

Saltash Area Newsletter

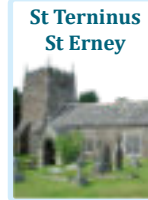
February 2022



St Michael Landrake



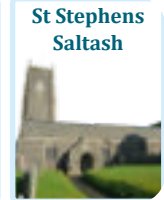
St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

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"Grace and peace to you all!"

It is very exciting to be called to join you in Saltash, Landrake, St Erney and Botus Fleming as your new parish priest. I have never before spent Christmas so much looking forward to Lent!

It was wonderful visiting the parishes last October and having a chance to meet some of you. I was struck by all the enthusiasm: for your communities, for

London and the West Midlands. While training for ministry I met, and married, Kayleigh. Since then we have acquired two cats (Marlowe and Shakespeare) and a baby (Elowen) born in July 2021 during our time in London.

Cornish living, then, is new to me – but not for Kayleigh, who grew up near Saltash and attended Devonport High



working with schools, for your beautiful buildings, for all the different sides of God's mission in this place, in our time.

A bit about myself: I grew up in Warrington in north-west England. I read English at university, and it was there I became a Christian, after reading the 'Confessions' of St Augustine. Afterwards I worked in internet advertising, probate and finance law, and for churches in

School for Girls. (Kayleigh will be continuing her own training for ministry at college in Plymouth.) We are all very much looking forward to joining you.

My licensing will be on 8 March at St Mary's Church, Botus Fleming at 7pm. I hope to see you there!

I should also take this opportunity to thank the ministry team and everyone who has worked so hard to keep ministry

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8 February

1.30pm

Carkeel

Garden Centre

Mothers' Union

Lunch



Saturday 12 February

Noon to 2pm

SSNF Church Rooms



Soup & Pud Lunch - £5

Saturday 19 February

3-5pm

St Stephen's Church



Messy Church

Saturday 5 March

7pm for 7.30pm

SSNF Church Rooms



St Piran's Day Quiz

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 6 February

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 9 February

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 13 February

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

Sunday 20 February

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6.30pm Evensong – TBC

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Sunday 27 February

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



and worship, pastoral care and local outreach going for the past 18 months.

And what an 18 months it has been: I could hardly avoid mentioning Covid, even if, God willing, it appears some sort of end may be in sight.

Perhaps it is fitting that this new ministry should start at the beginning of Lent. Lent is the time of 'bright sadness' when we might have good reason to be sad, and Lent doesn't tell us to cheer up, but just shines on us with its clear, quiet light. Lent means 'springtime', when the earth itself calls our attention to a hidden freshness deep down in things. And Lent is, of course, the

forty days and forty nights when we 'awhile from joys abstain', focusing on our Lord and master Jesus Christ, his life and death and the way of the cross, which is the strange glory of God. I am excited to be sharing that journey with you.

Please pray for Kayleigh, Elowen and me as we prepare for the move, and for our new life, and for saying our goodbyes here very soon. And please pray also, as St Paul says, for a door to be opened for the gospel – for I suspect everyone nowadays needs to hear a word of good news more than ever.

Yours in Christ,
Richard Magrath

News, Sport and Trivia in 2021 Quiz

1. What first name did Princess Eugenie and her husband Jack Brooksbank give to their son, who was born on February 9?
2. In January, which song topped the UK singles chart for the first time, more than 36 years after its original release?
3. What is the name of the container ship that ran aground in the Suez Canal on March 23 and blocked shipping from passing through the channel for six days?
4. Which UK city was stripped of its UNESCO World Heritage status in 2021, with modern developments to the city's waterfront being cited as a factor in the decision?
5. Footballer Jimmy Greaves, who died on September 19, holds the record for most goals scored for which English football club?
6. Captain Sir Tom Moore, who died on February 2, requested that his epitaph should consist of what six words, a reference to the epitaph of comedian Spike Milligan?
7. Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who died on April 9, was born almost 100 years earlier on which Greek island?
8. On April 10, Rachael Blackmore became the first woman to win which sporting event?



Answers on p6

Volunteers Needed



We are seeking some new volunteers to help us advertise our fundraising events. If you are able and willing to deliver flyers to the houses in your street it would be very much appreciated. You may of course be able to do a few more roads close to where you live, which would be superb.

Please speak to Steve Hookway or email him at stevenhookway@hotmail.com if you can help. All help, no matter how small is much appreciated.



Our latest needs:

- Jam
- Disposable razors
- Size 3 nappies

Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: saltash.foodbank.org.uk

Madeira Cake Sale in aid of St Stephen's Church

Saturday 26 February



Reserve your cake by 12 February by ringing or emailing Roger: 01752 843766, rogersaltash@gmail.com

Cakes costs **£4** each and can be collected from 7 Tower View between 9am and noon on Saturday 26 February or, if you prefer, at St Stephen's Church morning service on Sunday 27 February – please state where you would like to pick up your cake when ordering.

Recent Events

Mother's Union

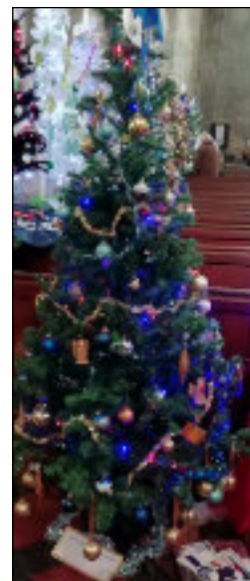
Mothers' Union decorated a tree for the St Nicholas and St Faith Christmas Tree Festival.

Members met for the first time in 2022 on 11 January expecting a talk by Mr Len Maddock but unfortunately Len was unable to attend on the day. We hope to see him at a future date.

We opened with prayers from Sandra and Lesley and then we were pleased to enrol a new member, Elaine Virgo, who was welcomed into the fold. We hope that she enjoys her membership of M.U.

All members then took part in a fun quiz and the eventual winner was Elaine Virgo – maybe a sign of great things to come!

In February we will not meet in St Stephen's as we are gathering at Carkeel Garden Centre at 1.30pm to enjoy a meal together.



Messy Church

Eighteen children and their parents came into St Stephens church on 15 January to make Christingles. We began with a prayer and a short talk and then set to with our orange

ribbon and sweets to make our delightful Christingles.

We started our worship with the story from the book of Mark, chapter 10, where Jesus blessed the little child. Darren then accompanied us on the piano whilst we sang *Jesus Loved Me*. We thought about the meaning of the parts of our Christingles and how great God's gifts are. Then we stood in a circle to light our candles and sang the Christingle hymn. After finishing with the Messy Church Grace it was time for tea.

I must take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those who have helped to enable us to restart Messy Church, which is such an important part of our church's present and future.



Recent Events continued

Christmas Big Sing



A superb £196 was raised for the St. Petroc's Society, as St Stephen's Church hosted performances by The Burraton Boys, Brunel Primary Academy Choir, Claire Fry and Darren Jane and not forgetting those who attended the Big Sing, singing many a favourite Christmas Carol to get us all in the festive spirit.



A big thank you to Sylvia, Carol and team for serving refreshments on the night and all who donated towards the evening.



February 17th

A lamb could not get born. Ice wind
Out of a downpour dishclout sunrise. The mother
Lay on the mudded slope. Harried, she got up
And the blackish lump bobbed at her back-end
Under her tail. After some hard galloping,
Some manoeuvring, much flapping of the backward
Lump head of the lamb looking out,
I caught her with a rope. Laid her, head uphill
And examined the lamb. A blood-ball swollen
Tight in its black felt, its mouth gap
Squashed crooked, tongue stuck out, black-purple,
Strangled by its mother. I felt inside,
Past the nose of mother-flesh, into the slippery
Muscled tunnel, fingering for a hoof,
Right back to the port-hole of the pelvis.
But there was no hoof. He had stuck his head out too early
And his feet could not follow. He should have
Felt his way, tip-toe, his toes
Tucked up under his nose
For a safe landing. So I kneeled wrestling
With her groans. No hand could squeeze past
The lamb's neck into her interior
To hook a knee. I roped that baby head
And hauled till she cried out and tried
To get up and I saw it was useless. I went
Two miles for the injection and a razor.
Sliced the lamb's throat-strings, levered with a knife
Between the vertebrae and brought the head off
To stare at its mother, its pipes sitting in the mud
With all earth for a body. Then pushed
The neck-stump right back in, and as I pushed
She pushed. She pushed crying and I pushed gasping,
And the strength
Of the birth push and the push of my thumb
Against that wobbly vertebra were deadlock,
A to-fro futility. Till I forced
A hand past and got a knee. Then like
Pulling myself to the ceiling with one finger
Hooked in a loop, timing my effort
To her birth push groans, I pulled against
The corpse that would not come. Till it came.
And after it the long, sudden, yolk-yellow
Parcel of life
In a smoking slather of oils and soups and syrups—
And the body lay born, beside a hacked-off head.

Ted Hughes

*The setting is a high slope looking south towards
Dartmoor on a very nasty February morning.*

ON THE WAY

The Deanery's On the Way process is moving on a stage. Four areas of focus have been discerned:

Community engagement

- To be available and respond to community needs.
- To use our churches in a wider sense.
- To be generous and open for weddings & baptisms.
- To promote our current activities.

Reaching out to families

- To be welcoming and creative in serving & worship.
- To work alongside local schools & colleges.

Taking faith seriously

We need to grow our own discipleship, through education, worship and witness.

Working together

In teams within our churches, our benefices and across our deaneries.

Next steps

It is recognised that these interact, and that churches may well want to prioritise them differently, depending on their particular circumstances, but all will play a part in becoming more **fruitful** and **sustainable**. While there is certainly a challenge to be open to new ways of reaching into and serving our communities, we also need to sustain those who are already part of our fellowship – with opportunities for prayer, worship and learning together.

The Working Group is now considering how to embed all that has been discerned from listening to those both inside and outside the church into a formal Deanery Plan which is forward-looking, imaginative and affordable – in short, both fruitful and sustainable. The aim is that this will go to churches for feedback during February, then be redrafted if necessary before review with the Bishops during March, with the final version being presented to the Deanery Synod for formal approval in April.

So, the process is far from over and your comments and ideas are still welcome as we move into these final stages. Do please keep praying for those of us who are actively involved in the process and for an outcome that takes us forward together effectively in mission and ministry.

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Recent Events continued

Photo and Cheque Presentation



A photo and a cheque were presented by Saltash Mayor, Pete Samuels to Bruce Evans, Church Warden as a thank you for allowing the Mayor making ceremony to be held in St Nicholas and St Faith Church.

St Stephen's Crib Service

A crib service was held on Christmas Eve at St Stephen's.



Christmas Themed Quiz



A big thank you to Saltash Lions Club and in particular Mark and Sonia Fox for running their November Christmas themed Quiz in aid of St Stephen's Church funds. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, despite some very dodgy versions of Christmas Carols being played in the music round! St Stephen's Church Men's team were the winners on the night and Sylvia Maddock's raffle ticket was the first out the hat. £87 was raised.

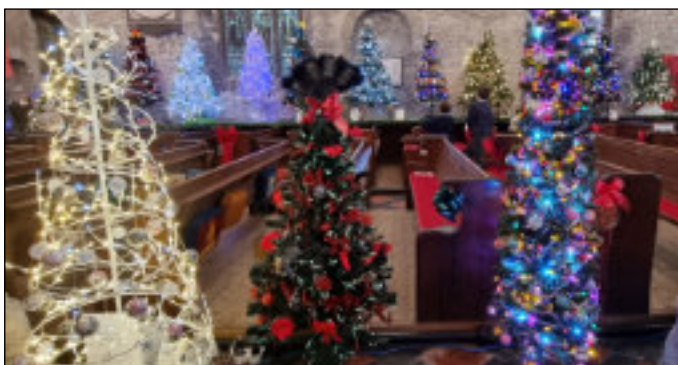
Recent Events continued

Christmas Concert

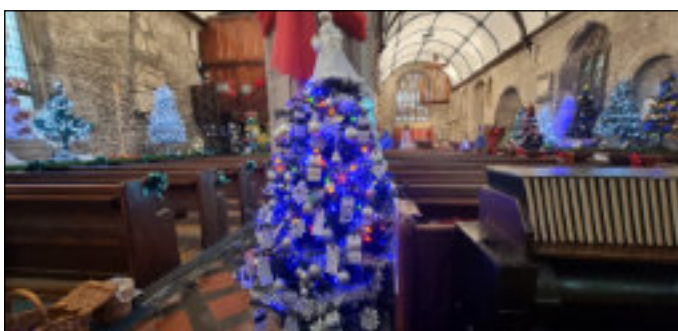


Thanks to the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir for putting on a fantastic Christmas Concert for us to enjoy, not forgetting the amazing performances of Claire Fry and Darren Jane and those who helped and supported on the night. The evening raised £208.50 for Church Funds.

Christmas Tree Festival



Our Christmas Tree Festival received extremely good comments – ‘the best one ever’. There were 72 trees in all and just under £3,700 was made for Church funds.



It was very well supported with people coming from Plymouth, Shropshire and Camborne, to name but a few places. The gentleman from Camborne came up especially to see how it was done. It was also good to have the Rev Richard Magrath pay an impromptu visit, and the comment I had from him was ‘It’s wonderful’.

Prosecco Afternoon Tea

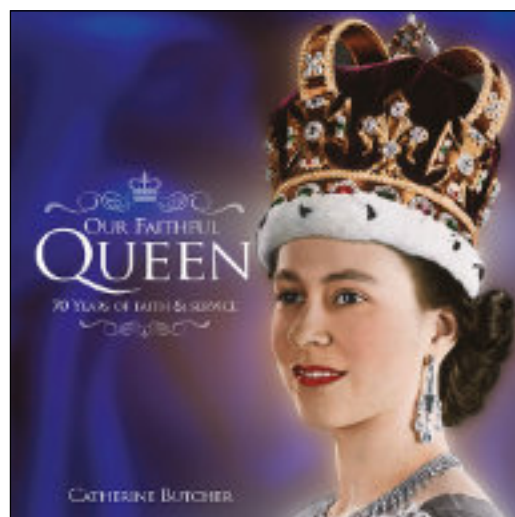
Saturday 11 June
SSNF Church Rooms



Tickets £10. Queen’s Platinum awards to be presented. Details to follow.

Churches Prepare Platinum Jubilee Plans

HOPE Together



Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee over the 4-day Bank Holiday from 2-5 June 2022.

A new website has been created – www.theplatinumjubilee.com – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen’s 70 years of faith and service.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE’s executive director, said, ‘Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for these national celebrations. We are thrilled to be working with our partners to help put churches at the heart of the celebrations.’

Answers to News, Sport & Trivia Quiz on page 2:

1. August 2. Last Christmas by Wham! 3. Ever Given 4. Liverpool
5. Tottenham Hotspur 6. ‘I told you I was old’ 7. Corfu
8. The Grand National

Prayer for February

Rick Cowdery



February is a month associated with love more than any other.

Chapter 13 of Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church – written in the middle of the first century – is one of the greatest reminders to us today of what real love looks like ... and what it does not look like.

Widely read at weddings, it is known sometimes as the Love Chapter:

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails...

These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Let us use Paul's wise words as the basis for our monthly prayer.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God.

Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives will overflow with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honour to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

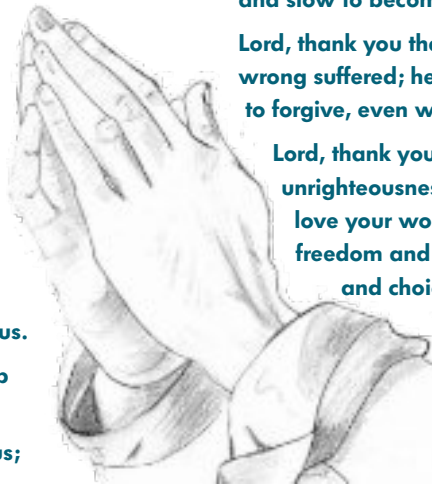
Lord, thank you that your love is patient; help us show patience with those around us.

Lord, thank you that your love is kind; help us to extend kindness to others.

Lord, thank you that true love is not jealous; help us cast aside feelings of jealousy or hatred.

Lord, thank you that your love does not brag and is not arrogant; help us not to live with pride or arrogance, but to choose humility and grace.

Lord, thank you that true love does not act unbecomingly; help us to extend kindness, instead of rudeness, towards others.



Lord, thank you that true love does not seek its own; help us to live selflessly, looking only to our own interests.

Lord, thank you that true love is not provoked; help us not to become easily angered, but instead be slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Lord, thank you that your love does not take into account a wrong suffered; help us not to hold grudges, but to choose to forgive, even when it is difficult.

Lord, thank you that your love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; help us to love your words of truth, may we walk in your freedom and wisdom. Let it be what drives our lives and choices every day.

Lord, thank you that your love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things; thank you that your love never fails.

Help us to love as you love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can choose

what is best. We are weak Lord, but we know also that you are strong within us.

Thank you that it is not all up to us. Thank you that you equip us to face each day with the power of your love, your forgiveness, and your grace.

Amen

Please email articles for the March issue to:
newsletter@saltashteamministry.org by 20 February.



Licensing of Richard Magrath:
7pm, Tuesday 8 March at
St Mary's in Botus Fleming.