

# Saltash Area Newsletter

April 2022

St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash



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Everyone probably knows the 1973 Christmas no. 1 single *Merry Xmas Everybody* by Slade, but did you know it was actually recorded in late summer? Recording in a studio hallway, the band remembered getting funny looks as they sang about Santa and Christmas stockings in September.

I thought of this as I sat down in dreary, penitential mid-Lenten March to write a newsletter item for April – the month of Spring and Easter and festivity. The same sense of having to use one's

imagination to jump forward in time; racking one's brain to remember what a hot cross bun or crème egg tastes like.

Or is it the same, I wondered? (And not just because, as far as the shops are concerned, it has pretty much been Easter since January 1st...)



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are special times of the year. We do special things and sing special songs. But that doesn't mean that what we do then is completely different from the rest of the year. It's not some topsy-turvy medieval festival of misrule. It's not like the last day of school,

where, instead of lessons, you watch the Lion King on video. It's not like a raucous office fancy dress party, where all the rules of normal working life seem thrown out the window (though HR might disagree). It's not like putting a tree inside your house, eating chocolate for breakfast, and pretending to feed a reindeer up your chimney.

Instead, the special things we do in Lent, Holy Week and Easter really draw on – and draw out – different aspects of what we do all year round.

St Benedict, the great monk, tellingly

## April Diary Dates

### Saturday 9 April

10am to 1pm

St Stephen's Church

Hot Cross Buns & Easter Fun

### Monday 11 April

7pm, St Stephen's Church

MOSSAF

### Tuesday 12 April

2pm, St Stephen's Church

Mothers' Union

### Thursday 21 April

10am, St Stephen's Church

Easter Trail

### Friday 22 April

11am, S.T.A.R.T

The Box

### Friday 22 April

7pm, St Stephen's Church

Plymouth Area Police Choir

### Saturday 23 April

3-5pm, St Stephen's Church

Messy Church

### Saturday 30 April

7.15pm, St Michael's Church

Birthday Concert with the

Burraton Boys

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY SERVICES

### Holy Wednesday, 13 April

10.00am Holy Communion, St Stephen's

### Maundy Thursday, 14 April

7.30pm Holy Communion, St Mary's

7.30pm Holy Communion,  
SS Nicholas & Faith

### Good Friday, 15 April

10.00am Good Friday Tenebrae Service,  
St Michael's

10.00am Walk of Witness, SCT

2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy, St Stephen's

### Holy Saturday, 16 April

7.30pm Easter Vigil Eucharist,  
SS Nicholas & Faith

### Easter Sunday, 17 April

6.00am Sunrise Service, Celtic Cross (SCT)

9.30am Holy Communion, St Michael's

9.30am All Age Service, St Stephen's

11.00am Holy Communion, SS Nicholas & Faith

11.15am Holy Communion, St Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion, St Erney

6.30pm Evensong, St Stephen's



Chris Painter will be visiting St Stephen's on Wednesday 30 March at 11.30am to explain the deanery 'On the Way' proposals. For those unable to attend, there will be an online presentation at 7pm on the 4 April – see website for Zoom link.

## APRIL SERVICES

### Sunday 3 April

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am All Age Service

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am All Age Service

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am All Age Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Matins

### Wednesday 6 April

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

### Palm Sunday 10 April

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Holy Communion

For services in Holy Week  
and on Easter Day  
see page 1

### Sunday 24 April

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Holy Communion

On 1 May, the Bishop of St Germans  
is due to be at St Michael for the  
9.30am service and at St Erney  
for the 11.15am service.



wrote that, "The life of a monk ought to be a perpetual Lent". We might say, in Lent we try consciously to do some of the things – bible study, prayer, trying to follow Jesus – that could be helpful for us all the year round.

In Holy Week we reflect at great length on Jesus' institution of Holy Communion and his death for us on the Cross of Calvary. These of course appear in our communion liturgy each Sunday. But, more than that, they sum up the whole life and work of the Son of God: who gives himself to us in a union of friendship and love, and gives himself for us, saving us from death and sin.

And in Easter, we celebrate the living presence of the risen Lord Jesus – at work among us in his Spirit even today – by recalling that glorious day that is the first day of our eternal lives.

To paraphrase Noddy Holder: I wish it could be Lent and Holy Week and Easter every day. But, by the grace of God, it is!

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## Priest-in-Charge Licensing



From left to right: Archdeacon of Bodmin, Kelly Betteridge; SSNF Churchwarden, Bruce Evans; Bishop of St German's, Hugh Nelson; Kayleigh, Elowen and Richard Magrath; SSNF Churchwarden, Richard Margetts; and the Rural Dean, Chris Painter. Photo by Audrey Miller

There was standing room only at St Mary's in Botus Fleming on Tuesday 8 March for the Licensing Service.

The theme was travelling and we were asked to reflect on 'where we have come from' and 'where we are going'.

The service was streamed live and can be watched on YouTube:

[youtu.be/-bd7pHHtTyM](https://youtu.be/-bd7pHHtTyM)



# HOLY WEEK QUIZ

1. Where did the Agony in the Garden take place?
2. Who betrayed Jesus?
3. Who denied Jesus three times?
4. Who ordered Jesus to be scourged?
5. What criminal was released instead of Jesus?
6. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
7. What did the sign on His cross say?
8. Who made arrangements for the burial of Jesus?
9. Who, according to John's Gospel, was the first to discover that Jesus had risen?

Answers on p4

## Samaritan's Purse



Thank you again for your continued support for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. The latest information about the total number of Shoeboxes sent from the UK in 2021 was 227,350. An incredible total,

given we still have Covid hanging around. This was the largest number sent in all the years we have been contributing. Some of the destinations were Albania, Belarus, and Bosnia.

I hope we will continue to support the Appeal for many years to come.

Margaret Dell

## Recent Events

### Mother's Union

In March Mothers' Union members met in St Stephen's church for prayers, with emphasis on peace, mothers and all women around the world.



We welcomed Elizabeth Sharpe Asprey who talked about Saltash Heritage. As one of its founding members, Elizabeth used her love of history and her display skills to set up the centre and prepare exhibitions for the museum.

The special exhibitions are changed every two years so there is plenty of behind-the-scenes work involved. The current WWII display is well worth a visit to the Lower Fore Street premises.

The Heritage Society and Museum have won many awards over the years – competing against much larger museums. This is very impressive when you know that all the work is done by volunteers. More members are always welcome so if you are interested in Saltash history, please consider volunteering. We are very grateful to Elizabeth for her inspiring talk which brought many memories to light and provided much discussion for members.

Our next meeting will be on 12 April. This will our AGM followed by Glenda telling us about her holiday in America.

### Madeira Cake Sale



A big thank you to everybody who took part in the Madeira cake sale.

£60.00 was raised for St Stephen's Church Funds.

## Recent Events continued

### Messy Church



The theme for March was Mothering. We spoke about our Mother Church and Mothering Sunday, and moved on to the celebration of Mothers' Day.

We discussed the various tasks that those who look after us undertake, not just mothers, but grandparents, aunts and uncles for example – not forgetting God who is both our mother and father, as he takes care of all our needs.

The children coloured a mother figure to display on the noticeboard. They made a wall hanging which showed some of the things that mothers do and, of course, made a Mothers' Day card. Next the children made a basket filled with chocolate covered 'hay' in which they put baby Moses. This tied in with our worship to show how marvellous mothers are. Moses's mother was prepared to give him up to another woman to save him from being slain by pharaoh's soldiers.

In our prayers for mothers around the world, we especially remembered those in the Ukraine suffering along with their children because of the war.

Special thanks to those who stepped in to help with Messy Church as some of our usual helpers were not able to attend. In April, Messy Church falls on Easter Saturday so instead we will meet on 23 April for Easter Praise and Craft.

### Coffee and Cake Morning at SSNF



over £116 was raised for Church Funds.

Thank you to everyone who either helped or supported our Coffee and Cake Morning, it went exceedingly well, and just

## St Stephen's Church Cards

From Little Craft Conservatory



**Little Craft Conservatory** have kindly introduced a new range with all profits going to St Stephen's Church. The cards are blank inside for you to put in your own greeting. LCC are keen to expand the local range so if anyone has any requests or ideas (that won't be a potential copyright issue) then please let them know.

## St Stephen's Clothing Range



Due to popular demand we will be placing an order for items from our St Stephen's Clothing Range.

Polo Shirts:	Navy or Sky	£14
Sweatshirts:	Navy or Sky	£16
Full Zip Fleece:	Navy	£25

If interested please contact Steve Hookway by 30 April.

☎ 07855 600241 or email [stevenhookway@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenhookway@hotmail.com)

Payment up front please. Note once items are created they can't be exchanged, so please get your size right. The size can be checked before the crest goes on.

### Answers to Holy Week Quiz on page 3:

1. Gethsemane or the Mount of Olives
2. Judas Iscariot
3. Peter
4. Pontius Pilate
5. Barabbas
6. Simon of Cyrene
7. King of the Jews
8. Joseph of Arimathea
9. Mary Magdalene

## Recent Events continued

### Arts and Craft Day

Several children came along and enjoyed the arts and crafts day held during the February half term.



There was lots of making, sticking, colouring and cutting going on and a trail of sparkle and glitter all around the church! There was some serious junk modelling going on by some families that attended.

All that came (including the adults) had a great day, some spending more hours creating than they initially planned to!



Thank You to Ray, Mary, Len and John for all of your help on the day.

### Lion's Club Quiz

In late February, St Stephen's Church Men's team participated in the Lion's club quiz which saw £105 raised towards equipment for Hatt Play Park. Not only that but they had another success, winning with an impressive 74 out of 80 points.



### MOSSAF



Members of Mossaf came out of hibernation in March to meet at the Ploughboy. We were very fortunate to have our new Priest-in-Charge, Rev Richard Magrath, as our guest speaker.

Richard had written cards with various subjects ranging from Jesus, North, Books, Cambridge, Law, through to Monks and Food. Everyone choose one each and Richard then discussed the selected topics.

Richard is an only child of Susan and David of Estonian and Irish descent and often played computer games as a boy. He is a lover of board games and often plays them on Zoom. His wife, Kayleigh is originally from the Porthleven area of Cornwall.

He was the first member of his family to go to Cambridge University, where he read English. He and Kayleigh met at Cambridge and they married in 2018. Their daughter Elowen was born in July 2021.

When he left Cambridge he trained in Law and later worked for a law firm in London. He then moved into advertising and marketing. He felt that he was chickening out by leaving office work to go into the church. His parents were not surprised and thought it was inevitable. When he first became a Christian he realised that the presence of God had always been in his life without his realising. He was once told that God searches for Man and not the other way around.

The final subject was food where we learned that Richard's favourite food is pizza.

Richard was thanked by Claude for a really enjoyable evening

We next meet on Monday 11 April at St Stephen's Church at 7pm when our guest speaker is Matt Parsons, Christian Minister and Author.

# What's On

## Hot Cross Buns and Easter Fun

St Stephen's Church  
Saturday 9 April, 10am-1pm



Craft and Food Stalls, Fundraising stalls, Bumper Easter Draw, Hoopla, Easter Egg Tombola, Guess the weight of the Simnel cake, Guess the Easter Bunny's Name, Treasure Hunt and so much more. Refreshments will served throughout including Bacon Rolls, Homemade Soups and Crème Egg Chocolate Brownies.

**Free Entry.** Traders include: Amanda's Glass, Buttons Beads and Dangles, Chalky Boardz, Cloabellcrafts, Hobbs Chocolates, Julie Turner Cakes, Kerenza Moore Photography, Little Ash Designs, Luminosity Art, Nicky's Glow Beads & Gifts, Saltash Lions Club, The Little Craft Conservatory (see p4), Toni's Cottage Crafts, Trehill Farm Produce, Woods of the West.

## Easter Trail

St Stephen's Church  
Thursday 21 April, 10am-2pm

£2 to enter. There will be clues to find around Saltash from Friday 1 April. Come along to St Stephen's Church on Thursday 21 April with your completed sheets between 10am and 2pm to receive your prize. Crafts will be available in the church during this time. More details will be on the website.

## Plymouth Area Police Choir

St Stephen's Church  
Friday 22 April, 7.30pm



We are delighted to welcome back the Plymouth Area Police Choir, who under the guidance of the very talented and experienced Brian Gerry, have become recognised as one of the premier male voice choirs in the South West.

By popular demand our very own Darren Jane and Claire Fry will be playing some pieces while the choir take a well-earned breather.

Tickets costing £5 each, are on sale now from Roger Rowse and John Petherbridge after Sunday Morning Service, also from John following Wednesday Morning Services. Or you can purchase from Piglets, Fore Street or pay on the night.

## Birthday Concert with the Burraton Boys

St Michael's Church  
7.15pm, Saturday 30 April



Tickets (£5 each) can be purchased from Landrake Village Store or email Caroline: [landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com)

## Drama Group



We are looking to start our drama group up again now that things are getting back to some sort of normality. If you would be interested in any way, why not come along to St Nick's Church Rooms on Wednesday 6 April at 7pm. We are a small but enthusiastic band, and help is needed in many ways stage a production. *Margaret Evans*

## S.T.A.R.T

(Spending Time And Relaxing Together)

We are an ecumenical group of Saltash Christian Men who meet on a social basis.

We always meet on the third Friday of the month and usually start with a meal in the closest hostelry to our meeting place and anyone who is interested in joining us please call Bob Austin on ☎ 01752 844666. You will be most welcome.

## Confirmation



Bishop Hugh came to Sir Robert Geffery's School in Landrake to confirm five people. Congratulations Rebecca, Ruby, Ryan, Seb and Kylie.

## Prayer for Peace

from Steve Hookway

God of Peace, We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia. Each girl and boy, each woman and man living in fear of what tomorrow might bring. We long for the time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah, when weapons of war will be beaten into ploughshares, when nation will no longer lift up sword against nation. Abba Father, we cry out to you for peace. Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression and give the leaders of nations the wisdom needed to find the path to peace. Amen



## Good Friday by Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

## Prayer for Lent

from Bishop Philip

God of peace and justice, in this season of Lent, as we journey towards Easter, help us to turn away from sin in our own lives and turn afresh to you. And help us too to face down sin whenever we find it in this world and seek instead the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen



## Salisbury Cathedral

### Flower Festival

### Coach Trip



### St Stephen's Church are organising a coach trip to Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival on Friday 13 May 2022

- The coach will be departing from Saltash at approx. 8am and will return at approx. 8pm.
- The total cost will be £35 per person and includes entrance to the flower festival.
- A £15 non-refundable deposit per person will be required upon booking, with the remainder to be paid by the 24th April.
- To book please email [office@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:office@saltashteamministry.org) or call ☎ 01752 844456.

Salisbury Cathedral Flower Designers are delighted to return to transform this glorious building with breath taking floral designs and inspirational, uplifting displays using beautiful flowers and botanical materials.

With thirty thousand gorgeous blooms supplied by Chris Wolfe of Southeast Flowers, this fabulous array celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the end of the Cathedral's 800th anniversary year.

Displays reflect the magnificent Gothic setting, including material from the Cathedral archive, and a replica of the Queen's coronation robe in flowers, forms a centrepiece of this floral art exhibition.

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