

Saltash Area Newsletter

July / August 2025



St Michael
Landrake



St Mary
Botus Fleming



St Terninus
St Erney



SS Nicholas &
Faith, Saltash



St Stephen
Saltash



SS Leonard &
Dilpe, Landulph

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Dear Friends,

As we step fully into the warmth and activity of July, we give thanks for the many blessings of the summer season – longer days, the beauty of creation in full bloom, and the opportunities to gather freely as a church family. This month, we continue our sermon series, which we hope will nourish us deeply on our shared journey of faith.

Our theme is Unity, rooted in the powerful message of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This epistle speaks compellingly to a church made up of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences – not unlike our own communities today. Yet Paul's message is clear: in Christ, we are one.

The world around us often pulls us toward division – whether through politics, personal grievances, or simple misunderstanding. Ephesians calls us instead to something greater: the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). This is not a unity based on uniformity, but on our shared identity in Christ. Paul reminds us that there is “one body, one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” (Ephesians 4:4–6). These words will be at the heart of our reflections.

We pray that this sermon series will not only inform but also transform – drawing

us closer together as a Benefice, deepening our love for one another, and helping us to bear witness more fully to the reconciling love of God in our communities.

Alongside our worship, there are opportunities for deeper engagement, including our Monday evening Bible study. I have also encouraged a number of

you to read each week's chapter daily, taking time to notice where your attention is being drawn. Whether through group study or personal reflection, I invite you to take part in whatever way you feel able – knowing that even small steps taken in faith can lead to great growth.

Let us pray that as we study Ephesians together, we will be reminded of the beautiful truth that we are not alone – we are members of one body, knit together by God's Spirit and called to reflect the unity of the Trinity in our life together.

May this month be a time of deep connection, rich learning, and renewed commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Dursona,

Rev'd Laura



Coming Up

Every Monday
23 June to 28 July

7.15pm to 9.15pm
St Stephen's Church
Bible Study

Saturday 5 July
10am to 2pm, St Stephen's
Summer Fair

Tuesday 8 July
Marjon, Mothers' Union

Wed 9 July, 13 August
10am, St Stephen's Church
Coffee, Cake & Chat

Friday 11 July
7.30pm, St Mary's Hall
Barn Dance & Pasty Supper

Mon 14 July, 11 August
7pm, MOSSAF

Friday 18 July, 15 August
Noon, S.T.A.R.T.

Saturday 19 July
2pm to 4pm
St Michael's Landrake
Wildlife Afternoon
& Cream Tea

Saturday 19 July
3pm to 5pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Afternoon Tea with Prosecco

Mon 21 July, 18 August
2-4pm, SSNF Church Rooms
Craft Afternoon

Friday 25 July
7pm, St Michael's Landrake
Birthday Concert

Saturday 26 July
2pm to 4pm, St Mary's
Garden Party
& Flower Festival

Saturday 2 & 16 August
10am to 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Bacon Butties

Tuesday 12 August
8.30am from St Stephen's
Coach Trip to Seaton
Tramway and Sidmouth

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



For six weeks we will look at a chapter from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesian in our readings and sermons. There will be Bible Study on the following Monday evening. This is a great opportunity to understand this part of the Bible.

SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday 6 July, 3 August

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Family 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

Sunday 13 July, 10 August

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 20 July, 17 August

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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St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

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St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Worship

St Erney, Landrake

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 27 July, 24 August

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 Morning Worship

Sunday 31 August

St Michael, Landrake

10am United Service

Wednesdays

2, 16 July and 6, 20 August

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 June meeting saw us at St Stephen's Church listening to a very interesting talk by Richard Frost MBE.

Richard who, in his wide and varied life, is an author of both fiction and non-fiction books.

His talk was presented in three chapters with questions after each. This covered his life in Work, Faith and Writing with the Epilogue covering a summary of learning and significant Bible verses.

Our July meeting will see members enjoy a meal together at the Weary Friar. We will return to the social area of St Stephen's Church on Monday 11 August at 7pm when, new to our Ministry team, Rev'd Dr Sally Nash and Rev'd Paul Nash, will be our guest speakers. This is an excellent opportunity for us to get to know more about both of them.

New members are always welcome. Please get in touch with Steve Hookway if you are interested in joining the group or wanting more details.

The Curé of Ars

On the 31 May, St Nicholas and St Faith Church Hall hosted the first viewing of the film *The Curé of Ars*. Esther Slater (from SSNF) was the associate producer.

The film follows the life of John Vianney (1786-1859), who was sent to Ars-sur-Formans in 1818 to reopen the church after the devastation wrought on the Catholic Church during the French revolution, and to help save the villagers from poverty. He was canonised in 1925 and is the patron saint of parish priests.

It was an excellent film and the provided refreshments were also excellent! Thank you Esther.



St Mary's Church

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

1. What is unique about the war memorial and the two war graves?
2. What feature of the tower makes this only one of six in the world?
3. What is the listed feature attached to the south wall?
4. Why is there a brass plaque to Michael Loam in this church?
5. Which Crusade did the cross-legged Crusader go on?
6. What relation of Emily Hobhouse was involved with the County Memorial to Gen Penn Symons service of dedication?
7. What is the seating capacity of the church?
8. Who from South Africa contributed to the carved reredos?
9. When was the stained glass southern window installed and why?
10. Which lay reader is commemorated in the Peace Eastern window?

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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!

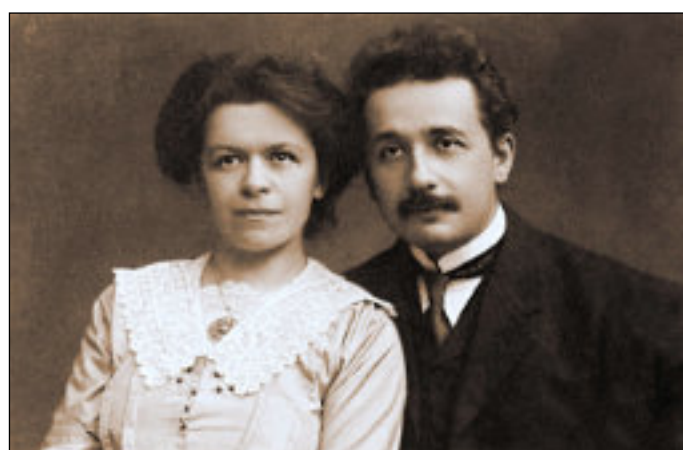
Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op or at the back of St Stephen's or SSNF Churches and/or donate money via the Foodbank website: saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

Recent Events continued

Mothers' Union

If you ask anyone to name a famous scientist, many will answer 'Albert Einstein' ... very few will have heard of Mileva Einstein, his first wife and partner in his achievements.

In the time of Einstein, women were not considered worthy of mention. Mileva had fought to gain a place at university to study physics and she studied with Einstein.



She partnered Albert in his work and helped him with his speeches and, although he wrote many times about her collaboration, she was never given the credit she deserved.

At the Mothers' Union meeting in June, Rev'd Lyn Parker told us this story and many others of women who had achieved great things, but not the credit or fame of their male counterparts. This was common right up to modern times. Gender bias was around even in the time of the Bible. Women have always played their part but were rarely mentioned.

Thank goodness this is slowly changing. Mothers' Union has been admitting male members for many years and we support anti bias campaigns.

Lyn's stories both incensed and entertained us, such as the woman whose claim to fame made us glad that we were not born in 19th century Russia!

I'd recommend Lyn's talk to everyone and we are grateful to her for coming to speak to us.

In July we are visiting Marjon University and we do not meet in August.

We will be back to normal on the second Tuesday in September at 2pm in St Stephen's Church. Lookout for details of our cream tea on Saturday, 6 September.

A Boat, Beneath a Sunny Sky

by Lewis Carroll

A boat beneath a sunny sky,
Lingering onward dreamily
In an evening of July —

Children three that nestle near,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Pleased a simple tale to hear —

Long has faded that sunny sky:
Echoes fade and memories die:
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,
Alice moving under skies
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,
Dreaming as the days go by,
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream —
Lingering in the golden gleam —
Life, what is it but a dream?



Celebration of Lay Ministry

The annual Celebration of Lay Ministry will be held in Truro Cathedral on Saturday 19 July at 11am. This service provides an opportunity to celebrate and thank the hundreds of commissioned volunteers who give their time and gifts to further the work of the church in the Truro Diocese.

The service will be led by Bishop David along with Bishop Hugh and Archdeacon Kelly. During the service new lay ministers (including Stephanie Yates, Dave Coot and Luke Petherbridge) will be commissioned into their roles.

If you would like to attend and support Stephanie, Dave and Luke you will be very welcome. Please let one of them know you are coming.

Blessing Used at the Cardboard Boat Race

O Lord of wave and wind and sea,
We race today in unity.
With boats of cardboard, dreams, and tape,
We launch – whatever form or shape!

Bless every crew, both big and small,
Though some may float, and some may fall.
And if they sink (as boats may do),
Lift hearts with laughter shining through.

As Jesus walked on water's face,
Be with us here in fun and grace.
Keep all afloat – or close enough –
And let good cheer outlast the rough.

In Jesus' name, we laugh and pray,
Bless all who sail – and splash – today.

Amen

Author unknown



Missing Pages

Having recently received a lot of new bits into our archives from the late Canon Maynard, I have come across a booklet called *Memories of Landrake & St Erney*, which is an interesting read, unfortunately it jumps from page 3 to page 7 and then from page 10 to page 14.

It would be appreciated if anyone has a copy of this book either hard copy or digital, they could let me borrow it to obtain the missing pages.

Andy Evans (andy@saltashteamministry.org)

St Stephen's Church Summer Fair

Saturday 5 July 10am to 2pm

Something for everyone
Join us for lots of fun!

Free Entry



Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wednesdays 9 July, 13 August and every
2nd Wednesday 10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's



Barn Dance & Pasty Supper

Botus Fleming Village Hall
Friday 11 July, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 from Eric

☎ 01752 843683

Come and join the fun!



Wildlife Afternoon & Cream Tea

St Michael's Church (meadow area)
Saturday 19 July, 2-4pm



- Meet some polecat kittens
- Join the bug hunt
- Enjoy our peaceful churchyard
- Indulge yourself with a cream tea

Afternoon Tea with Prosecco

SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 19 July, 3-5pm

Ukulele entertainment

Tickets from members of
the Social Committee: £6.50



Holy Wells in East Cornwall

St Keyne Well

A stone edifice was probably established on the site in the 16th century and was rebuilt by Liskeard Old Cornwall Society in 1936.

The name (St Keyne) has been taken by the well and the local church, and commemorates one of the many religious daughters of the Welsh King Brycham born in the 5th century. This lady was described as

'being of great beauty', but turned down many offers of marriage, devoting herself to much travel, founding several Oratories in Wales before crossing the Severn and becoming a hermitess. Eventually the saint settled in Cornwall and is the Patron Saint of St Martin-by-Looe with a feast day of 8 October.

As the Saint was dying she endowed the waters of the well with the blessing that should the wife drink of the water before her husband she would rule the marriage. The legend is remembered in Robert Southey's poem the final verse of which reads,

*I hasten'd as soon as the wedding was done,
And left my Wife in the porch
But, I'faith, she had been wiser than me,
For she took a bottle to Church*

The poem has been set to the Helston Fury Dance folk tune and was recorded in 1996 by Brenda Wooton on *The Voice of Cornwall*.



Dupath Well (near Callington)

This ornate late medieval holy building was built by the Augustinian Canons of St Germans Priory, the owners of the site. The well house is of local granite and is dedicated to St Ethelred.

The well is ranked as one of the grandest and largest of its kind in Cornwall. The stone basin there may have been filled with water from the spring. →



Holy Wells continued

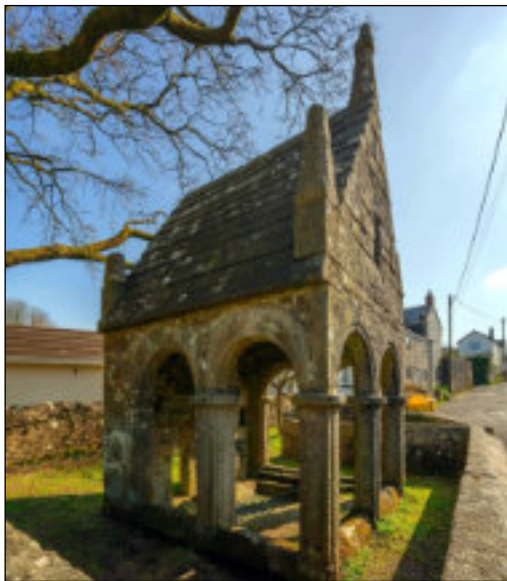
The water would have been used for baptisms; also the water was said to cure whooping cough. This historic site is now in the care of the Cornwall Heritage Trust.

Legend relates to two Saxons who fought a duel for the hand of a lady; Colan (Cornish for heart or courage) was killed outright by Gottlieb who died later from his wounds resulting in the maiden remaining unmarried.

St Cleer Well and Wayside Cross

History tells us that a well was established here in the 13th century by one of the three Orders of the Poor Clares of St Benedict from a Nunnery situated nearby or at Liskeard. This Order followed the solemn vows of Obedience, Poverty and Chastity as set out by St Francis of Assisi and taken by St Clare in 1212.

The granite building is the only example in Cornwall of a well house with open porch-like design with arches and



capitals carved with simple mouldings dating from the early 16th century. It may have displayed an image or relics of a saint and visited by Pilgrims. A reference in 1700 by the historian William Halls states that it was much decayed and in 1864 restoration was undertaken by Lieutenant Henry Rogers of Penrose, near Helston, in memory of his grandfather the Rev'd John Jope who was the local vicar for 67 years.

Over the years the well was used for baptisms and to 'cure the lame, blind and insane'. The waters supplied the locals till late in the 19th century.

The well has been in the care of the Cornwall Heritage Trust since 2022.

John West

Craft Afternoon

**Mondays 21 July, 18 August and every
3rd Monday 2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms**



St Michael's Birthday Concert

Friday 25 July, 7 for 7.30pm

St Michael's Church, Landrake

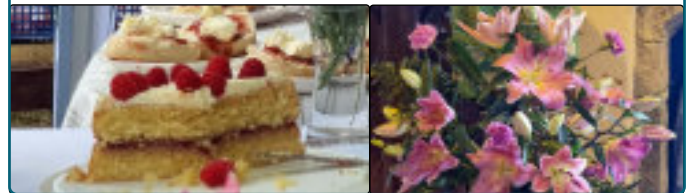


The **Wivelscombe Quartet** offer you a wonderful selection of music for strings. The PCC will contribute the candlelit setting, a buffet supper in the interval and a raffle.

Tickets £10 from Landrake Stores or via email
LandrakeSterneyFundraising@gmail.com

Garden Party & Flower Festival

**St Mary's Church, Botus Fleming
Saturday 26 July, 2pm to 4pm**



Bacon Butties

**Saturdays 2 and 16 August
10am to 1pm in SSNF Church Rooms**

All welcome

Come and enjoy breakfast with
friends – not to be missed!



Coach Trip to Seaton Tramway and Sidmouth

Tuesday 12 August, 9am to 5.30pm

leaves from St Stephen's Church

£34 per adult – £25 per child (2-15)

Book at st-stephen-by-saltash-church.sumupstore.com

or email event@saltashteamministry.org

St Mary's Church Quiz - Answers

1. What is unique about the war memorial and the two war graves?



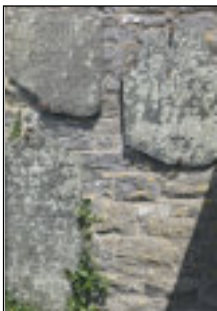
Answer: They were civilians.

2. What feature of the tower makes this only one of six in the world?



Answer: The west wall is concave.

3. What is the listed feature attached to the south wall?



Answer: A slate headstone.

4. Why is there a brass plaque to Michael Loam in this church?



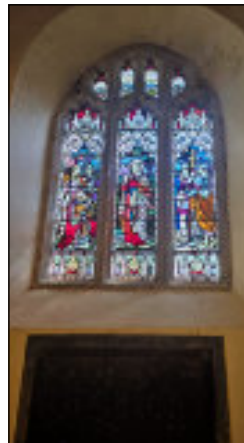
Answer: He was the owner Moditonham Estate.

5. Which Crusade did the cross-legged Crusader go on?



Answer: The third Crusade.

6. What relation of Emily Hobhouse was involved with the County Memorial to Gen Penn Symons service of dedication?



Answer: Her father.

7. What is the seating capacity of the church?

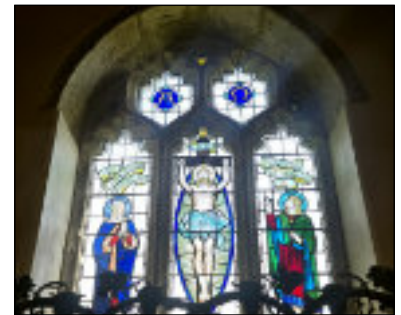
Answer: 180 – more if united!

8. Who from South Africa contributed to the carved reredos?



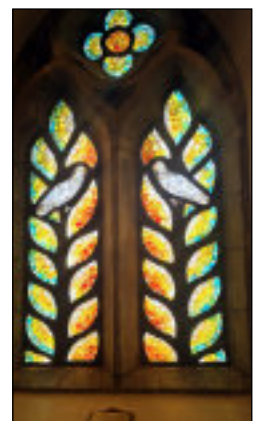
Answer: The Natal Railway Union.

9. When was the stained glass southern window installed and why?



Answer: In the 1950s following bomb damage in WWII.

10. Which lay reader is commemorated in the Peace Eastern window?



Answer: Sir Douglas Marshall.

Thanks to Eric Distin who provided the quiz. Come along and visit this really interesting church – open at 11.15am on Sundays for morning services, 6.30pm for sung evensong each first Sunday of the month and by appointment with Eric Distin ☎01752 843683.

Please email articles for the next issue to: newsletter@saltashteamministry.org by 20 August