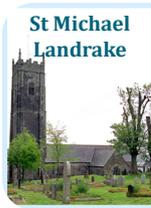


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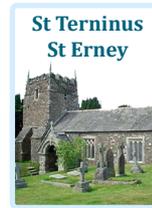
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St Michael Landrake



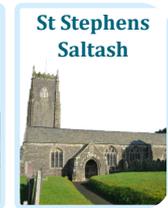
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St Terminus St Erney



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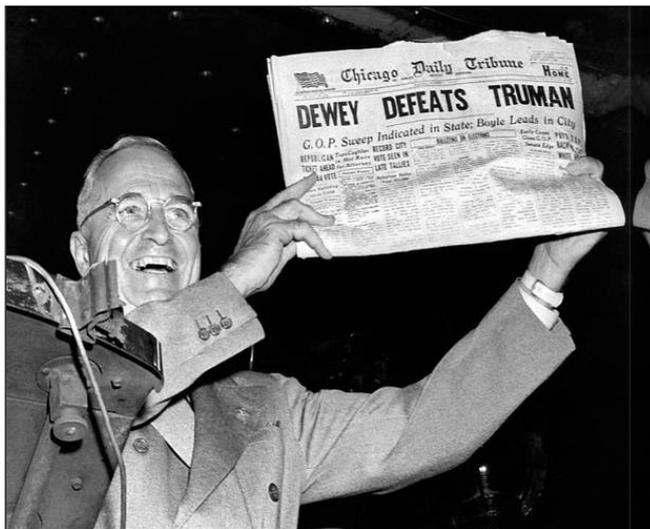


## By the Way

During the 1948 US Presidential election, Chicago newspaper printers went on strike. It was still possible to print newspapers, but it took a lot longer to do so. This meant, on the eve of the election result, some newspapers just had to guess who had won. **DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN** ran the headline of the *Chicago Daily Tribune*. But he had not;

hence the famous photograph of President Truman holding up the headline and grinning.

I've been thinking about this because, by the time you read it, East Wivelshire



Deanery will have voted on 'On the Way'. At the time of writing, it is in the future: close enough that I need to think about it (and what to say about it); but still quite hidden in a mysterious indeterminacy of 'yes' and 'no'. So what should I say?

It's fair to say East Wivelshire's 'On the Way' plans have attracted attention. They were discussed on local Cornish news websites in between articles about house prices in Falmouth. A famous theologian bemoaned that they were, "clearly unaware of [7th century Byzantine theologian] Maximus' Church Mystagogy". It attracted the attention of

'Save the Parish', whose chairman once encouraged my own first steps into ministry, long ago, over kebabs and out-of-date crisps.

I can imagine someone far off – or maybe in a century's time – sitting back and wondering if this all reflected some great contrast in the national character: Cavaliers and Roundheads all over again?

It hardly feels like it now, of course; more like a lot of debates over "what does this mean?" and "well that's not how I read it"; processes and timetables and financial data, which is what history

is made of, I guess.

But then, so is Christian living: as we seek to serve our Lord through Excel spreadsheets, and grant application forms, and reading up on rules, and going on training, and long correspondence with people from the diocese about trees. It's less dramatic – there's no organ music or dressing up – but such is the faithful service of myriads of Christians. (Indeed, one remembers the letters of St Paul, with their final chapters full of now-obscure admin: make sure to remind X about Y; could you put up some lodgings for Z? PS gimme some money for Jerusalem.)

## Coming Up

Saturday 9 July



7.30pm  
SSNF Church Rooms  
Burraton Boys Concert

Monday 11 July  
Plympton St Mary Church  
MOSSAF

Tour by Rev Ian Provost, coffee and ending with Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12 July  
2pm, St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union

Friday 15 July  
11am, Wesley/Cars  
S.T.A.R.T. – Anthony House

Saturday 16 July  
3-5pm, St Stephen's Churchyard  
Messy Church  
Summer picnic & games

Monday 8 August  
7pm, St Stephen's Church  
MOSSAF  
Speaker: Bill Hill Chaplain to HM Prison Services and former Assistant Pastor of AOG Exeter

Friday 19 August  
11am, Union Inn  
S.T.A.R.T. – Waterside Tour

All Saturdays in August



10am to 1pm  
SSNF Church Rooms  
Breakfast Baps

## JUL / AUG SERVICES

### Sunday 3 July / 7 August

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am All Age Service

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am All Age Service

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am All Age Service

6.30 pm Sung Evensong

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Matins

### Sunday 10 July / 14 August

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 17 July / 21 August

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am All Age Service

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 24 July / 28 August

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 31 July

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am United Service

### Every Wednesday

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

In thinking about what I might say if 'On the Way' goes through, and what if it does not, I couldn't help but notice what is the same: what will always be up to us; what no 'yes' vote could ever delegate to someone else; what no 'no' could ever excuse us from. And that is our call to follow Jesus Christ, "who is the same, yesterday and today and forever". Yes, and to love and obey God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength – a strength wielded in Saturday afternoon working parties; a soul shaped through prayers in church and at home; a mind full of useful facts about boilers, yew trees and stained glass; and a heart for the people we meet each Sunday (and elsewhere!) in the Name of Jesus Christ..

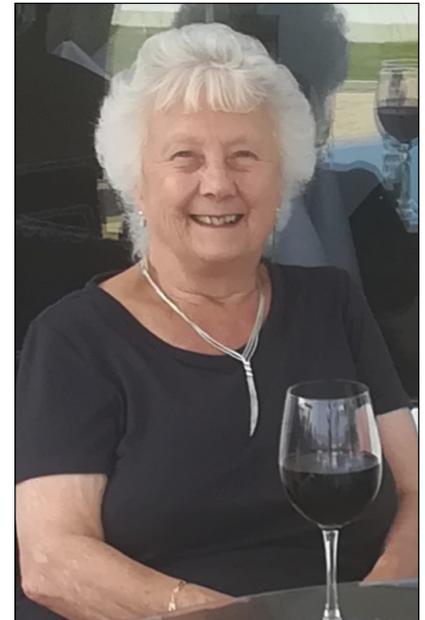
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## Pat Petherbridge

John Petherbridge and family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the cards, comforting words and condolences received during this very difficult time.

Also for the very many people who attended Pat's funeral. Special thanks are due to Rev. Richard Magrath, Rev Preb. Brian Anderson and Rev Josephine Lobb for the very caring and loving way the funeral was conducted.

Also many thanks to all the people who clearly worked so hard to prepare the splendid refreshments. Pat was a lovely, caring lady with a strong faith and she will be sadly missed by so many.



## Prayer for the NHS on its 74<sup>th</sup> birthday

God of healing and compassion, we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service, and for the dedication of all who work in it.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.

Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# July Quiz

How much do you know about Cornwall?



1. What are the big plant geodomes in Cornwall called?
2. What colours are the Cornwall flag?
3. Name the UNESCO World Heritage Site in Cornwall?
4. What's the proper name for the Cornish language?
5. The iconic Tate gallery is in which Cornish town?
6. Cornish pixies are famous for leading you off your path – how do you break their spell?
7. The sea temperature in Cornwall is said to be 4-5C more than the rest of England, true or false?
8. What is the collective name for the upright granite stones protruding from the ground on Bodmin Moor (pictured above)?
9. Which car model was designed by a Cornish man?
10. In the 1900's, half of the world's what came from Cornwall?

Answers on p4

## Confirmation at St Stephen's



Five children from Bishop Cornish C of E Primary School along with Finn from St Stephen's and Val from SSNF were recently confirmed at St Stephen's Church by Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen.

The church was brought alive with a very uplifting service with wonderful singing from the children that had warmth, energy and passion and musical accompaniment by Year 6 teacher, Ryan Hill. Tracey Fletcher, Head of Bishop Cornish, described the service as totally amazing and like nothing that she had experienced before.

## Recent Events

### Mother's Union

In June, members met in church for prayers and to listen to Rvd. Richard telling us of his role as our new incumbent. Richard became a Christian at university and then he felt the call to be ordained. Having tried work in advertising and studying law, he is now very happy to be serving the Church. Richard stressed the core value of worship – to serve God. This is how he sees his role. Others have different views of his purpose – from solving all their problems to just giving a sermon each week. Richard's enthusiasm was evident to members and he is preparing for the 'On The Way' initiative. With his new role here in Saltash, 'On The Way' and his baby daughter Richard is busy and we all wish him well and offer him out support.



### Messy Church

Messy Church families heard about fathers in the bible at our June meeting. We heard the stories of Abraham and Moses who became Fathers of nations. Both men obeyed God and followed their faith. We also thought about Joseph the earthly father of Jesus.



The children made a collage picture of Abraham on his journey through the desert. Moses brought the Ten Commandments down from the mountain so the children made a necklace with commandments attached.

Working with wooden sticks the children then made a photo frame for a picture of their own fathers on Fathers' Day.

Drawings were put on the board along with the Lord's Prayer. This reminded us that the most important father in the Bible is God, the Father of Jesus and Father of all.

On 16 July, we shall hold our summer picnic and games afternoon in St Stephen's churchyard.

# Recent Events continued

## MOSSAF



Our guest speaker for our June meeting was the Dean of Truro Cathedral, Roger Bush.

Roger was born in 1956 into a farming family and has two older brothers. As a child as he was a 'little person' he remembers that he was often sent into the harvesting machine to clear out what was left in it, he was the only one to fit in it! He would often wander around the farm and was fascinated by the landscape and feels that was the germination of his faith journey and gave him the sense of being challenged to seek what was beyond the horizon and where God would lead him in the future.

At the age of seventeen he fell for the vicar's daughter and to impress her he went to midnight mass at her father's church where he was mesmerised by the service.

After University and travelling he taught for a while before studying Theology and was ordained in 1986. Posts in Derbyshire, Leicester and Redruth were followed by Canon Residentiary at Truro Cathedral where he became Archdeacon of Cornwall and then in September 2012 he became Dean of Truro.

During a Sabbatical in lockdown he wrote a book of poems. Roger has found that writing poetry has helped him to articulate and explore his faith with a sense of questing wonder and the feeling of wanting to reach out to the horizon but has only now had the courage to give it a go and see where it leads. Which proves you are never too old to do something different and we are all young in faith. Roger was asked what his favourite poem in his new book *Blackbird* is, which happened to also be *Blackbird* which he was happy to read to us along with the short but very powerful poem *Palm*.

**You offered your Palm  
and we nailed it to wood.  
I offered you mine  
and you gave me bread.  
And that  
is love.**

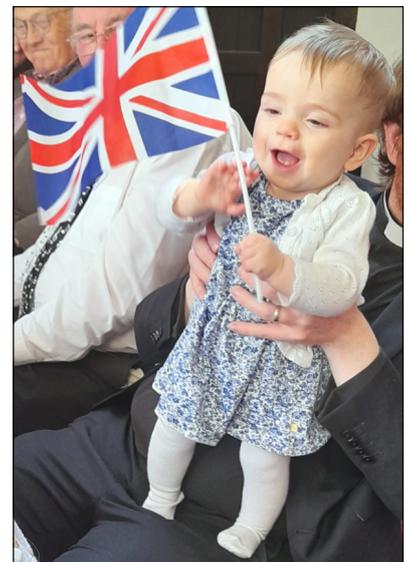
Our July Meeting takes place on Monday 11 July where we will meet at Plympton St Mary Church, for a tour by Rev'd Ian Provost, coffee and ending with Evening Prayer.

Then on 8 August we are back in our Church again meeting at 7pm our guest speaker will be Bill Hill Chaplain to H M Prison Services and former Assistant Pastor of AOG Exeter,

For further information or in need of a lift please contact Steve Hookway 07855 600241. New members always welcome. Subs £1.

## Jubilee Meal

With St Stephens Church social area decorated in red, white and blue, a fantastic evening, with great food was enjoyed by all. We tried something new using catering from Julie Turner of Tideford. The evening was a huge success and we look forward to future ventures with Julie.



Big thanks to all who helped in any way and, not forgetting, Paul Fry who led us all into an enjoyable old-time sing-song to end the evening.

**Answers to Quiz on page 3:** 1. Eden Project 2. Black and white 3. Mining Landscape 4. Kernewek 5. St Ives 6. Turn your coat inside out 7. True 8. Trippet Stones 9. Austin Healey 10. Tin



St Stephen's Church received some amazing donations for Raffle Prizes for their Summer Fair, not only from their friends and congregation, but also local businesses.

Big thanks go out to Polnoon Pasties, Everest Kitchen, The Blondie Bar, Ronnie's of Saltash, Julie Turner Cakes and catering, The Cornish Scone Co, Rowe's Cornish Bakers, Cod Fathers, Cotehele National Trust, Devonport Playhouse, Salcombe Brewery and The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum.

All are greatly appreciated.



Our latest needs:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Milk Powder
- Puddings
- Noodles
- Toilet Rolls

**Make a difference!**

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

# Happy Anniversary!



I am very pleased to announce that the Rev'd Josephine Lobb will now be joining us at St Stephen's for a regular slot leading the Wednesday eucharist once a month.

Rev'd Jo was most recently at St Stephen's for the funeral of Patricia Petherbridge last month. It was an important service, so it was good to share the leading of it with someone who had been such a good friend of John and Pat.

Rev'd Jo was of course Associate Priest and Team Vicar in Saltash for many years. She describes her recent ministry:

**Since having to retire in July 2017 due to health problems, I have been an active PTO (Permission to Officiate) clergy person within the Saltash Team. In the past two years during Covid lockdowns, many of us have been forced into isolation, shielding and other strict measures due to personal health issues and also because of having to provide care to other very vulnerable people. This included myself, also being the carer for my very elderly mother. However, I willingly took an active role in the Zoom services online and when rules allowed I conducted and led outdoor services.**



Nevertheless, some were wondering why Rev'd Jo was no longer around as often as before. Had something happened? Sadly the answer involves a trespass on the part of the Saltash Team Ministry. It seems that during the

handover to the transition team in 2020, Jo's name was left off the list of PTO clergy in the Team. There was no reason for this: it was a sheer mistake; how it happened I cannot find out; why it was not discovered I do not know; but what is all too clear is the hurt that this caused.

Rev'd Jo writes:

**In 2021, the new Parish Profile was constructed and published in order to appoint a new Priest in Charge. Imagine my surprise and ensuing sadness when reading this document, that in the**

**section describing 'The Team', four PTO clergy were named, despite the fact that five PTO clergy were in place! Clearly I had been excluded...**

The Team soon learned our mistake when it meant losing out on the skills and talents of Rev'd Jo – for which of course we had only ourselves to blame.

But I now want to take this opportunity to apologise to Rev'd Jo. Members of the transition team I have spoken to are very sorry. And Rev'd Jo, for her part, has very graciously agreed to bring her many talents back to Saltash in her new role in the Wednesday eucharist.

Appropriately enough, this June marks the 25-year anniversary of Rev'd Jo's ordination to the priesthood, and we look forward to once again receiving from her priestly gifts and ministry in our churches. Happy anniversary, Jo! *Ad multos annos.*

*Rev'd Richard Magrath*

## Recent Events continued

### Platinum Jubilee High Tea at St Nicholas and St Faith



The weather remained absolutely glorious for our Platinum High Tea on 11 June. The Queen aka Mrs Stephanie Yates, duly arrive together with her Lady in Waiting, Miss Anna Shaw. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Darcy and Maisie Carmichael.

After glasses of Prosecco, and a sumptuous tea, the Jubilee awards were presented to:

**Mr Ernest Reynolds** for all the years he looked after the Church Gardens;

**Mr Darren Jane** for being our organist (as well as St Stephen's);

**Mrs Kay Gill** for all she does in compiling the childrens' quiz at the Christmas Tree Festivals;

**Miss Audrey Miller** for always being there with her camera to record social events;

**Mrs Mary Bowden**, who was awarded the certificate on behalf of her late husband, for everything he did for us,

he made the horses that we on display, supposedly the Royal Mews;

**Mr Roger Chapman** (presented at the end of our morning service on Sunday 12 June) for all he has undertaken since joining our Church Family.

There is still one more to be presented, and that goes to: **Mrs Ruth Edmondson** for all that she did and does in recording of all the virtual Church Services, especially the special ones.



At the end of the afternoon, our Queen showed us what she kept in her handbag, yes you have guessed, a marmalade sandwich!

Thank you to everybody who came and supported SSNF's effort for the Jubilee celebrations, especially all those behind the scenes who worked so hard to bring everything together, an extremely good afternoon was had by all.

### St Stephen's Ukraine Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who supported the above event, including the catering volunteers. We raised £358; this enabled us to purchase eight sleeping bags and 15 large tins of baby milk immediately, which we were advised was urgently needed.

A convoy of 17 vans went out to Ukraine the Wednesday after our event, and St Stephen's contribution went out with that convoy. We are left with over £100 to use when the next convoy goes out.





# Blackberry-Picking

by Seamus Heaney

Late August, given heavy rain and sun  
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.  
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot  
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.  
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet  
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it  
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for  
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger  
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots  
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.  
Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills  
We trekked and picked until the cans were full  
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered  
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned  
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered  
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.  
  
We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.  
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,  
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.  
The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush  
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.  
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair  
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.  
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.



## Recent Events continued

### Flag Displays at St Michael's Church



The pupils of Sir Robert Geffery School created flags (as part of the national River of Hope) to hang in St Michael's Church for the Platinum Jubilee.



# St Stephen's Summer Fair



Thank you to all who helped and supported at our Summer Fair in any way. Despite a very heavy downpour, the weather was better than expected.

Overall the event was very successful and we made a grand total of £1927. A great team effort!

