

# Saltash Team Newsletter



'The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev'd Tim Thornton  
is pleased to announce that

**the Rev'd Catherine Mary Sigrist,**

at present Rector of the Benefice of Kingsdown with Ringwoud and  
Ripple with Sutton by Dover, Diocese of Canterbury,  
to be Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Saltash, St Stephen's-by-  
Saltash, Landrake with St Erney, and Botus Felming, Diocese of Truro.

Her licensing and welcome will be in the evening of  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at St Stephen's.'

## **Hold the front page!**

This announcement was made in all of our churches on Sunday 31 July. We are thankful to all those who gave up so much time and energy to find our new Priest-in-Charge in such a short space of time. We also remember the parishes that, as a result, now find themselves with a vacancy; as we prepare to welcome Rev'd Cathy to Saltash.

## ***A break at The Lakes***

The fifteenth annual peninsular Holiday proved a pleasing opportunity to get away from Cornwall and spend some time in the Lake District. Passengers came from Torpoint, Landrake, Saltash and Devonport – forty-five in total.

Departure was on Sunday morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> crossing the bridge in a journey towards The Lakes. A brief stop was made at Exeter Services to meet the needs of some of the party and to purchase provision for lunch. Then it was on to the Gloucester Services for our luncheon stop. These are quite new and under the management of a private company so an improvement on many of the service stations to be found on the motorways.

For four nights we stayed at Sharp Wells [a few miles outside Kendal] an old hunting lodge used by the nobility for shooting parties; although we did not see any deer while there. It is known for its profusion of red squirrels which are fed daily at 0800hrs, also sheep both black and white.



Monday saw us off for our first steam train ride from Haverthwaite to Lakeside. This is a narrow gauge line which passes through pleasant countryside down to Lake Windermere. On reaching the lake we took a boat across to Bowness where the shops were packed by happy shoppers of many nationalities. A pleasing Tea Room was found where the part-owner hails from Falmouth via Truro before the Lake District.

Tuesday began on the Settle to Carlisle line taking us across the Ribbleshead Viaduct to Appleby. It is not possible to travel the whole way to Carlisle due to a landside on the line which will not be put right until March of next year. So at Appleby it was back on the coach and, by request, a detour to Gretna Green. [With so many single ladies on the coach Fr Brian made sure that he kept his head down! But he did agree to have a photograph taken with one to keep the peace.]

Avoiding the matrimonial stakes we made our way to Carlisle for afternoon tea and a visit to the Cathedral and Museum.



Wednesday was a long day with a two hour journey through a thunderstorm to Munster Castle where we were greeted by a Hawke and Owl display on our arrival which was much enjoyed.

A brief panic when our driver discovered that the coach – only three weeks old - would not start for our brief journey to Ravensglass. Luckily two mini bus drivers who had just each delivered their groups to the castle offered to run our party down to the station.

This was a really pleasant experience as we made our way up the valley to Dalegarth where we had a thirty minutes break before the return journey.



**From Margaret Evans at SS Nicholas and Faith:**

Pencils - Please can I say a big thank you to all who so kindly donated pencils for our Malawi appeal, they have been very much appreciated, and I am looking forward to have some pictures showing the presentation of them very soon. We at SS Nicholas have a link with Malawi, and there is a display in Church showing their Cathedral etc, and The Rt. Revd. Baird Mponda, the Dean with whom we are in touch. At a confirmation at the Cathedral last month there were 200 candidates confirmed. If you would like to know more about All Saints Cathedral Malawi, why not come along to SS Nicholas on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon when the Church is open for our display of Royal Memorabilia.

**SS Nicholas and Faith Social Events**

Every Saturday during the month of August, we will be our All Day Breakfasts will be available again from 10 – 2 p.m. last orders 1.30 p.m. From 2 – 4 p.m. there will be tea and cakes available. The Church will also be open on these, as well as the usual Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** will see the Cheese and Wine launch of this our 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival, so we would like to make it extra special this year. Please note change of day.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Our annual Craft Fair will be held in Church from 10 – 4 p.m. If you would like to enter a stall please contact Mrs. Margaret Briggs on 846505

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - annual Skittles Match

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - American Thanksgiving Meal, more details at a later date

**Advance Notice:**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017** - Hawaiian Evening, again more details at a later date

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Cornish Evening to celebrate St. Piran's Day

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - concert in Church by Burraton Male Voice Choir.

**335 (Saltash) Squadron, Air Training Corps** are in need of new members of the Civilian Committee. The RAF Air Cadets work with young people aged from 12-20yrs and give them experiences that will help them in civilian life. The Civilian Committee's role is to assist the squadron's Commanding Officer, raise funds and ensure the squadron maintains direction. If you feel you could spare a few hours a month to help these local young people please speak to their Chaplain, Rev Di Burrows who will be able to tell you more.

**Pokémon GO has gripped the nation, here's some information adapted from a blog by Tallie Proud - Digital Media Officer, Archbishops' Council**



### **First of all, what is Pokémon GO?**

Pokémon GO is a mobile and tablet app game which lets players find Pokémon (Animated creatures, first created in the 90's, which players have to catch, train and battle with). It is free to download. The game takes place in augmented reality (meaning the game combines real life action with virtual gaming) by using GPS as you walk around towns, cities and other locations to find the Pokémon.

The game has been an overnight sensation with millions playing it around the world. The game is played by people of all ages.

### **Why does your church need to know?**

St Stephen's has two 'PokéStops' - real life buildings and landmarks that players have to visit to get certain items they need to play the game. One is outside the doors and one is at the War Memorial.



Pokémon Go is therefore giving churches around the country a great opportunity to meet people from their area who might not normally come to church. You might also spot people standing outside the church on their phones who may be playing the game and at our 'PokéStops'.

However, we all need to be aware that this game means that children under the age of 18 may come into contact with people who may present a risk.

### **What can your church do get involved?**

**Place welcome signs outside:** encourage them to come inside and offer them drinks and snacks. The game also uses a lot of battery so why not create a battery charging station?

**Speak to players about the game:** learn how to play it yourself, it's a good way to start a conversation that may lead on to other things.

**Hold a Pokeparty** like Christ Church, Stone held which involved a BBQ and opening the church for people to charge their phones and hunt for Pokémon

**Tweet about it:** Don't forget to use #PokemonGo when tweeting about the game

### **Local Worship Leader Commissioning**

Laura Bushell Hawke has successfully completed the Diocese's course to become a Local Worship Leader to the Deanery. The commissioning service will be held on **Tuesday 23 August, 7pm** at St Brevita, Lanlivery (opp The Crown Inn, PL30 5BT).

**Everyone is invited to this service**, there will be refreshments afterwards. The Archdeacon of Bodmin, Ven Audrey Elkington will conduct the service.

If anyone is interested in this course Laura is very happy to share her experience. The course is run frequently in the Diocese, more information can be found at: [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resource-collection/lay-ministry/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resource-collection/lay-ministry/)

## St. Stephen's Church Social Committee

### Summer Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported to make our Summer Fair such a success. Especially those who have get the grounds in order with just days to go. Despite a day of scattered showers which made the event challenging at time for our band of helpers the event raised over £2150.



### Rock Choir – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

What a great evening this was. We were expecting over 40 voices but over 60 turned up, travelling from places such as Paignton, Newquay and Illogan to sing at our Church. Rock Choir sang 20 songs on the night including Bon Jovi's Livin' on a Prayer and We Built This City by Starship which had us rocking and clapping in our seats. It was also nice to see families turning up to enjoy the concert. In all over 140 people were present and raised £700 for Church Funds. We are delighted to announce a date has just been confirmed to see them return next Summer.



### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

#### 7.30pm Start – St. Stephen's Church

Following the success of last year's Quiz Night, George Hawke has kindly agreed to do another one. Teams of between four to six persons are welcome to enter. A fun night of not too difficult questions, will be had. Entry is £2 per person which includes a

cuppa and biscuits. To register (preferable) your team please contact Gordon Richards on 01752 842424 or email him on [gordon.richards0@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.richards0@btinternet.com) or just turn up on the night. You are welcome to bring your own drink and nibbles. Please arrive in good time to register your team, pay and collect your answer pack.

### Mothers' Union

Members of Mothers Union met in church in July, to listen to Mrs Avril Pinckney. Avril is the founder along with her daughter, of the charity "Little Eva's Stars". This charity provides practical help in the form of grants, to parents and families of still born children. The grants can help with funeral costs, gravestones or flowers or other considered requests.

The charity has also provided a quite spot in St Stephen's churchyard where they have placed a bench. The name "Little Eva's Stars" conveys the fact that the bench has stars with the children's names printed on it. This gives mourners a place to sit and commune with their loved ones.

Avril continues to fund raise through stalls at local events and is to be seen each week in the Community Shop Fore Street. We thank her for giving us an insight into a local charity.

We have a break in August and in September we shall have our annual outing. As this year is the 140th birthday of Mothers Union, there is a national campaign to raise funds for projects. In St Stephen's Church on **Saturday 10th September** our local group is holding a coffee morning and bring and buy stall between 10am and 12 noon. Please come along and support us.

## **Messy Church**

The last Messy Church before the summer holiday featured "The Messy Church Games". Around 70 children and parents came to Bishop Cornish School field to take part in water fun,(bubble blowing and target shooting with water pistols) , ball skills and various races.

Of course we started with the opening ceremony , including the singing of the national anthem. The weather was kind to us, and a great time was had by one and all. At the closing ceremony each child was given a medal which was presented by the Mayor of Saltash, Councillor Hilary Frank who had spent the afternoon with us.

Tony , Barry and Len are to be thanked for manning the barbecue, and the ladies again provided a good spread. Ice lollies were handed out to round off the afternoon.

Messy Church returns to St Stephen's on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**, the theme will be Harvest. If anyone can help with activities, or with assisting families as they go around the activities, please contact Sandra McKee in church.

## **St Stephen's Ladies Group**

The group returns on **Thursday 15 Sep at 7.30pm** at St Stephen's Church, the speaker will be from Cornwall Freewheelers and the raffle colour is green.

On **Thursday 20 October** the group shall be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All past members are invited to join in the celebration.

## **Saturday Praise**

Saturday Praise returns on **Saturday 24 September at 3pm** in the West End of St Stephen's Church. We start and end with refreshments. This is an informal café style service with reflections and worship songs.

**SALTASH CHURCHES TOGETHER** - John West (St Stephen's Rep) would be most grateful if anyone at St Stephen's could volunteer to attend the occasional meeting of Churches Together as he can't always make it.

**OPEN THE BOOK** - Saltash Churches Together now run this activity and are looking for more male volunteers - for more information contact John West on e mail: [cw41@talktalk.net](mailto:cw41@talktalk.net) or telephone 848766 or speak to him at St Stephen's

**KEYS TO ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH** - For Insurance purposes we require confirmation of keyholders and any change in contact details. Please speak to Church Warden Barry or PCC Secretary Gordon.

The next deadline for this newsletter is **24 August** to be published on 4 September Please send your article to: [saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com) or pop it in to the Team Office.