 0.85m	20:41 H: 5.03m	☾ 05:11 ☽ 21:34	○
26 WED	03:20 L: 0.75m	09:12 H: 4.66m	15:38 L: 0.91m	21:28 H: 4.97m	☾ 05:11 ☽ 21:34	○
27 THU	04:08 L: 0.82m	10:01 H: 4.57m	16:26 L: 1.00m	22:19 H: 4.87m	☾ 05:12 ☽ 21:34	○
28 FRI	04:59 L: 0.93m	10:54 H: 4.46m	17:19 L: 1.12m	23:15 H: 4.73m	☾ 05:13 ☽ 21:34	○
29 SAT	05:53 L: 1.05m	11:53 H: 4.36m	18:16 L: 1.23m		☾ 05:13 ☽ 21:34	○
30 SUN	00:15 H: 4.59m	06:52 L: 1.17m	12:56 H: 4.31m	19:18 L: 1.31m	☾ 05:14 ☽ 21:33	○

Please Note: Times are adjust for BST where appplicable.

Services & Parish information

Readings & Services for Veryan

Date /(Sunday number)	Time	Feast / Festival	Service	Clergy / Leader	Readings	Reader
9th June	11:00	Trinity 3	Eucharist	Rev. Douglas Wren	1 Samuel 8.4-11[12-15] 16-20 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1	Blair Margaret
16 June 2024	11:00	Trinity 4	Eucharist	Jill Edwards	1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, [11-13]	Chris Sue T
23rd June	11:00	Trinity 5	Service of the word	D Hughes	1 Samuel 17.[11a.4-11.19-23]32 2 Corinthians 6.1-13	Julia John
30th June	11:00	Trinity 6 Armed Forces Service	Eucharist	Rev. Martyn Pincock	2 Samuel 1.1,17-27 2 Corinthians 8.7-15	Blair Margaret
02 June 2024	11:00	Trinity 7	Eucharist	Fr Doug	1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20] 2 Corinthians 4.5-12	Joyce Blair
7th July		No Service				
14th July	11:00	Trinity 9	Eucharist	Rev. Martyn Pincock	2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19 Ephesians 1.3-14	Blair Margaret
21st July	11:00	Trinity 10	Eucharist	Bishop Graham	2 Samuel 7.1-14a Ephesians 2.11-22	Chris Sue T

Services for Ruan Laniorne & Portloe

Date /(Sunday number)	Feast / Festival	Ruan Laniorne	Service	Time	Portloe	Service	Time
9th June	Trinity 3					Morning Worship	10.30am
16th June	Trinity 4	David Hughes	Matins	9.30am		Morning Worship	10.30am
23rd June	Trinity 5				Fr Doug Robbins	Holy Communion	10.30am
30th June	Trinity 6					Morning Worship	10.30am
02nd June	Trinity 7					Morning Worship	10.30am
7th July	Trinity 8					Morning Worship	10.30am
14th July	Trinity 9					Morning Worship	10.30am
21st July	Trinity 10	David Hughes	Matins	9.30am		Morning Worship	10.30am

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