

# Saltash Area Newsletter

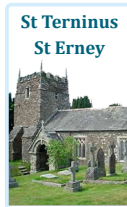
June 2025



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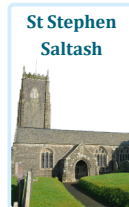
St Mary  
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St Terninus  
St Erney



SS Nicholas &  
Faith, Saltash



St Stephen  
Saltash



SS Leonard &  
Dilpe, Landulph

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Dear Friends,

What a joy this past month has been – especially witnessing the installation of Bishop David as the new Bishop of Truro! It was a joyous and hopeful occasion, marking the beginning of a new chapter for our diocese. We look forward with anticipation to welcoming him here in person on 29 June, and I hope many of you will be able to come and meet him.

Another milestone this month has been the completion of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) for 2024. I want to thank all those who have served so faithfully in a variety of roles across our parishes, often quietly and behind the scenes. Your time, energy, and prayers are the backbone of our church life.

That said, there are still some important roles left unfilled. Each of our churches has spaces on PCCs or other teams, and I ask you to prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to serve in some way. Whether it's helping with finance, fabric, music, flowers, outreach, or simply offering a listening ear or a warm welcome – your contribution matters more than you might imagine. No offer of time or talent is too small when it's offered in love.

On a more personal note, I wanted to share a recent discovery from my family history. Many of you know that my mum

is a passionate genealogist. During her latest deep dive into our ancestry, she unearthed the record of my eight-times-great-grandfather, John Trease, who married Elizabeth Hodge at St Stephen's by Saltash in 1676. Even more astonishingly, she traced a connection to Edward Courtenay of Landrake, who died in 1509 – our earliest known link to the Benefice!

These findings have stirred something quite profound in me. One of my theology tutors used to say, "There are no coincidences in the places where we find ourselves. Sometimes, we are called back to our roots to awaken the saints." It's an image that has stayed with me, and one that feels especially poignant now. To think that centuries ago, my ancestors worshipped and walked in the very places I now serve is both humbling and inspiring.

In a world that often feels so transient, it's a powerful reminder that we are part of something much larger than ourselves – a living story of faith that stretches across time and place. May we continue to honour those who came before us by living lives of faith, hope, and service in our communities today.

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Rev'd Laura

## Coming Up

**Monday 9 June**

**7pm, St Stephen's Church  
MOSSAF**

Speaker: Richard Frost MBE

**Tuesday 10 June**

**2pm, St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union**

**Wednesday 11 June**

**10am, St Stephen's Church  
Coffee, Cake & Chat**

**Wednesday 11 June**

**Noon to 2pm  
St Mary's Church Hall  
Jacket Potato Lunch**

**Monday 16 June**

**2-4pm, SSNF Church Rooms  
Craft Afternoon**

**Friday 20 June**

**Noon, S.T.A.R.T.**

**Sunday 22 June**

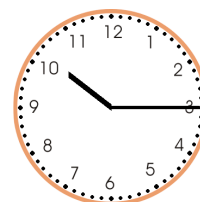
**Noon to 2pm  
SSNF Church Rooms  
Spuds & Puds Lunch  
for Christian Aid**

**Every Monday**

**23 June to 28 July  
7.15pm to 9.15pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Bible Study**

**Sunday 29 June  
with Bishop David**

**10.30am Service at SSNF  
then Bring & Share Lunch  
5.30pm Service at St Mary**



**Matins on the first  
Sundays at St Erney  
will start at 10.15am.**

## JUNE SERVICES

### Sunday 1 June

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Morning Worship

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Family Morning Worship

**St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph**

10am Holy Communion

**St Erney, Landrake**

10.15am Matins

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

10.30am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Morning Worship

6.30pm Sung Evensong

### Pentecost – Sunday 8 June

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Morning Worship

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

10.30am Morning Worship

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 15 June

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong

**St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph**

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### Sunday 22 June

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**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

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11.15am Morning Worship

### Sunday 29 June with †David

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

10.30am United Service

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

5.30pm Sung Evensong

### Wednesdays 4 and 18 June

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

Please note: Holy Communion services may change to Morning Worship at very short notice.

## Recent Events

### MOSSAF



Our May meeting took us to St John's Church Hooe, where MOSSAF members were made very welcome and given a fact-filled tour by Father Ian Provost. John West was delighted to return to the Church to see the font he was baptised in many years ago. We ended our visit with Evening Prayer.

Our next meeting is on Monday 9 June at 7pm in the social area of St Stephen's Church when our guest speaker will be Richard Frost MBE. Richard is a licensed lay minister in Totnes, Chaplain to South West Ministerial Training College as well as being an author and former mental health and employment professional. Earlier this year, Richard's latest book, *Hopes and Expectations*, was released. He will be talking about his faith journey and how that interacts with his life.



### Bacon Butties at SS Nicholas and Faith

Thank you to everyone who supported our bacon butties morning on Saturday 3 May. There was a really good atmosphere in the hall, and we actually ran out of bacon by 12.45! £250 was made for Church funds. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the morning go with a swing.

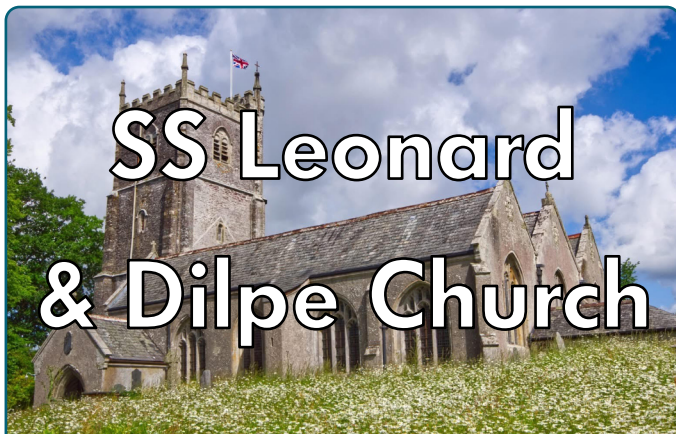


## Pioneering Parishes

Monday 9 June 10am to 3pm,  
St Stephen's Church

The Church Mission Society is holding a Pioneering Parishes session in our Deanery with Rev'd Tina Hodgett and Rev'd Greg Bakker. It is open to anyone (especially lay people) who has a heart for helping the church look outward and is founded on the belief that pioneering is integral to parish life. The session looks at how churches can shift energy out into the parish. This is a key part to making parishes sustainable.

Please let Rebecca Giles know if you can attend [admin@eastwivelshire.org](mailto:admin@eastwivelshire.org)



# SS Leonard & Dilpe Church

*As we move closer to becoming one benefice, I thought it would be interesting to find out a little about the other churches in our benefice – and discover how little we know about our own! This month is the church in Landulph.*

1. Above the porch door is a sundial. Can you read the date it was installed and the current time?
2. Inside the porch there is a memorial set into the wall. Who is it for?
3. Inside the church, can you find an ancient collections box?
4. Where can you find out the age of the church records and where they are now kept?
5. The church has a complete set of early 16th century carved bench ends; where is the dragon?
6. The Church has a fine wooden screen. What event does it feature?
7. Where can you read the Creed?
8. One of the windows has three Bishops- can you find the window?
9. Where in the Church can you find a descendent of the Christian Emperors of Greece?
10. Can you find the wooden unicorn heads?

*Answers on p7*



## Bank the Food

Point your mobile phone camera at this QR code. Click the link to download the 'Bank the Food' App. This will enable you to see which items Saltash Foodbank needs now!

## Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op or at the back of St Stephen's or SSNF Churches and/or donate money via the Foodbank website: [saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)

## Recent Events continued

### Mothers' Union



Members of Mothers' Union met in May in St Stephen's Church. We began with prayers in which we remembered those who participate in the campaign *Thy Kingdom Come*. We chose five people to pray for, to become closer to Jesus Christ and to help make God's Kingdom here on earth. In the week beginning 29 May, members will be praying for this and for our goal of the Kingdom coming over all the world.

Following prayers, we took part in a quiz prepared by Elaine. The General Knowledge questions were easier than the Dingbat round. It's funny how you can stare at something for ages without knowing the answer but when somebody tells you it is so obvious!

With conversation, tea and cake, the afternoon came to an end.

Next month on 9 June, we welcome our own Rev'd Lyn to speak to us and a warm welcome awaits any who wish to join us.

### Quiz for Christian Aid



On Friday 16 May, 26 people making up five teams came along to St Stephen's church for a quiz night in aid of Christian Aid.

Mark Fox and his sometimes vocal cute assistant 'Millie' (pictured, right) delivered a great set of questions and a music round. Well done to 'the boys are back in town' team for winning the quiz by half a point.

Thank you to all that supported the quiz night and helped to raise £188 for Christian Aid.



## Recent Events continued

### START

Our February meeting at Wesley Church featured Dr Phil Jordan, a local Bee Inspector, who discussed the challenges faced by honey bees. They face threats from diseases, pesticides, hornets (European and Asian), weather, and ants stealing honey and brood from weak colonies. A major global issue is the Varroa mite parasite, which can devastate hives if untreated. Dead bees near hives are natural in summer, but excessive numbers require intervention. Chemical treatments are available, as without them, colonies may collapse in two to three years. Research at institutions such as Sussex University focuses on diseases and treatments. This eye-opening talk highlighted the vital role Honey Bees play in pollinating crops and flowers as well as the ongoing challenges they face.



The event originally scheduled for April was postponed to May. Members gathered at Wesley and arranged car shares to drive to the Beefeater for lunch before visiting Saltram House. This Georgian mansion, regarded as one of Britain's finest, was home to the Parker family from 1740 to 1957. A marriage in 1769 transformed it into a Palladian residence under architect Robert Adam, featuring exquisite plaster ceilings, an Axminster carpet, and furniture by Chippendale. The library, re-modelled in 1818, houses over 3,000 books. The gardens reflect the era's plant-collecting craze, boasting over 1,500 species from across the globe. The estate was bequeathed to the National Trust in 1957, complete with a collection of paintings, ceramics, and Chinese wallpaper. Saltram House remains a treasure of Georgian architecture and history, showcasing the family's cultural and horticultural pursuits. It was described by Nikolaus Pevsner as the most impressive country house in Devon.

The event planned for 30 May is for lunch at the Dartmoor Diner followed by a trip to Burrator Reservoir under the guidance of Bob Austin.

## St Stephen's Summer Fair 5 July



As usual, we need raffle prizes and offers from bakers who can cook a cake or two for the cake stall.

We also need bric-à-brac – if you have any, please see John Lissenden or ring him (☎01752 847573) to arrange collection/delivery or, better still, bring to church and leave in the social area.

If you are able to help in any way on the day, please let Helen know – [helen@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:helen@saltashteamministry.org)

### New Churchwarden

The Parish of Landrake with St Erney are pleased to announce that Caroline Norris has agreed to become our second Churchwarden. Caroline is already a valued and very hard working member of the PCC, and we are grateful that she is to contribute her considerable experience in this way.



**Wednesdays  
6.30pm  
St Mary's Church**

As the visit of our new Bishop of Truro will be on Sunday 29 June, we will be having a choir practice for the sung Evensong every Wednesday until 25 June.

### Archdeacon's Visitation

**2 June at 7pm at St Nicholas & St Faith**

Our Benefice will be hosting Archdeacon's Visitation where our elected churchwardens will be officially admitted to their office.

### Sending Love to Ukraine

Ray and Mary Wills handed over a fair number of goodies and funds for Ukraine on Friday 16 May.

The volunteers at Callington were very pleased by your generous donations. Thank you to all who contributed.



# Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

## Your Sunday Morning

How do your Sunday mornings go? Do they ever involve scrabbling under the sofa cushions looking for enough cash to put in today's envelope? Or feeling smug because yesterday you remembered to draw enough money from the 'hole in the wall' for the envelope?

## The Treasurer's Sunday

Now think of the church treasurer's Sunday afternoon spent opening envelopes, then counting and recording the money. And the cash still has to be banked. Even money paid by standing order needs some admin and collecting the gift aid from HMRC is no picnic (nor paid very promptly).

Surely there's a better way?



## The Parish Giving Scheme

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/>

PGS is a registered charity that will collect our gifts by direct debit and pay it to our chosen church promptly (with the gift aid). PGS also collects one-off donations. The admin costs for the scheme are paid by the diocese.

## Better for Us

We have a secure and simple method of giving with the option to increase giving annually to protect our gift against inflation. We also have peace of mind that the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects our gifts.

## Better for the Treasurer

The treasurer no longer has the bother of envelopes, just easy access to monthly and annual (both tax and calendar year) statements with prompt payments into the church bank account of the gift and the gift aid.

## Register Now!

If you are donating by gift aid envelopes, cash or standing order, why not register for PGS? It's easy to do.

PS Do let your church treasurer know!

## Registered Churches

All our churches except St Mary are registered for the Parish Giving Scheme.

## Register by Phone

When you are ready to set up a new regular gift, please have your personal bank account details, church/parish name and PGS parish code (see below).

Then simply give them a call on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and they will take down all the information needed to complete your Direct Debit instruction for you. They will also ask about your preferences for opting in to Gift Aid, if you are eligible, and whether you would like to increase your gift annually by the rate of inflation.

The call usually takes about 10 minutes. They will then send you a confirmation of your new gift by post or email.

## Register Online

Please use the website links below for your church.

### Saltash: St Stephen's by Saltash

Parish code: 390639288

<https://parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/st-stephen-by-saltash-saltash/>

### Saltash: St Nicholas & St Faith

Parish code: 390639324

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/saltash-st-nicholas-st-faith-saltash/>

### Landrake: St Terninus St Erney

Parish code: 390639277

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/st-terminus-st-erney-landrake/>

### Landrake: Landrake with St Erney (St Michael's)

Parish code: 390639276

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/landrake-with-st-erney-plymouth/>

### Landulph: St Leonard & St Dilpe

Parish code: 390639278

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/landulph-st-leonard-st-dilpe-cornwall/>

## Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wednesday 11 June and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's Church



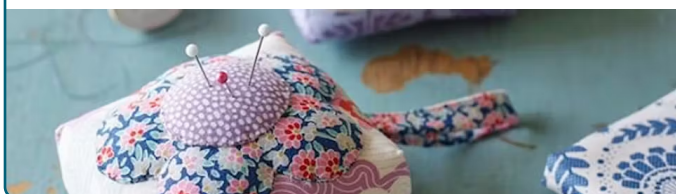
## Jacket Potato Lunch

Wednesday 11 June, noon to 2pm  
in St Mary's Church Hall



## Craft Afternoon

Monday 16 June and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms



## Spud & Pud Lunch

Sunday 22 June  
noon to 2pm  
SSNF Church Rooms



**All proceeds to Christian Aid**

Please sign up at the back of the church  
or email Margaret, [mje1503@gmail.com](mailto:mje1503@gmail.com)

## In July - more details next issue

**Saturday 19 July, 2-4pm at St Michael's.** Wildlife Afternoon with cream tea and, new for this year, a plant sale.

**Saturday 19 July, 3-5pm in SSNF Church Rooms**  
Strawberry Tea.

**Friday 25 July, early evening at St Michael's.**

The **Wiveliscombe Quartet** offer you a wonderful selection of music for strings. The PCC will contribute the candlelit setting, a buffet supper in the interval and a raffle.

**Mondays 23 June to 28 July**  
**7.15 – 9.15pm, St Stephen's Church**

## Bible Study

From 22 June we will be suspending the lectionary as we do a deep dive in to learning from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. For six weeks we will look at a chapter in our sermons and there will be Bible Study on the following Monday evening.

This is a great opportunity to understand this part of the Bible.

## Sunday 29 June

### † David

The Rt Revd David Williams was installed as the 17th Bishop of Truro on 17 May and he and his wife, Helen, will be visiting our Benefice on 29 June.

Services and a lunch have been planned so as many of us as possible will be able to meet him.

**10.30am** United Service at St Nicholas and St Faith

Followed by **Bring and Share Lunch** in St Nicholas and St Faith Church Rooms

**5.30pm** Sung Evensong at St Mary's Church

Please come along if you can. Nearer the time there will be a sign-up list for the lunch.



**St Stephen's Church**

## Summer Fair

**Saturday 5 July 10am to 2pm**

**Something for everyone**

**Join us for lots of fun!**

**Free Entry**



# SS Leonard & Dilpe Church Quiz - Answers

1. Above the porch door is a sundial.  
Can you read the date it was installed and the current time?



**Answer: 1768.**

2. Inside the porch there is a memorial set into the wall.  
Who is it for?

**Answer: Rev F V J Arundell.**

(There is also a painting of Rev Arundell. Rector from 1805 to 1846. He had a grand vision of building a Spa hotel at Landulph to promote the medicinal qualities of the local water, it didn't materialise.)

3. Inside the church, can you find an ancient collections box?



**Answer: Attached to the pew inside the main door is an ancient Alms Box.**

4. Where can you find out the age of the church records and where they are now kept?

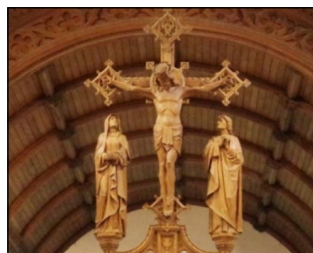
**Answer: In the porch. The date is 1540 and the records are now kept in the County Record Office – renamed Kresen Kernow.**

5. The church has a complete set of early 16th century carved bench ends; where is the dragon?



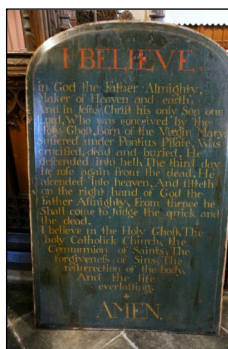
**Answer: Near the lectern.**

6. The Church has a fine wooden screen. What event does it feature?



**Answer: The Rood Screen features the crucifixion of Jesus with the Virgin Mary and St John.**

7. Where can you read the Creed?



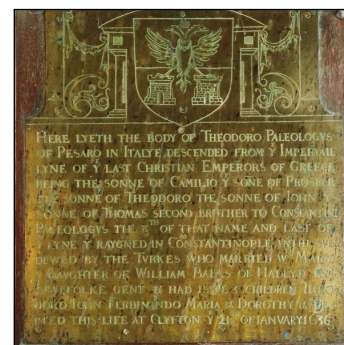
**Answer: By the rood screen on a board dating from either the 18th or early 19th century. (There is a similar board for the Lord's Prayer.)**

8. One of the windows has three Bishops- can you find the window?



**Answer: In the south aisle.**

9. Where in the Church can you find a descendent of the Christian Emperors of Greece?



**Answer: The memorial to Theodore Paleologus is next to the vestry door.**

10. Can you find the wooden unicorn heads?



**Answer: On the panels at the back of the Church. (There are also unicorns in the coat of arms of George II and in the coat of arms of the Lower Family.)**

Thanks to Andrew Barrett who provided the quiz and the pictures. More information can be found at <https://www.chct.info/histories/landulph-st-leonard-st-dilpe/>. Come along and visit this really interesting church – open for Sunday services on the first and third Sundays of the month (10am) and on Saturdays (10am to 3pm).

Please email articles for the next issue to: [newsletter@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:newsletter@saltashteamministry.org) by 20 June