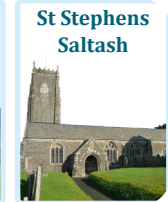
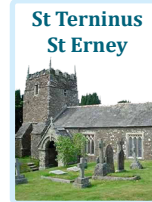
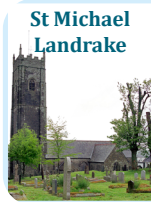


Saltash Area Newsletter

November 2021



DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM – GROWING THE CHURCH
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“The wheels on the bus...”

Some of you will know that when I was a youngster I had a great delight in going to the cinema and watching films (as one would do at the cinema). My interest was such that I did seriously ponder on the possibility of becoming a ‘film critic’. (I think considering my background it was more the fact of watching without paying that may have attracted me.) However, it was not to be.

One of the things which fascinated me while watching a film with moving vehicles in it was the way the vehicle went forward while the wheels were appearing to turn in the opposite direction.

Stagecoach, bus, van, train, car, bicycle; it did not

seem to matter as the wheel action was always the same. To my young eyes backwards and forwards at the same time seemed impossible. Of course, later I learnt that it was not magic but an illusion!

November is the month when it would appear that we can achieve the ability to look backward and forward at the same time. In this country we are called to remember; remember those of past generations who were caught up in the struggle and conflict to promote peace. We have to face the fact that humanity has its dark side which brings pain and

suffering both to those who are directly involved in the conflict and to those who wait upon the edges.

The Church also, in this month in particular, bids the Christian family to recall those who are unknown and unseen, but can be remembered for their faith. We pause and evaluate their perseverance that has brought us to this hour, many who lived in far off times

and in distant lands, yet with whom we are one. As we read the accounts of their endeavours and I certainly hope that you do, we can be justly proud that we are one with them.

Some months ago I mentioned my wise old Cornish grandmother with whom I shared the

early years of my life. My best memory of her is sitting on the chesterfield in her room with me beside her listening as she recounted stories of her childhood; of her father, especially at the time of General Elections or her mother, the quiet and determined matriarch of a large family and of her brothers and sisters, all older than herself. Often, during such reminiscences, she would recall a particular occasion in her life.

She had a friend who attended the Band of Hope and sometimes she would tag along with her to the junior group gathering. There they learnt the faith



Diary Dates

Saturday
13 November

10am to 1pm
St Stephen's Church
November Fair

Saturday
20 November

Noon to 4pm
St Michael's, Landrake
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday
27 November

Open daily until
Friday 10 December
St Nicholas and
St Faith Church Church
Christmas Tree Festival
See p3 for opening times

Friday
3 December

7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Christmas Concert
with Tamar Valley
Male Voice Choir

Friday
10 December

Time tba
St Stephen's Church
Christmas Big Sing



NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

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 10 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Morning Service

Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial

St Michael, Landrake

10.45am Service of Remembrance
in the Churchyard

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.50am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial
then Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial
then Morning Service

Sunday 21 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

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Sunday 28 November

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 customs through the alphabet; each having a particular letter to learn and recite. My Grandmother had the letter 'U' and had to stand and say, "U is united so let us all stand in arms against drink, a strong faithful band."

As I remember my Grandmother and her gift to me, I hope that on some future occasion a grandchild of mine (or great-grandchild), will be able to discover stories about me, I pray told with affection. Stories that will make the young lad/lass feel proud to be a member of our family.

Looking back, of course, is not enough. At this time of the year the Church bids us to remember that we are all on a journey forward. Like those of former times, we have a responsibility to carry the message of God's love to the present. To

reveal the love of God who enabled our forebears to stand firm in the faith which has been passed to us so that it may belong to future generations. 'The God who was, who is and will be.'

We are bidden to do this not only by ensuring that the past is not forgotten, but also by the actions in our lives as we share this human experience with others. For the faith is much more than words, it is a faith that demands involvement, a faith that demands we respond in a positive way to ensuring social justice.

*We have gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory tell his worth.*

Fr Brian

Vegetable Trivia Quiz

1. Carrots are especially rich in which vitamin?
2. What vegetable is traditionally used in a Moussaka?
3. What continent do tomatoes originate from?
4. What is the Indian dish Dhal made from?
5. What vegetable is sold mainly before 30th October?
6. In a Japanese restaurant, diners may order a dish of thinly sliced beef and raw vegetables which would be stir fried at the table, what is it called?
7. What name is given to sun dried peppers used to spice up Tabasco sauce?
8. What two vegetables are normally in Bubble & Squeak?
9. What can be Cos or Iceberg?
10. What type of bean is used to make baked beans?
11. Which bean is the richest natural vegetable food?
12. What kind of vegetable are Kelvedon Wonder, Little Marvel and Hurst Green Shaft?



Answers on p6

Christmas Tree Festival 2021

Saturday 27 November
to Friday 10 December

FREE ENTRY – donations invited



Opening Times

Saturday 27 November: 10am to 4pm

Refreshments including bacon butties available

Sunday 28 November: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 4 December: 10am to 4pm*

Refreshments including bacon butties available

Sunday 5 December: 2pm to 4pm

The Burraton Boys are coming to sing for us
There will be tea/coffee and mince pies afterwards

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Grand Christmas Draw

Tickets now available

There will be a sign-up list in church if you can help with stewarding.

Trees will be taken down on Saturday 11 December (10am to noon) and our Grand Christmas Draw will be drawn at noon at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 18 December.

*Depending on the town festivities could be later, please watch the pew sheet for more information.

Recent Events

Men of St Stephen's and Friends (MOSSAF)

In October our Men's group had an enjoyable time socialising together over a game of Tenpin Bowling. King of the Pin was Arland Burns, well done Arland.



This month we will be visiting The George Toby Carvery (Rochester) for our end of year meal. Should you be interested in joining us, please get in touch with Steve Hookway asap as places are limited. We then close down our group until March next year.

We have some fantastic speakers planned for 2022 including the Dean of Truro Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Roger Bush and former Bishop of St Germans, Graham James.

St Stephen's Church Fair



Thank you to all who helped and supported us at our first Church Fair since lockdown.

The event was very well attended and raised an impressive, and surprising £1097.01.

Recent Events continued

Mother's Union



Our Mothers' Union group met in October in St Stephen's Church to enjoy a social afternoon and to welcome new prospective members into the fold.

We began with prayers, led by Sandra, where we especially remembered all those who are sick and suffering. We

know that through God's love they will be comforted.

We then took part in a general knowledge quiz which provided much merriment and the winner was Lorna. We spent some time discussing future plans including ideas for the tree in the Christmas Festival at St Nicholas and St Faith Church at the beginning of December and also arrangements for our Advent service on 14 December.

This November we will be supporting 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. This is an international campaign running between 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) and 10 December (International Human Rights Day). Over 187 countries will raise awareness of this issue and call for an end to violence and abuse in all forms.

On 27 November we hope that all Mothers' Union members will wear a purple scarf and gather for a three minute silence at 1.03 pm. We hope that the voices of our four million Mothers' Union members around the world will be heard – calling for action on an international scale. More information on this topic is on display on the Mothers' Union table at the back of St Stephen's church.

Our next meeting, starting at at 2pm on 9 November, will be addressed by Mrs Audrey Miller.

Messy Church



On 20 November, we are holding our first Messy Church session since the pandemic arrived. We shall begin at 3pm with a short service for children and parents, followed by

a couple of craft sessions – and finish with a picnic tea.

This is a long-awaited return which is dependent on no change in Covid restrictions. Our theme for the day is:

Jesus is the light of the world.

SCOTLAND

18 – 25 JULY 2022



Tyndrum

1 night: Holiday Inn, Dumfries

3 nights: Ben Doran Hotel, Tyndrum

2 nights: Queens Hotel, Dundee

1 overnight stop: Mercure, Preston

Cost £660 per person (deposit of £75)

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



Dundee

The trip is with Peninsula Holiday and run by Majestic Tours.

Insurance cover (if required) is £35 per person: the Majestic cover is not subject to age restriction.

Detailed itinerary and further information will be confirmed when the viability of the trip is established.

Further information from Fr Brian 07710231219

sherioc42@yahoo.co.uk

ON THE WAY

Community Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the community survey. This is now closed and once the results have been analysed they will provide topics for discussion in the parishes across the Deanery.

Meanwhile, do keep praying for this important process and contact me if you would like to be involved as we move forward.

Bishop Philip has written an introduction to *On the Way*:
trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/on-the-way/

Richard Margetts

SALTASH LIONS

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER
7PM AT ASHTORRE ROCK**

Saltash Lions Club run a quiz each month and they have kindly decided to run their November Quiz night in aid of St Stephen's Church. It will be fantastic if we can get some extra teams up to support the event – and have a really enjoyable evening!

**£3 per person
(max 6 persons per team)**

Please bring your own refreshments.

My November Guest

My sorrow, when she's here with me,
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain
Are beautiful as days can be;
She loves the bare, the withered tree;
She walks the sodden pasture lane.

Her pleasure will not let me stay.
She talks and I am fain to list:
She's glad the birds are gone away,
She's glad her simple worsted grey
Is silver now with clinging mist.

The desolate, deserted trees,
The faded earth, the heavy sky,
The beauties she so truly sees,
She thinks I have no eye for these,
And vexes me for reason why.

Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise.

Robert Frost

What's On

November Fair
St Stephen's Church
Sat 13 Nov, 10am to 1pm



Cakes, Christmas Card Packs, Festive Tombola, Hoopla, 2022 Diaries, Stationery, Cards, Books, Bumper Christmas Raffle, Christmas Gifts Galore, Refreshments and much more!

Christmas Bazaar
Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake
Sat 20 Nov, Noon to 4pm



Come and buy all your Christmas gifts, stay for refreshments and visit Father Christmas!

Christmas Tree Festival
SSNF Church
Sat 27 Nov to Fri 10 Dec



See page 3 for details.

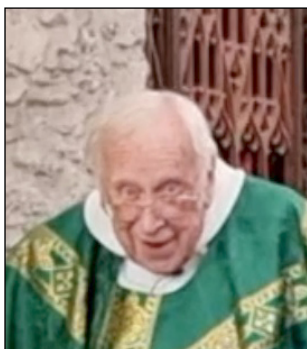
Coming Up at St Stephen's

Christmas Concert
with Tamar Valley MVC
Fri 3 December, 7.30pm

Christmas Big Sing
Fri 10 December, time tba

Praying for Peace

Rev Gordon Cryer



I don't know where the time goes. By the time you read this we will be well on the way through November and edging towards Christmas. How time flies by!

We mark the months throughout the year with the that month's particular landmark. We highlight the Christmas festival and New Year and not long after New Year comes Shrove Tuesday and Lent followed by Easter Day. Add to that our own particular days and anniversaries.

Now we have reached the beginning of November, with its times of remembrance. For about 100 years now the beginning of November has had its special days of remembrance with poppies and parades and we pray for Peace and Justice in our world. We remember particularly those who died in two World Wars; to re-establish and maintain Peace. In our prayers we pray for peace and justice in our world and remember those who gave their lives that peace may abound.

The 20th century seems to have been full of wars and our emphasis must be on our prayers for a world at peace. At the beginning of November we concentrate on those prayers of remembrance. At the end of the month, in the church's Calendar comes the remembrance of All Saints. We remember all those who have given their lives for their sisters and brothers, that we and all the world, may have a life of peace and justice.

Of course praying for peace is always in our hearts and minds. But it is surely good for there to be reminders of that to jog our minds. Peace can be costly, the TV news pictures show us the great cost that some people face. The numbers of people who are suffering through living in conflict zones across the world does not seem to diminish. It sometimes seems to grow in number. The imperative is for us to deepen our prayers and to work for peace in our world, or is it God's world?

Do you remember the Blessing with which we end services Sunday by Sunday?

The peace of God, which passes all understanding.

That is the peace for which we pray that all the world may enjoy in their daily living and in their relationships with all around them. It begins with us.

The month of November begins by directing us to pray for peace and work for peace, and pray for a world that is at peace with itself.

I know that most of us don't quite believe it, but this search and work for peace really does begin with each of us. It is our prayers and work as individuals that makes that peace a reality. For all this to happen, we have to be at peace with ourselves.

Samaritan's Purse

Help make a child's Christmas

As in previous years, we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to take part, leaflets giving details of how to pack your box are in church. Shoeboxes will be available for 40p. Please let me know if you would like one, as they have to be ordered.

Margaret Dell ☎ 01752 846945



Saltash foodbank

Our latest needs are:

- Milk Powder
- Sponge Puddings
- UHT Fruit Juice / Squash
- Sugar
- Deodorants
- Hair Conditioner

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

Answers to Vegetable Quiz on page 2:

1. Vitamin A
2. Aubergine
3. South America
4. Lentils
5. Pumpkin
6. Sukiyaki
7. Chillies
8. Potatoes & Greens/cabbage
9. Lettuce
10. Haricot
11. Soya
12. Peas

STOP PRESS

Mr Ed O'Hara has been offered the position of head teacher at Sir Robert Geffery's School, Landrake and he has accepted. He will take over formally from Mrs Curtis at the start of next term, January 2022.

Please email articles for the December issue to: newsletter@saltashteamministry.org by 20 November.