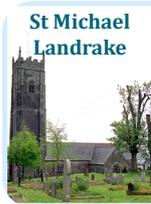


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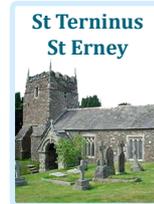
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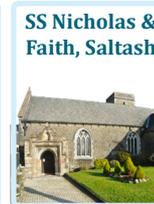
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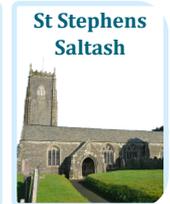
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End of a Vacation

A well-known Christian writer once said, “We’re all going on a summer holiday / no more working for a week or two / fun and laughter on a summer holiday / no more worries for me or you / for a week or two.”

Having recently returned from my own summer holiday – or, to give it its posh name, ‘annual leave’ – I particularly enjoyed the “no more worries”: no sudden onset of fear during breakfast that I should actually be taking a school assembly at that very minute.

But now back to work / school / etc! And even if one is retired (which I can only imagine must feel like a perpetual holiday) this time of year might still be marked by a particular sentiment: the end of a vacation, now back to work.

Back to work, yes – but perhaps in an (ever-so-slightly) different way. Hopefully feeling refreshed, yes; but maybe something more than that. Back at the desk with a new wisdom won from spending two weeks off. The wisdom that, at the very least, it feels rather healthy and beneficial to take a break.

Rest is important in Christianity – so important it’s even in the Ten Commandments: “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but

the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God...”

God took a day off after he made heaven and earth and all creation. God’s people Israel, in ancient times, would have seemed quite unusual to their neighbours in taking a day off once a week: the Sabbath day.



The importance of rest (or ‘Sabbath’) is one of those basic bits of Christianity that has become slightly trendy again to talk about. (I am assuming *The Church Times* book page counts as ‘trendy’ here.)

It needs talking about because it is easily forgotten. We might think, “because I’m a Christian, that means I am one of

those people that DON’T have a lie in and a rest on a Sunday morning”. Our image of a Good Person is probably someone zipping about here and there doing all sorts of Good Things with unceasing zeal. (I once knew a somewhat workaholic clergyman whose favourite bible verse was 1 Cor. 15.58: “your labour in the Lord is not in vain”, which he interpreted to mean: “make sure you’re always doing SOMETHING!” He is now a very senior cleric.)

But what about sitting down and

Coming Up

Saturday 10 September
10am-Noon
St Michael's & St Erney
Cornwall Historic Churches
Open Day

Monday 12 September
7pm
St Stephen's Church
MOSSAF
with Bishop Graham James
former Bishop of St Germans

Tuesday 13 September
2pm
St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Friday 16 September
10am
S.T.A.R.T. – Bodmin Jail

Saturday 17 September
3-5pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

Saturday 17 September
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Sir Robert Geoffrey
Memorial Hall, Landrake
Glamorous Afternoon Tea

Saturday 24 September
9.30-11.30am
St Stephen's Church
Food Market
& Table Top Sale

Thursday 29 September
7.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Christmas Tree Launch

Monday 3 October
6.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Harvest Supper

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4 September

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 11 September

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion
with Baptism

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 18 September

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 25 September

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

Tuesday 26 September

St Stephen-by-Saltash

2pm MU Wave of Prayer

Friday 30 September

St Germans Priory

7pm Choral Evensong

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

watching telly or playing computer games or (my favourite) sitting down with a hot drink and staring vacantly into the middle distance? Do these things have value?

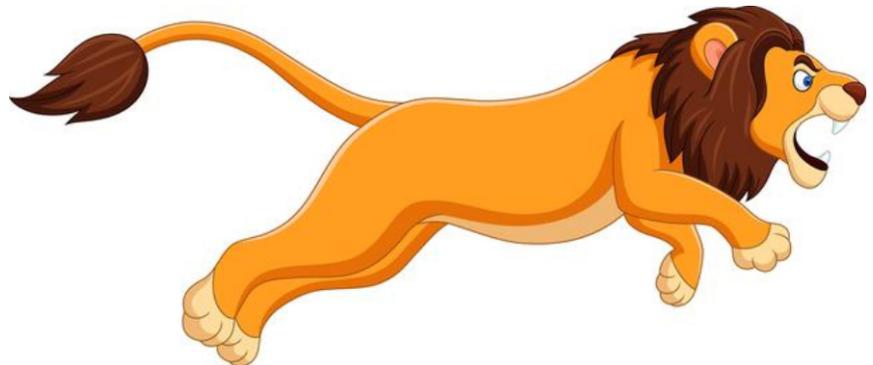
They are worldly things... but doesn't God love the world? (John 3.16 – if you really needed the reference!) Doesn't God love who we really are – the you that likes cricket; the me that likes 1970s ambient electronica – not just the 'who' we pretend to be when we dress up nicely and put on our best behaviour Sunday mornings? Doesn't the experience of Martha and Mary tell us that God in Jesus just really wants to come and spend some time with us – not necessarily have us run round and do loads of stuff to try and show him we care?

"A Sabbath rest remains for the people of God," writes the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, implicitly linking the weekly Sabbath day off with the great Sabbath – "God's rest" – at the end of time. The writer exhorts his readers to "make every effort to enter that rest". And who will enter into that rest? "We who have believed enter that rest."

A time of rest, then, is not just a gift from God ("the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath") but also a foretaste of the joys of the age to come – joys prepared by the God who appreciates a good rest.

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Be careful what you pray for!



Two men walking through a game park come across a lion that has not eaten for days.

The lion starts chasing the two men and they run away as fast as they can. One of the men starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord."

He looks to see if the lion is still chasing them and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer, "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

It Happened in September ...

1. The Great Fire of London ended in September 1666, but how many people died? a) 6 b) 60 c) 600
2. The Pilgrims set sail for America from Plymouth on the Mayflower in which year? a) 1610 b) 1620 c) 1630
3. Whose funeral in 1997 was watched by an estimated 2.5 billion on television as well as 1 million people who lined the streets of the funeral procession?
4. The sculpture 'David' was unveiled in Florence in 1504, but who was the sculptor?
5. Scotland's Forth Road Bridge near Edinburgh officially opened in which year? a) 1952 b) 1958 c) 1964
6. Edvard Grieg was a pianist and composer who died in Sept 1907. What nationality was he?
7. Which Scottish engineer and architect who died in September 1834, designed the Menai Suspension Bridge?
8. In 1189 – Richard I of England was crowned at Westminster. What was he also known as?
9. American Bobby Fischer beat which opponent in Reykjavík, Iceland in 1972 to become the world chess champion?
10. In September 1952 which novelist published the Pulitzer prize winning novel *The Old Man and the Sea*?
11. In 1893 which southern hemisphere country was the first to grant women the vote?
12. In 1829 the first British police force was established in London. They became known as 'bobbies', why?

Answers on p5

Prayer for September

Gracious God, in September nature is beginning to move on, stripping back its summer foliage, but with a final burst of summer fruitfulness.

Our faith too has to move on, not relying on past experience and yesterday's answers. Make us ready for the journey, moving on to wherever you may take us, without doubting your loving presence.

Keep us from a stagnant faith that never changes and grows. Open us to new things this autumn.

Amen.



Recent Events

Mother's Union



In July Mothers' Union members took a trip to Landulph church for a talk by Andrew Barrett. Members explored the church, which although quite small, is full of history and interesting architecture. For many, this was their first visit to the church and was more than they had expected. Thanks to Andrew for giving us his time.

We left the church and continued in the coach to the Engine House at Kit Hill for a satisfying lunch with a beautiful view looking towards deeper Cornwall.

On Tuesday, 13 September at 2pm at St Stephen's, we will welcome Len Maddock who will talk about his work with young people. On Monday, 26 of September at 2pm we will be holding a special prayer service in St Stephen's and all are welcome to join us for this service.

Breakfast at St Nicholas and St Faith



Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Breakfast Baps mornings throughout August. Over £400 was raised.

We have a small band of people who work extremely hard in the giving of their time to make sure that everything runs smoothly. It is also very rewarding when we are supported at events like this, not only by churchgoers, but by all members of the public of Saltash.

Thank you all for your support.

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



Since the last newsletter we have held two MOSSAF meetings. The first back in July (picture above) where we were treated to a guided tour of Plympton St Mary's by Rev'd Ian Provost. Some of us had attended services at the Church but had never noticed the splendour this historic Church held within. Many were intrigued by the font with its unusual rising lid and there was also a very detailed scaled model of St Mary's. The visit ended with Evening Prayer and Steve was invited to part lead with Father Ian. This concluded a fantastic visit which all the group enjoyed and we were very grateful to Ian for showing us around.



In August, MOSSAF were back at St Stephen's where our guest speaker was Bill Hill, who has been Chaplain to HM Prison Service for 42 years. Bill and his wife settled in Exeter where they ran a Fish 'n' Chip Shop together. One night when Bill came home his wife wasn't there but soon after came in to announce she had been to Church. The following week Bill went with her and he and his wife were soon baptised. Bill's interest in his faith grew and he started ministerial training. By now Bill had become a taxi driver and he took great delight in telling tales and listening and giving advice to others. Cab 15 became known as the 'vestry on wheels'. One day a letter was passed to Bill in his cab from a young man, stating he had

taken Bill's advice but was now in prison. A surprised Bill went to visit the prison to find out what had happened. The man had taken his advice to turn the other cheek and walk away instead of fighting, but had then written a letter to the other party saying, "If you don't leave me alone, I will kill you." This led to his arrest and a prison sentence. After a few visits Bill was asked if he would go into the prison and talk to the inmates. This led to him becoming Chaplain and so his new life began in earnest. His duties at one point included serving as a chaplain in a reform school. Bill told us many tales and also read moving poems from inmates of both chaplaincies. The evening was a great success and Bill was given rapturous applause.

We have had some really great evenings this year. If you haven't been yet, why not join us? Our next meeting is on Monday 12 September at 7pm in St Stephen's Social Area when the inspirational former Bishop of St Germans, Graham James, will tell us 'How a Cornish chapel boy navigated his way through the Church of England'. For further information please speak with Steve, Roger or Dave Coot. Subs £1, Coffee/Tea and biscuits available.

July Lion's Club Quiz



The Lion's club quiz recommenced at the end of July after a short break. St Stephen's Church Men's team gathered in the Ashtorre Centre and were pleased to see nine teams taking part to raise funds and awareness for the Toll Free Tamar Bridge group. We didn't hold out too much hope with the knowledgeable Mike absent and found the quiz particularly challenging, so were delighted to be one of the three joint winners. Much to our surprise we knew the answer to the tie break question on fashion (and answered it first) so won the bottle of prosecco.

The evening raised £185.

St Germans Priory Ecumenical Choral Evensong

Friday 30 September at 7pm



The service will be led by Reverend Laura Bushell-Hawke in the presence of The Right Reverend Bishop Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and The Right Reverend Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Cathedral. London. Bishop Nicholas will be preaching the sermon.

The Service will be sung by the a Combined Chamber Choir. This will include singers from Buckfast Abbey Choir, St Mary's Choir, Truro and St Endellion Church and they will be singing music by Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell and William Smith. The organist will be Christopher Cook.

Light refreshments available following the service

More information from Joanna Cook ☎ 01752 957974



Recent Events continued

START – Visit to Buckland Abbey



A select few, led by Bob Cartwright, drove over to the Abbey to start our tour in the huge 15th century tithe barn. The Abbey was founded in 1278 by Amicia, Countess of Devon, and is one of the last Cistercian houses to be built in England. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 the estate was sold to Sir Richard Grenville the Elder, a poet and a soldier. With his son, Sir Roger, they began the conversion of the abbey into a fine residence. Sir Roger was the captain of the *Mary Rose* and drowned when his ship floundered off Portsmouth in 1545 so it fell to Sir Richard's grandson to complete the work, which he did by 1576. Eventually in 1581 the family sold the estate to Sir Francis Drake who resided there for 15 years. The estate was sold to the National Trust in 1947 and they have carried out restoration work and together with Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery have furnished rooms to tell the story of the seafaring adventurers who helped to change the fate of England.

Nine years ago the self portrait of Rembrandt displayed there was re-attributed and now is valued at £30m. My eye was taken by the painting of 'Peasants dancing outside a tavern with a village church in the distance'. We inspected the collection of horse-drawn implements and a cider press. Also a number of ship models were admired. Some items such as Drake's Drum have been taken to The Drum. Finally we stepped across to the Oxen Yard to view the independent craft workshops and eat lunch in the café.

Answers to Quiz on page 3: 1. a)6 2. b)1620 3. Princess Diana 4. Michelangelo 5. c)1964 6. Norwegian 7. Thomas Telford 8. Richard the Lionheart 9. Boris Spassky 10. Ernest Hemingway 11. New Zealand 12. They took their nickname from the name of the Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel

What's On

Open Churches Day

St Michael's, Landrake
& St Terninus, St Erney

Saturday 10 Sept, 10am-Noon



Join us and:

- Enjoy two wonderful buildings;
- See the churchyards' bio-diversity;
- Complete the tree-naming competitions;
- Find a family grave;
- Refreshments;
- Admire what our work parties achieve.

If the weather is kind, walk (20 minutes) or cycle (10 minutes) between the churches to help the planet and leave parking for others!

Donations will be split between the PCC and the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust.

Glamorous Afternoon Tea

Sir Robert Geoffrey
Memorial Hall, Landrake
Saturday 17 Sept, 3-5pm



Tickets £10 each, available from Landrake Stores or landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com

Dress code: Sunday Frock/Shirt and Tie (forfeit for not complying: compulsory purchase of a raffle ticket!). We only have 50 places, so book your places ASAP.

Food Market & Table Top Sale

St Stephen's Church
Sat 24 Sept, 9.30-11.30am



Lots of new food traders will be attending this event for the first time as well as some regular favourites. Maybe you will find a bargain or unearth a new treasure from our table toppers.

Our own fundraising stalls will also be in attendance.

Refreshments will be available throughout and will include bacon rolls, cheese scones and, of course, lots of cake.

Entry is free so why not come along and bring a friend or two?

September

by Helen Hunt Jackson

The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

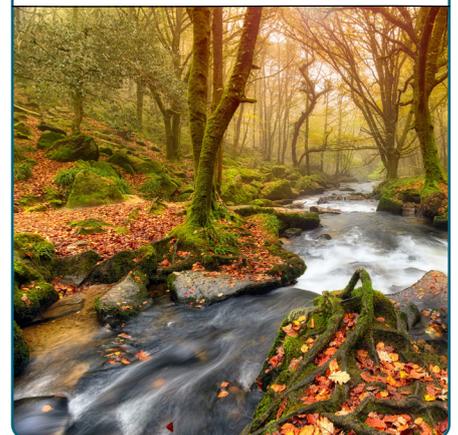
The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odours rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.

'Tis a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget.



Diary Dates for St Stephen's

Saturday 12 November

10am to 2pm
November Fair

Friday 2 December

7pm to 10.30pm
An evening with Johnny Cowling

Thursday 15 December

Afternoon Christmas Concert
by the Pelynt MVC

The 42s



Nineteen forty-two was a very good year, although the bombs were still falling in nearby Plymouth. It saw the arrival of four persons connected with our local churches: Jean Martin, Canon Richard Maynard, Roger Rowse and Prebendary Brian Anderson – all during July and August.

There will, of course, be others not known to us and to all we send our best wishes.



Our latest needs:

- Coffee
- Milk Powder
- Tooth Brushes
- Puddings:
- Razors
- Angel Delight
- Deodorants
- Jelly Cubes
- Hair
- Trifle Mix
- Conditioner
- Sponge Puds

Make a difference!

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

What's On continued

Christmas Tree Launch
SSNF Church Rooms
Thursday 29 September
7.30pm



This will be our 16th year of the Christmas Tree Festival. The trees will be on show from: **26 November to 11 December**, taking in an extra weekend.

The set up day will be: Friday 25 November, 10am to 1pm and 2 to 5 pm.



Times for take-down are also being increased and will be:
Monday 12 December 2-4pm
Wednesday 14 December 2-4pm
Friday 16 December 2-4pm

If these times should not be convenient, then we can always arrange a later one, further details will be given at the launch.

The reason for this is that it will not be such a rush to get the Church clean and tidy for Sunday Service, and will offer those who were unable to make 10am to Noon in the past more flexibility.



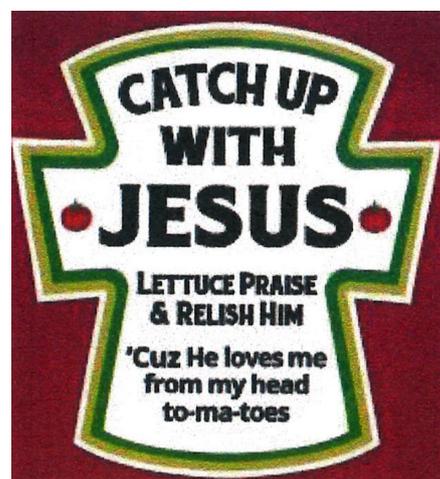
Harvest Supper
St Stephen's Church
Monday 3 October
6.30pm



We have invited the fantastic Julie Turner back again to cater for us, so all can enjoy the evening with no work. The evening will consist of a two-course buffet which includes meat or cheese pasties, quiches, vol-au-vents, cheese boards plus much more, followed by a choice of puddings.

Entertainment will be provided by Peter Mancini, who will be singing popular songs from the 40s and 50s, including songs from Frank Sinatra, Matt Monro, Dean Martin, Buddy Holly and many more.

Please add your name to the sign-up list now in St Stephen's Church or get in touch with Dave Coot on 07745 623234 or by email d.coot@btinternet.com together with payment of £8 by Sunday 25 September.



St Mary's Flower Festival



Thank you to all who helped and supported the Flower Festival and Garden Party at St Mary's Church in Botus Fleming.

The event was a great success, enjoyed by all and raised almost £1,200 for church funds.

More pictures can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/saltashchurches/albums/72177720301486700>



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