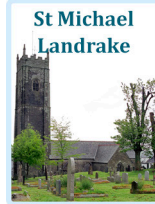
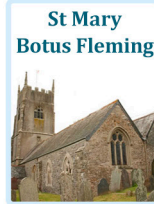


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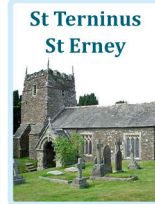
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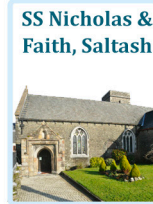
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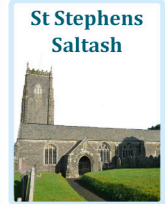
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## Looking for....

The other day I had a few minutes to spare, not long enough to start anything which required time nor short enough to be wasted, so I picked up a Wordsearch that was lying about. It was on words linked to 'emotions' – not too difficult thought I. Well I found 'loneliness' in no time at all and then spent some time trying to find 'love'. I have to keep going back to try and discover 'excitement'.

It struck me that this is a bit like life.

We seem to have no difficulty in searching out the negative emotions (hurt, sadness, anger, envy, fear, regret etc.), but much harder in being open to those emotions which

can bring pleasure. (I remember my father coming home one day a little later than usual for lunch and being asked by my mother what had kept him. He responded that he had met Mrs xx and been talking to her. So my mother enquired how she was. Father paused and then replied: O she's happy in her misery.) There are those who seem to delight to complain and find fault no matter the situation.

Over the past sixteen/eighteen

months there have been many who, while not always complaining, have experienced loneliness. Who because of circumstances, sometimes beyond their control, have not been able to share in community or with the family. They have very much been apart and isolated from others and have been prevented from experiencing their delight in the company of others. Of course, we have to accept that there are those who do

not wish to be part of the 'gang', as it were; who find satisfaction in their own company. We are reminded of those who have been hermits and lived a solitary life of prayer and meditation.

Then, during this same period, there are those who have struggled hard to experience love. Those for whom love has appeared to slip by, leaving them with a feeling that they have missed a valued part of life. They cast their eye upon those who are in love and wonder what it is they are missing. Is there something wrong with them; some deficiency in their physical appearance or in their psychological make-up. For them love has been hard to find.

In recent times we have been blessed

### DIARY DATES

**Sat 4 September**

10am to Noon  
St Erney Churchyard  
Working Party

**Sat 11 September**

3-5pm  
St Stephen's Church



Cream Teas

**Sat 18 September**

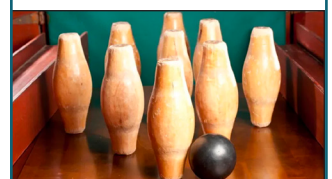
3-5pm – Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall



Afternoon Tea Party  
with Prosecco  
(please pre-buy tickets)

**Sat 18 September**

7pm  
SSNF Church Rooms



Annual Skittles Challenge

More details of all the above on pages 7 & 8

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

### Sunday 5 September

**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

**St Erney, Landrake**  
11.15am Matins

### Sunday 12 September

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**  
9.30am Holy Communion  
with Baptism

**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 19 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**  
11am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**  
11.15am All Age Service

**St Erney, Landrake**  
11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 26 September

**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



by many who have known what it is to be loved and to share that love with others. Their hearts have been moved to respond to the emptiness which could be found in some people's lives. It has been a joy to notice their loving attitude has been noticed and that thanks has been expressed for the deed as well as the thought.

Some years back, if my memory serves me right, there was an advertisement for a cigar commercial that went, *You're never alone with ...*

One of the expressions of love in the Christian faith assures us that even when we may feel loneliness to be part of our lives we are, in fact, never alone. We have the promise of the Risen Christ that he is always with us and that he shares in our loneliness. He is there to hear our prayer, to be part of our being, to hold us in his keeping. Such presence springs from his love for us: a love freely given when

we reach out to him in trust.

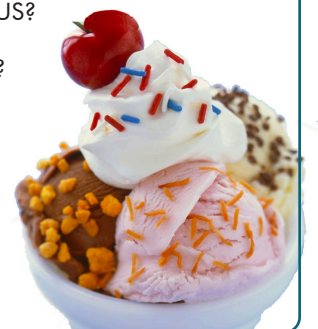
Again, remembering the hermits, we would do well to remember that Jesus took occasions to be alone. Time spent apart to be with the living God, to recharge his spiritual batteries in order to be prepared to face whatever may lay ahead. This is true for us. There are occasions when we can gain great benefit from being alone, alone with the one who loves us and tends to our needs, the one who says: *I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* (Matthew 28:20). Such times can be precious moments depending on how we use them! They should be occasions when we give ourselves to watchfulness; seeking the Lord in prayerfulness and waiting upon his voice to speak. Seeking the real presence of his nature and divinity to enfold us and draw us into that love which lies behind all creation.

*Father Brian*

## Summer Food Quiz

1. What food do you traditionally eat at Wimbledon?
2. Key, kaffir and finger are all types of which food?
3. How many seeds does the average strawberry have?
4. Along with berries and their juice, what is the main ingredient of a Summer Pudding?
5. Which seven ingredients make up "a Pimm's Original No.1 cocktail?"
6. Which country produces the most ice cream?
7. Which is the most popular ice cream flavour in the US?
8. Which is the most popular salad dressing in the US?
9. What does "al fresco" actually mean in Italian?
10. How many BBQs take place in the UK each year? (Give or take the odd million)

Answers on p8





## Recent Events

### Men of St Stephen's and Friends (MOSSAF)

MOSSAF met for the first time since the first COVID lockdown in March 2020. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Bishop Philip, the Bishop of Truro. Bishop Philip gave a very interesting talk about his early life and his Christian Ministry.



Philip was born in Hampshire into a church-going family. He quickly assumed a fondness for the far south west of England, spending many family holidays with his Aunt Win who lived in Plymouth. Philip gave his life to Christ whilst reading English as a student at the University of Southampton. Following graduation, he underwent teacher training at Magdalen College, Oxford, then spent four years in teaching. However, the call for ordination was never far from his mind and he went to see the rector of his church to ask him two questions. One was about his suitability for ordination and the other was for permission to marry the rector's daughter. Thankfully, he received a positive response to both questions, marrying his wife Ruth in 1984, a marriage which has been blessed with one daughter, Kitty.

Having successfully completed his training for ordained ministry, Philip served his curacy at Gerrards Cross, an area of the country where most people had everything they wanted. This was in direct contrast to where he served his next appointment, as a vicar in West Streatham, where most people had very little. His next position was with the Church Pastoral Aid Society where he served many roles, initially helping churches develop youth and children's ministry. In early 2007 Philip returned to parish ministry when he was appointed chaplain of St Michael's Church, Paris, a multicultural church. After six years in Paris, he was appointed as executive leader of the Church Mission Society, a position which involved much

travel throughout the world and which gave Philip an insight into what God was doing in different countries.

In the summer of 2018, it was announced that Philip would be the next Bishop of Truro and he was consecrated as a Bishop later in the year by the Archbishop of Canterbury. One of his first tasks as Bishop was to be asked by the then Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, to look at how well the Foreign Office has responded, or otherwise, to the issue of the persecution of Christians. The recommendations in the report, which was accepted fully by the government, gave 22 ways in which the Foreign Office could be improved. This is known as the Truro Review.

Bishop Philip sees his role as Bishop of Truro to be a builder of Christian communities in the diocese and in the churches within the diocese. There is also a need to be an agent of hope, to eliminate areas in the county where there is a poverty of hope and to ensure that hope is always at the forefront.

An excellent meeting ended with all members saying the Grace.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday 13 September at 7pm when Bob Munro will be our guest speaker. New members always welcome. For further information please see Steve Hookway or Roger Rowse or just turn up on the evening.

### Sue Green Presentation



The service at St Stephen's on 11 July included a short play by some of the children of Bishop Cornish School and a presentation to the retiring head, Sue Green.

## Recent Events continued

### St Michael's Cream Tea and Nature Afternoon

We were pleased to receive 50 people into St Michael's Church for this event. It was lovely to be supported by Hampers Bazaar, Creative Crafts, Landrake Stores.



Children were very inquisitive about our nature/nurture program. They had questionnaires which led them around the churchyard to discover our bees and bugs etc. Both children and adults had great fun dissecting owl pellets to find out what they had been eating (yum yum!).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our hard working volunteers.

Our next event is going to be an afternoon tea on the 18 September. See page 7 for further details.



## G7 OUTCOMES....

### So what did you make of the G7 meeting here in Cornwall?

I joined a residents' Facebook page in the run up to the event and I'm well aware that reactions in advance were what you might call 'mixed'! I know some people who deliberately left home in Carbis Bay to avoid it all.



And I'm well aware too that there are concerns that there are now Covid-19 clusters both in the St Ives and Falmouth areas: clusters that may well be due to G7 activity there.

For all the reservations there was much about the event that was good. For a couple of days the world's attention was focused on this beautiful Duchy. The sun came out after a mizzly start. The Red Arrows flew superbly. Protests passed off without incident and visiting police remarked very positively about the warmth of welcome they received. There was something of a carnival atmosphere about it all.

But for all that I do have some reservations – not about the event itself but about the outcomes.

I fear that there was insufficient urgency in addressing the climate crisis. And former Prime Minister Gordon Brown branded the response to the pandemic a 'moral failure'. Pledging a billion vaccines sounds amazing – but it's less than 10% of what is needed.

Why does this matter? Jesus had a radical view of our responsibilities to those around us – and he put no boundaries to that responsibility.

When he was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. It's a story that blows apart any idea that our neighbours are only those near us and like us. In the story it's a foreigner and a stranger who acts as a very good neighbour to someone who would probably have despised him for not being 'one of us'.

We live in a globally connected world. It's only by taking our global, neighbourly, responsibilities seriously that we can hope to address its problems. Acting like that is not only the smart thing to do. It's also the right thing to do.

*Bishop Philip*



# St Germans Priory Parish Church and St Germans Priory Trust Ecumenical Choral Evensong at St Germans Priory

Friday 10 September at 7pm



The service will be led by Reverend Canon Lynn Parker, Priest in Charge of the St Germans Group Parish 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 Choir of St Eustachius Church, Tavistock under the direction of their Choir Director Scott Engell and the organist will be Christopher Cook.

All are warmly invited to attend this special annual event and take part in the Service.

Tea and coffee after the Service offers an opportunity to meet fellow Christians from Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Gospel and other church denominations from all over Cornwall and Devon as well as visitors staying in holiday accommodation in the area.

**Please come and join us  
we look forward to meeting you**

More information from Joanna Cook ☎ 01752 957974

## Recent Events continued

### Mothers' Union at St Andrew's Church



In July, Mothers' Union members gathered in St Andrews Church, Plymouth for a guided tour, courtesy of Mr Jack Spence, one of the historians of St Andrews.

We spent a most interesting afternoon and learnt many facts about this ancient church and the people who have contributed to its service over many years.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, 14 September at 2pm in St Stephen's Church, when we shall welcome Mrs Dorothy Tucker to speak about her travels in Australia.

We hope you can support our efforts at a time when the work of the Mothers' Union is even more important in the world.

On Saturday, 11 September, the Mothers' Union will be raising funds for the summer appeal by serving cream teas at St Stephen's Church between 3pm and 5pm. Tickets cost £5 each and are available from members and Sandra McKee on 846803 or in church on Sundays.

*Sandra McKee*

### SSNF August Saturday Events

Our breakfast butties have been really well supported, so a big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us by attending and enjoying a buttie.

The cream teas have also been well received, and we were very busy from 2pm on the Saturdays that we held this event. We hope to hold more events like this in the not too distant future.

*Margaret Evans*

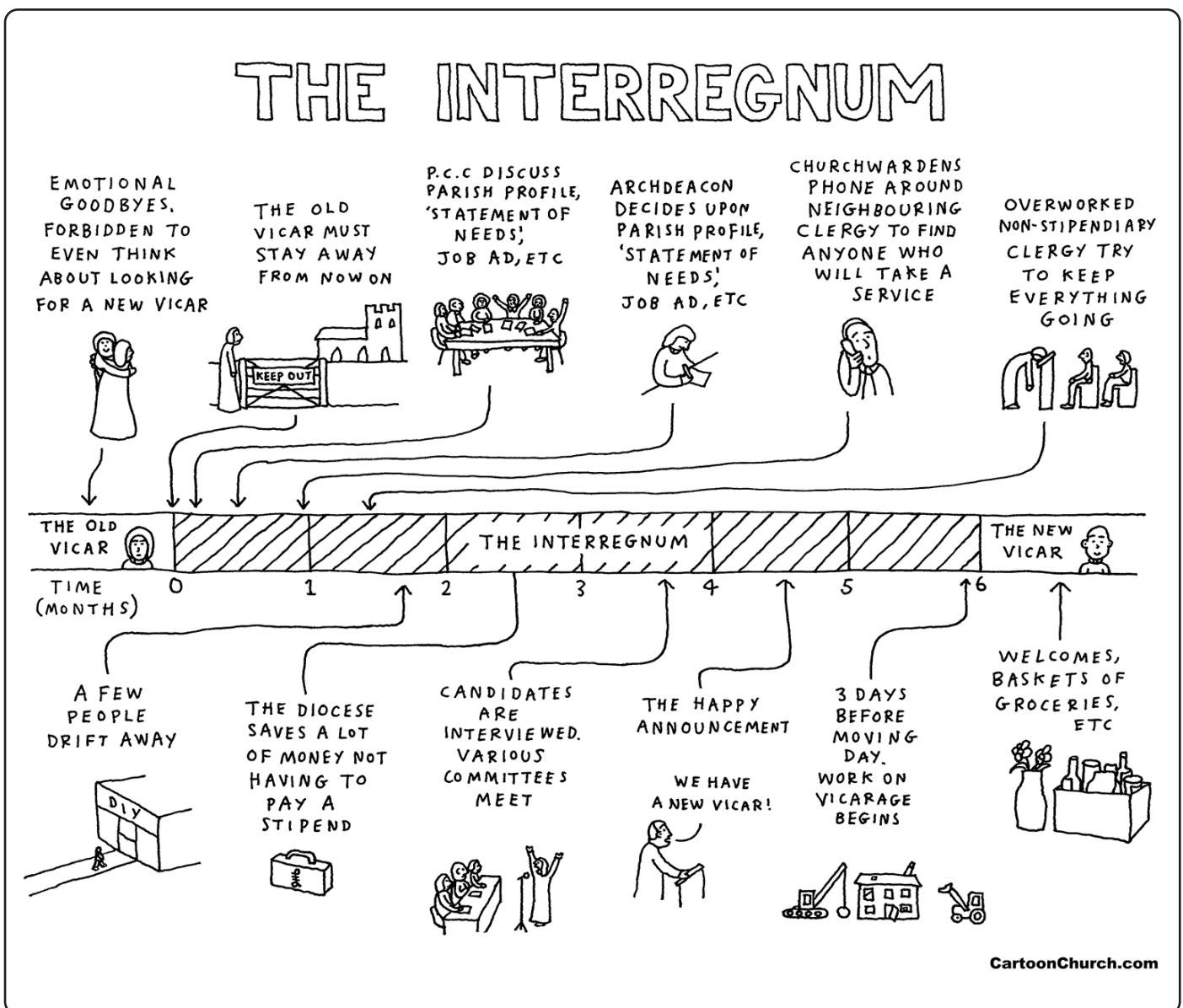
# Transition – Recruitment of a new Priest in Charge

The vacancy for an Incumbent for the Saltash Area Ministry has now been advertised on the Truro Diocese website, which links to the Church of England’s Pathways job search system.

The closing date for applications is the 16 September. If all goes to plan, Parish Visits will be on the 6 October, with interviews on the 7 October.

Do continue to pray that God will lead us to the right person to take us forward in our developing mission to our area.

*Richard Margetts*



Our latest needs are:

- Milk Powder
- Sugar
- Sponge Puddings
- Shaving Gel/Foam
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Microwave Meals

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>

# On the Way

## Planning for the future of our Deanery

**Good News Coming Soon to a Church Near You!**

How do you see the future of the church here in our Parishes and Benefices? What is your vision for the future?

As always, the Diocese has been giving this some thought – but rather than telling us what our future shape might be, they are asking all the Deaneries to work with their benefices and parishes to explore how we see that future – and indeed how the wider community sees that future.

This is being done through a process called **On the Way** which gives each and every one of us the opportunity to have our say about our vision for the future of the church in the community: and we are asked to pray and think through our vision as if there are no obstacles in the way – ‘blue sky thinking’ is what is needed – not a cloud in sight.

This will involve listening to God – but also to what those in our community as well as those within our churches have to say. Once that process is complete, we can get down to brass tacks and see what is possible – based on the views of the people rather than Bishops and clergy making the decisions for us.

In the coming weeks and months, you will hear much more about **On the Way** (OtW) which will be launched at the next Deanery Synod in September. We hope that everyone will take part so that the future we plan is the future you look for too!

Please pray for this process: listen to what our loving and generously abundant God has to say to you – and be prepared to help out wherever you can. Make sure we have a bright, fruitful and sustainable Christian ministry in our area by sharing your vision for the future. One thing is very certain, we cannot continue as we are!

*Adapted from a draft article by David Watters (Deanery Lay Chair)*

There is an introduction to **On the Way** by Bishop Philip, including a short video, on the Diocese website: <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/on-the-way/>

If anyone would like more information or is keen to represent our Area Ministry on the Working Group for this initiative, please contact me

*Richard Margetts*

# ON THE WAY

## What's On

### Working Party

St Erney Churchyard

Sat 4 Sept, 10am to Noon

Coffee/tea and cake available.

All volunteers welcome.

### Cream Teas

St Stephen's Church

Sat 11 September 3-5pm



Tickets: £5 from Mothers' Union members and Sandra McKee on 846803 or in church on Sundays. In aid of the Mothers' Union summer appeal.

### Afternoon Tea Party with Prosecco!

Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

Sat 18 September, 3-5pm



Post Pandemic Fun Feast! Dress up, and make up a table with your friends. Sandwiches, scones & cake, with tea & bubbles plus live music from Judy Whitlock.

Dress code is Sunday frock / shirt & tie. Forfeit if not, is compulsory purchase of a Raffle Ticket!

Tickets: £10 each from Landrake Shop & Post Office or email: [landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com) First come first served!

Funds raised will go to the Windows Fund.



## What's On cont.

### Annual Skittles Challenge St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms Saturday 18 September, 7pm



Open to all churches in our cluster.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

### Christmas Tree Launch St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms Thursday 30 September



This will be our 15th year of holding the Christmas Tree Festival. The trees will be on show from 28 November to 10 December inclusive.

#### Answers to Food & Drink Quiz on page 2

1. Strawberries and cream
2. Limes
3. 200
4. White bread
5. Pimm's liqueur, ice, lemonade, cucumber, orange, strawberries and mint.
6. China. It produced an estimated 4.3 billion litres in 2016.
7. Chocolate
8. Ranch dressing
9. In the cold or in prison
10. 130 million

## SSNF Organ Faculty – Update

Somewhat to our surprise, we discovered in late July that one of the two objectors to the faculty which has been granted to allow us to sell the Allen digital organ, if the PCC so decides, had written in June to the Registrar's office asking, in effect, for the faculty to be set aside.

The first we heard of this was when Margaret Evans (as PCC Secretary) received a copy of the Chancellor's determination, which was to dismiss this application – primarily on the grounds that the points raised had already been covered in his original judgement and that a faculty is in any case permissive, not mandatory.

The faculty still stands, therefore, and this was one of the issues that the PCC considered during its meeting on the 6 August. It was agreed that there were a number of important factors yet to be fully resolved, including the likelihood of a sale at a fair value, the cost of the proposed Kawai digital piano, the extent of any residual liability to donors (and especially the Bishop Cornish Education Centre), and the conclusion of planned maintenance to the pipe organ. As yet, therefore, no final decision has been made.

*Richard Margetts*

## Prayers and Intercessions Workshop

Tuesday 14 September, 1-3pm



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#### How do we lead others in prayer?

This interactive on-line workshop for Local Worship Leaders will look at why we pray, the difference between private prayer, public prayer and intercession, and how we lead others in prayer. We will look at different ways to pray, how to construct our own prayers for public worship, how to have confidence in leading prayer, and creative ways to help others pray.

In line with Diocesan guidance this event will include a break.

Booking: <https://bookwhen.com/trurodiocese/e/ev-szci-20210914130000>

## Choir Practice at SSNF Starting Thursday 2 September at 7pm

As Services in our churches are gradually getting back to normal, Darren is proposing to hold choir practices again. The first one will be at St Nicks on 2 September, so if you would like to join us please come along, we are in need of Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses.

The first and third Sunday of the month will be at St Nicks and the second and fourth at St Stephens. We look forward to seeing you. If you are worried about committing yourself why not come along to a couple of practices and see if you would enjoy singing with us?



# Matthew the Apostle

Brenton Blandford

## Feast Day: September 21

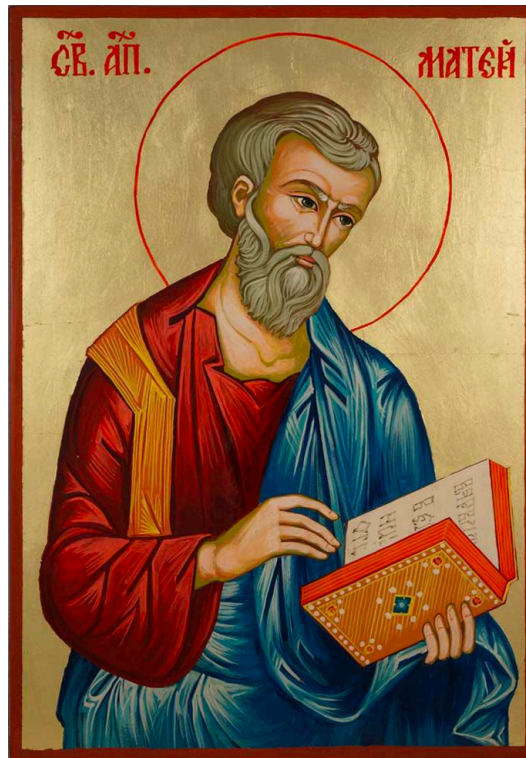
Who likes paying taxes? I bet there are some people who don't and avoid it at all costs by living in tax havens. However, taxes pay for all the things we have in our country, such as the NHS, pensions, public transport and defence. So it's important that we all pay our taxes. Our story today concerns a particular tax collector who followed Jesus as a disciple and turned his life around.

According to the Gospels, Matthew was a first-century Galilean (presumably born in Galilee, which was not part of the Roman Province of Judea) and was the son of Alphaeus. As a tax collector, he would probably not have been literate, and certainly could not write highly educated Greek.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus to a feast. The Scribes and the Pharisees criticised Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' (Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32).

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the

Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors.



In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors "sinners." Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for

Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfilment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel reports how Jesus described the actions and attitudes needed to be truly blessed by God in his kingdom.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus had asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other areas of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

The symbol for Matthew's Gospel is a man with wings. Matthew wrote about Jesus' Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man.

Matthew is the patron saint of bankers (also of accountants, tax collectors and civil servants), because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew's Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich!

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