

THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF CORNWALL

THE PARISH OF LAMORRAN



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Numerous plaques, burial ground headstones, foundation stones and formal monuments record the lives or actions of both the famous and successful as well as the ordinary person. By far the most numerous of these will be found in burial grounds, others will be located on War Memorials; inscriptions are inevitably inscribed on foundation stones of public buildings; special plaques may be erected to record an heroic or notable event or birth place; there are prominent monuments to the rich or extraordinary such as the Bassett Monument on Carn Brea or the Lander statue at the top of Lemon Street in Truro; churches and chapels as well as community buildings often have wall plaques. The majority will date from the past three hundred years but some will be very old, such as a few ancient crosses from the seventh/eight centuries recording a chieftain or important person of that time.

Written records such as parish baptism, marriage and death registers, diaries, deeds, court, taxes and voting records and numerous other “paper” records are, in varying degrees of efficiency, preserved and recorded by the County Records Office and museums and transcribed, indexed and published by local historians and societies. However, numerous records of the people of Cornwall may also be found on stone, slate, marble, wood and metal. Some of these (particularly in burial grounds) have been recorded but usually in index form without a full transcript. Maps indicating locations within a burial ground are virtually nonexistent. There are several reasons why many monuments have been destroyed or can no longer be read. The reuse of burial grounds, general tidying up and maintenance or lack of careful maintenance, the closure of hundreds of places of worship are just some types of accidental vandalism. Natural deterioration caused by wind and rain (especially acid rain), the effects of ice and the encroachment of vegetation are all contributing to a continuing loss.

CIP are surveying all Cornish memorials and creating an archive and database together with photographic records. The survey is being conducted parish by parish and there are 255 modern Cornish parishes within the Diocese of Truro. Various regions in the world to which the Cornish migrated are also being surveyed and Expatriate Registers are also being produced. One means of disseminating the results of the survey is through a series of booklets based upon parishes and this booklet is part of that series.

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Every care has been taken to ensure the transcriptions are accurate. Many memorials are worn, partly buried or broken and therefore no responsibility can be accepted for any errors.

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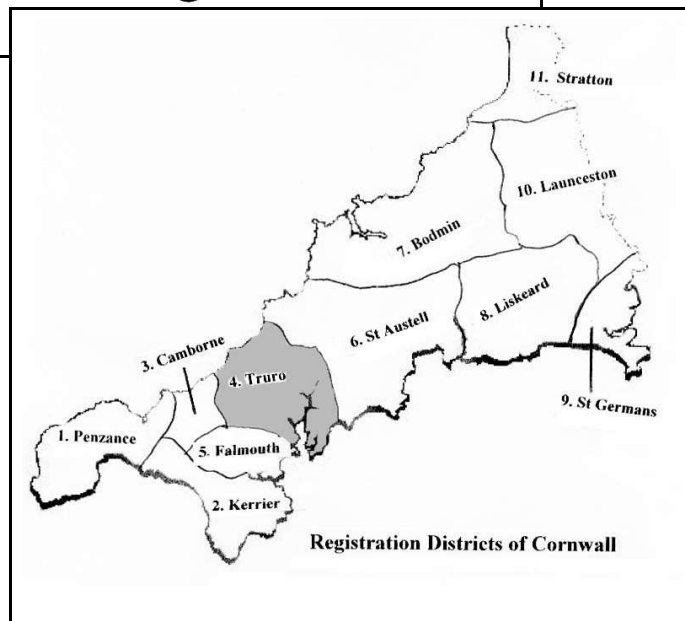
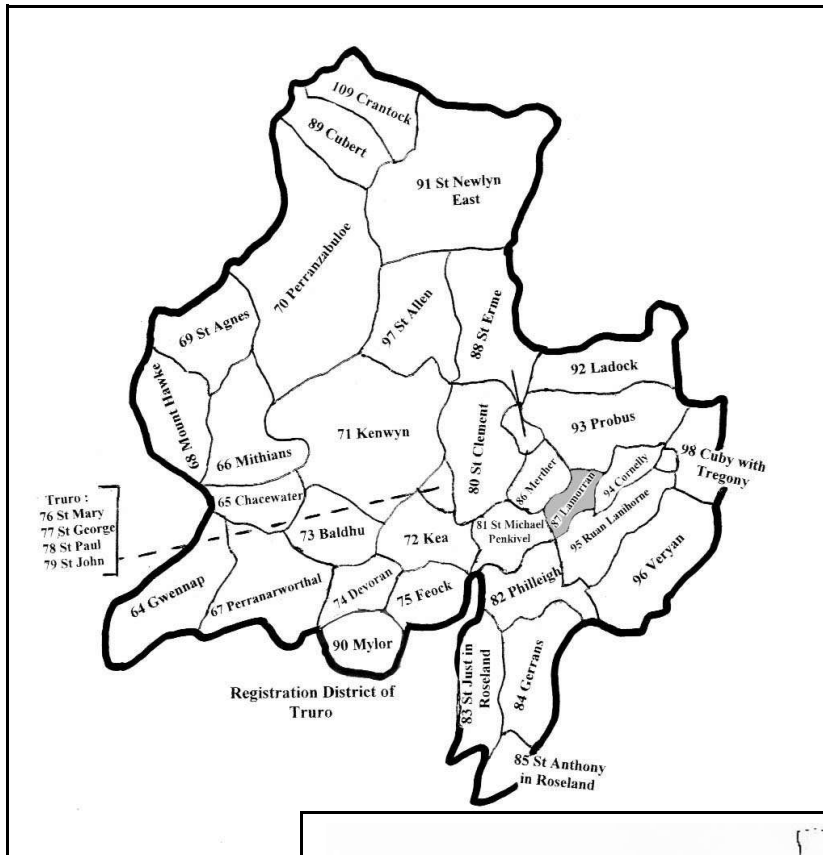
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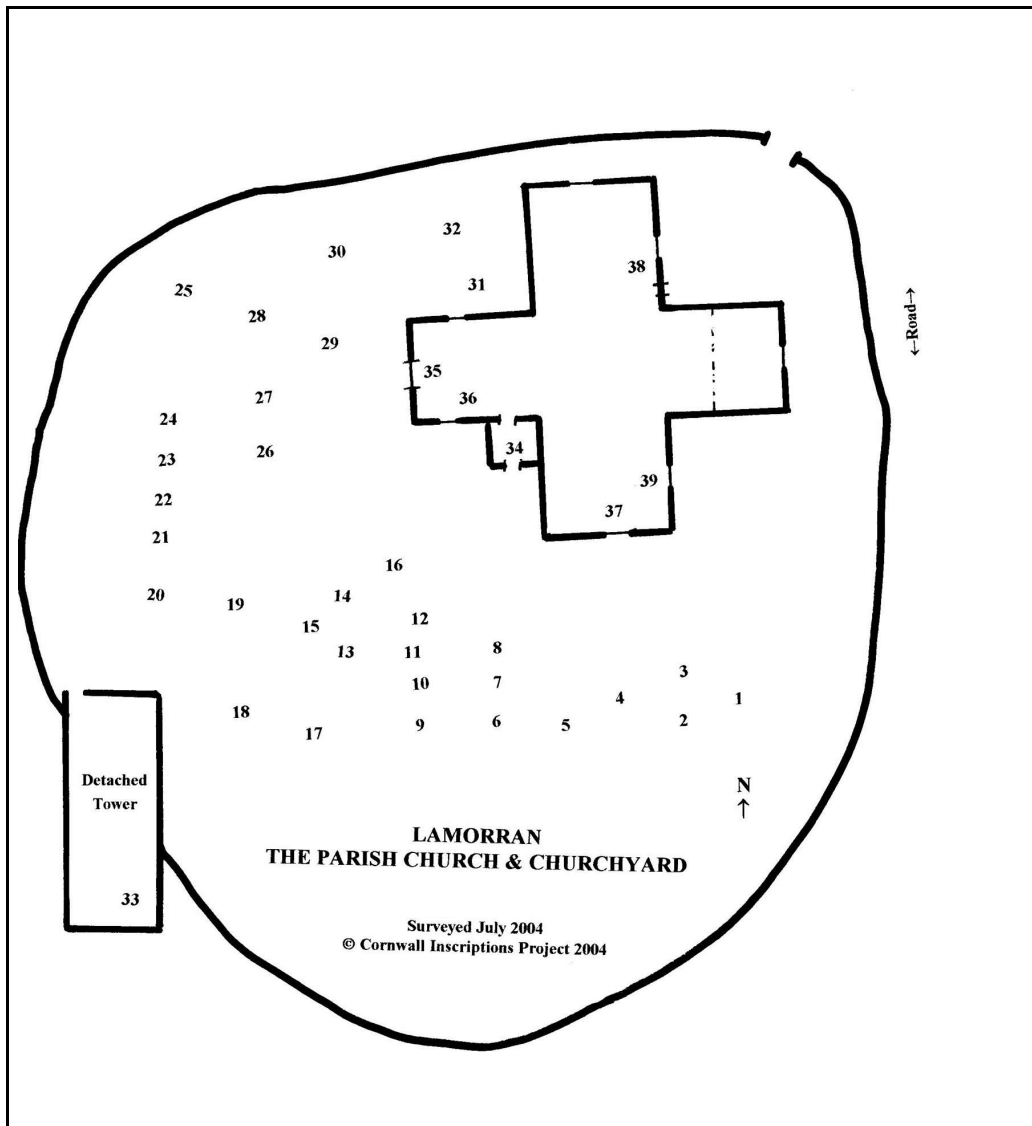
## **The Memorials of the Parish of Lamorran - Background**

The parish of Lamorran is only 1263 acres in extent and is a wooded valley, most of the area forms part of the estates of Lord Falmouth of nearby Tregothnan House in the parish of St Michael Penkivel. Charles Henderson suggests the parish was once part of the lands of a Celtic monastery but was handed over to one of the Thegns of King Edgar in 969. The only location in the parish with memorials is the parish church and churchyard which is found at Ordnance Grid Ref. SW 878418. The church was dedicated to St Moren (or 're-dedicated') in 1261. The church is a small cruciform building and there is a detached tower (dated about 13th century) in the S.W. Corner of the churchyard. Cox says that "Very little interest is attached to this church, as it was rebuilt in 1845, and again pulled about in 1853." These 'restorations' took place under the supervision of Lord Falmouth's Steward (William White).

It is interesting to note that HENRY MARTYN of Truro is associated with this parish - there is a memorial in Truro Cathedral which is a window showing Martyn "walking the woods at Lamorran". In the early nineteenth century Martyn translated the bible into Hindustani, Persian, Arabic and Sanscript.

Because of the small size and remoteness of this parish the church fabric has suffered from lack of funds and is now in a sorry state. English heritage have assisted in some restoration work during 2003, including restoring the detached tower, glazing some windows in the church, replacing some wooden window frames and conserving the Lord's Prayer and creed plaques. However, the condition of the church fabric is very poor - the fine and important slate plaques of the seventeenth century could be at risk. Unless action is taken soon then the church will be forced to close.

The survey of the memorials was carried out by CIP in August 2004, however, photographs of the detached tower and its one remaining bell were taken in 2002 before the restoration work. Thirty two memorials were found in the small churchyard and eight points of interest in the church noted. In keeping with the CIP methodology, the Protestation Returns of 1641 are included as an index reference.



## The Church of St Moren - Churchyard

- 1 Here lyeth the body of ..... ..MINER... who departed this life aged XIX  
*Slate upright, short and well worn, incised, old.*
- 2 To the memory of THOMAS PENROSE of the parish of Probus who died July 21st 1835, aged 51 years.  
 Also ELIZABETH PENROSE, his wife, who died April 1st 1842, aged 54 years.  
 The soul hath o'ertaken her mate,  
 And caught him again in the sky,  
 Advanced to her happy state,  
 And pleasant that never die,  
 Where gloried spirits by sight,  
 As stars in the firmament bright,  
 And pure as the angels of God.
- Slate, lying prone face up, etched and broken.*
- 3 *Memorial, covered in ivy and not cleared to transcribe.*
- 4 *Churchyard cross. Gothic cross of Pentewan stone. A foliated head was described in 1890 as "the best in Cornwall of its kind" but is now broken / missing.*
- 5 *Mound only.*
- 6 MARY HARDING BOASE borne Sept. 18th 1823, died Nov. 30th 1911.  
 HENRY BOASE born April 11th, 1826, died Jan. 1st, 1883.  
*Granite grave cover, inset letters on north & south side.*
- 7 In memory of ELIZABETH ELINGS who died March 8th 1848, aged 61 years.  
*Slate, inscribed, Monumental mason : Clemens, Truro. Memorials 7 to 12 share the same kerbs.*
- 8 Sacred to the memory of CHARLES ELINGS who died August 24th 1851, aged 74 years.  
*Slate upright, incised. A masons mistake has been corrected with an insert. Monumental mason : Clemens, Truro.*
- 9 JAMES LAWRY who died Sept. 5th 18..  
*Very worn upright.*
- 10 In memory of MARY wife of JAMES LAWRY who departed this life the 7th of June 1821 in her 53rd year of age. Let me die the death of the righteous and let my end be like hers.  
*Upright, etched.*
- 11 WIL COWLING LAWRY sleepeth here in Jesus waiting for his final call, he exchanged mortality for life May 26th 1815, aged 22. He being dead yet speaketh.  
*Slate upright, etched*
- 12 Sacred to the memory of MARY daughter of JAMES & MARY LAWRY who departed this life the 27th day of August 1817, aged 17 years.  
*Slate upright, etched.*
- 13 In loving memory of ADA JOSEPHINE the darling and youngest daughter of JOEL and ELIZABETH ROWE who died at Gare, December 8th, 1895, aged 26 years.  
 Then why should your tears run down ?  
 And your heart be sorely riven ?  
 For another gem in the Saviour's crown,  
 And another soul in heaven.
- This slate, incised upright shares kerbs with 14.*
- 14 In loving memory of ELIZABETH darling & dearly beloved wife of JOEL ROWE, Gare, Lamorran, who died February 8th, 1896, aged 67 years.  
 I almost feel as though I'm in  
 This rare old world alone,  
 What would I give my dearest one,  
 To bring thee back to home.  
 Whilst here on earth how time went on,  
 Ah ! Blest beyond compare.  
 I'd give the world could I but see  
 Thee only seated here.
- Also the above named who died at Belle Vue, Grampound Road, December 3rd, 1904, aged 79 years.  
*Marble upright, inset letters. Shares kerbs with 13.*

15 In loving memory of WILLIAM, beloved husband of CHARITY JOLLY, who died at Lamorran, February 25th, 1902, aged 66 years.

Father in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we here our loved one sleeping,  
To mark the place where our loved ones  
Lie.

Also CHARITY wife of the above who died October 7th, 1912, aged 80 years.

*Marble upright, inset letters.*

16 In loving memory of JOSEPH DAVID VERCOE who died at Trewonnal March 11th 1919, aged 74 years. Also of ELIZABETH JANE beloved wife of the above who died Tresillian, April 11th, 1927, aged 78 years. Peace, perfect peace.

*Marble upright, inset letters.*

17 *Outline of double kerbs only.*

18 In memory of GRACE daughter of Wm. And MARY COCK who died April 19th, 1830, aged 5 years.

*Small slate upright, etched. Monumental Mason : Clemens, Truro.*

19 GEORGE HENRY the beloved son of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> & Rev. J. TOWNSHEND and MARY his wife, born 11th January 1859, died at Liverpool 3rd April 1891, aged 32 years.

Thy will be done.

In loving memory this cross is erected by friends in Liverpool.

*Granite Celtic cross. Base and kerbs.*

20 Hon. JOHN T. TOWNSHEND BOSCOWAN born Oct. 30th, 1820, died July 7th, 1889, Rector of Lamorran 40 years.

Rise up my Lord and come again,  
For low  
The winter's past  
The flowers appear on the earth.

*Latin granite cross on three tiers, inset letters.*

21 CATHERINE ELIZABETH ..... Darling daughter ..... TOWNSHEND .....

*Granite Latin cross on base, very worn etched lettering.*

22 *Granite Latin cross on base, very worn incised lettering, not transcribed.*

23 MAUD BOSCAWEN infant daughter of Hon. & Revd. J. T. TOWNSHEND BOSCAWEN and MARY his wife, born 1st Feby. 1860, died 17th March, 1861. Of such is the kingdom of God.

*Stone upright, Greek Cross, incised worn lettering. This is the only headstone in the churchyard transcribed by Polsue.*

24 *Granite Latin cross on base, very worn incised lettering, not transcribed, kerbs.*

25 Infant daughter of ARTHUR and AUGUSTA ANDERSON of Lamorran Rectory born and died 5th December 1890.

*Marble block with inset letters, a cross or similar has been broken of and is missing. The block may have been misplaced and lies in growth giving the impression of having been discarded.*

26 TOWNSHEND EVELYN BOSCAWEN son of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> & rev. J. TOWNSHEND and MARY his wife, December 18th 1864 - September 16 1936. Also MARY SOPHIA, his wife and daughter of T. A. DORRIEN SMITH Isles of Scilly, November 9th 1877 - 22nd December 1948.

*Granite Latin cross on large granite tier with inset marble plaque attached, double kerbs. This memorial is reminiscent of the Dorrien Smith memorials located on the Isles of Scilly (see CIP Register No 1).*

27 JOHN HUGH BOSCAWEN, 2nd December 1851 - 20th April 1937. Eldest son of Revd. And Honble. J. T. BOSCAWEN.

*Large slate headstone, well etched. There is plenty of space for additional entries.*

28 In memory of SAMUEL HOBLYN of the parish of Cuby who departed this life June 12th 1835, aged 51 years.

In the morning we are like grass which groweth up,  
In the evening it is cut down and withered.  
Psalm XC, V50.

*Large slate forming tomb cover on low brick walls, etched.*

29 JOAN TREHANE 23rd March 1906.  
Kingswinford, Dudley, Worcs,  
1933 Stapehill, Dorset  
1967 Trehane, Probus  
9th January 1989.  
Sweet rest at last.

*Modern slate, incised lettering coloured silver.*

30 GERTRUDE HOBLYN I. T. HOBLYN  
Died Nov. 10th 1882 aged 69 years. Died Feby. 7th 1874 aged 83 years.

*Etched lettering on west end of double granite kerbs, very faded and this transcript should be treated with caution.*

31 In loving memory of my dear husband THOMAS DOIDGE who fell asleep February 10th 1930, aged 72 years. Thy will be done. Also FANNY, his wife, who died 19th February, 1947. Rest in peace.

*Low granite upright, inset letters, kerbs.*

32 WILLIAM THOMAS dearly loved son of ERNEST and LOUISE DOIDGE who died at Gare, Lamorran, August 24th 1920, aged 13 months. Suffer little children to come unto me.

*Marble Latin cross on three tiers, inset letters. Child size. Top of cross missing.*

### Campanile (Detached Tower)

33 *Polsue confirmed the old bell tower contained three bells and that the inscriptions on two of these were:*

*Second bell : SAMUEL LEY, Rector, J.P. 1732.*

*Third bell : WILLIAM BONE, Gent. C. W. PENNINGTON. This last named was the bell founder.*

*The bell tower fell into a state of considerable disrepair and was restored in 200/3 with a grant from English Heritage. There is now only one bell in the tower - the third bell.*

### The Parish Church - Memorials

34 This church was rebuilt by the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. GEORGE HENRY, Earl of Falmouth, Anno Domini 1845.

*Stone plaque fixed inside the porch above entrance.*

35 To the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Rector of Lamorran who died 3rd  
Jan. 1844. Erected by Ann

*Window west, dedication at bottom of window. A ladder may be required to read this inscription properly.*

36 *" The font of Catacleuse stone is late Norm., but has been disfigured and modernised. " Cox 1912.*

*" The catacleuse font is either a mock Norman production of the 15th century or genuine Norman font subsequently re cut on five supports with corner faces. Slight fragments of the true Norman doorway show this hypothesis to be the true one. " Cornish Church Guide 1928.*

37 Memoriae sacrvm

Hic Iacet IOHANNES VERMAN, Dominus de Lamorran, et Ecclesiae Patrponvs, qui obiit 21<sup>o</sup> die Janva. An'o Do'ni 1658, et etatis Suae 71<sup>o</sup>.

Qui Charus peramans cultor Amicus Homo

Illo sobrietas illo prudentia Fulsit.

Lingua fuit verax Cor sine fraude latens

Nec Coluit mundum nec prodigus ille bonorum

Annis provecus sed probitate magis.

Quod vita innocuus nequeat vel morte noceri.

Deponens vitam vivere Caepit idem : :

Quadratum Tumilum meruit TETONUS ut amplium

Laudem vertutis non Capit iste lapis : :

Proxime sita est CHATHERINA Ejusdem JOH. VERMAN Vxor, quiae Filia et Coheres JOHANIS TREHANE de TREHANE, Armig. Quae biit 6<sup>o</sup> Die Martii, Anno Do'ni 1666, et an'o Aetatis Suae 67<sup>o</sup>.

Blanda, modesta, sagax, pia, paupertatis Amica

Provida, vix ullum perdidit illa diam.

Conjugii socium cum casta mente colebat

In liberos mater chara benigna Fuit

Vix superest post Fata viri quando ipsa superstes



Post illum volitans Turturis instar obit  
Sustinuit Febrem Fervebat Amore Mariti  
Hos passa ardores vertitur in cineres.

En his Connubium manet  
Astringit nodum mors  
Amplexus redeunt vivun  
Templum Fit Thalamus

Immortale secundo  
Treculenta Sacrum  
Post Funera Amores  
Fit novus vrna torus

*This large and beautifully carved slate is attached to the south wall in the south transept. It measures a large 8 feet by 4 feet. During the Victorian build the floor was raised but a gap left so the slate can be seen in full. The border of the slate is strapwork with a rose at each top corner and into which eight coats of arms have been inserted (these represent family alliances) :*

- 1 Gules, or sable, 3 eagles displayed in bend, cottised, argent, *VERMAN*, quartering, Per bend sinister, ermine and ermines, a lion rampant, or, armed and langued gules. *PENANT* (Polsue & Bizley).
- 2 Verman quartering argent, 3 bars sable, on each as many martlets of the field. *TREHANE*. (Polsue & Bizley)
- 3 Trehane quartering 3 fishes naiant. *CROCKER* ? (Polsue & Bizley)
- 4 Trehane quartering A chevron between 3 birds. (Polsue)
- 5 Trehane impaling Argent, on a chevron between falcons' wings azure 5 bezants. *COSWARTH*. (Polsue & Bizley))
- 6 Verman impaling Coswarth. (Polsue & Bizley).
- 7 Verman impaling Walrond (Bizley)

*A brief history of the manor helps to explain some of the family relationships indicated by these arms. The manor of Lamorran ( the manor house is located across the road from the church ) belonged to the family of de Halep (or Hallep) in 1327 and the last of that family was Lawrence Halep who died in the fifteenth century. However, the manor had passed to the Trevenor family by 1383 and in 1658 it is recorded that JOHN VERMAN, Esq., (the second son of George Verman of Lamorran) died, aged 71, seised (in possession) of this manor. His wife CATHERINE was one of the coheirresses of JOHN TREHANE Esq., of Trehane in Probus and whose ancestor had married the heiress of PENANT, she died in 1666. JOHN & CATHERINE had four sons and three daughters. JOHN VERMAN, the son & heir if JOHN VERMAN, married MARIA, the daughter of WILLIAM WALROND, Esq., of Bradfield, Devon: this John was living in 1690, but had died by 1712. AREBELLA, his only surviving daughter, married Mr. THOMAS ROBINSON; she died at Lamorran in 1730 and he died in 1778.*

*The name of the carver appears at the bottom of the slate :*

Antonius Colly Fecit & Scul.

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Memoriae dilectissimae puella MARIAE filiae  
JOH VERMAN Armig. Quam fuscepit primo  
Genitam ex MARIA uxore filia natu max  
Ima Guti WALROND de Bradfield in Com. Devo,  
Armigr. Anunam efftavit Aug. 29. 1665 Atat 3<sup>o</sup>.

Quem tulerat florem capuit mox terra fugac<sup>em</sup>  
Vitae principium quod tibi finis item  
Matris de litae vivens mortua Caeli  
Pro gemma lapidem dat Superesse Deus.

*This small slate (measuring 1 foot ten inches by 1 foot 7 inches) is framed in wood and commemorates Mary the first child of John and Mary Verman (see memorial 37). The tablet has the figure of a child wearing a bonnet and full gown with bodice and collar as well as the arms of Verman and Walrond. The slate is prompt up against the east wall in the north transept, when Bizley recorded it it was located against the west wall of the south transept. Interestingly, this slate is not mentioned by Polsue (1867) or Cox (1912) but is described by Bizley (1965)*

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*The east window of the south transept contains fragments of ancient stained glass. Within these fragments are the arms of de Halep or Hallep. Or, two bendlets sable. See memorial 37 for mention of the de Halep family.*

40	ROBERT SAVER	1536	ALLEN	1660
	TRIGGS	1663	SPRY	1690
	KESTELL	1711	SAMUEL LEY	1725
	CRAWFORD	1751	CARTER	1753
	THOMAS BEDFORD	1759	WILLIAM CURGENVEN	9 June 1803 died 3 Jan 1848
	LEWIS MORGAN PETER	1848	Hon & Revd JOHN TOWNSEND BOSCAWEN (brother to Lord Falmouth)	1849

*List of Rectors. As set out by Polsue.*

### Protestation Returns 1641

9999	ALLEN	Walter (Overseer)	JONES	Pentecost
	ANDREW	Walter	JORDAINE	Edward
	BEST	John	KERBYN	Alexander
	BESTE	Jaspar	LAWRENCE	Stephen
	BOWEN	Geo	MERIN	Anbros
	CHALWELL	Robt	PHIPPEN	Geo (Rector)
	DAVY	Richard	POMROY	Robt
	DAVYE	John	REIGNOLD	Philip
	DAVYE	John	REIGNOLDS	Thomas
	DAVYE	Richard (Churchwarden)	RICHARD	John
	DUMBY	Nathanel	SYMMES	John
	FAROWE	John	SYMONS	William
	FRENCH	Thomas	VERMAN	John
	FRENCH	John	WARD	Thomas
	FROST	Edward	WARDE	John
	GAUTE	Vespatian	WEBBER	Peter
	HEXT	Nestor	WEBBER	Peter
	HOOPER	John	WENNAN	Oliver
	HOSKING	J....(Constable)	WOOLCOTT	Will
	HOSKING	Paul (Constable)	WORTH	Robt