

Saltash Team Newsletter

ARCHBISHOPS' ASK FOR THY KINGDOM COME SUPPORT

Archbishop Justin and Archbishop Sentamu are encouraging churches and individuals across the country to join in with Thy Kingdom Come next year, May 25- June 4 2017.

The hope is that every parish, fresh expression of Church, school, chaplaincy, retreat house, and praying community will take part in some way. For some that might be hosting special prayer events, prayer rooms, holiday clubs or the like. For others it might be using the wide range of resources that will be available (like the 'pray for five' bracelets) to encourage individual prayer. For others it might mean working with other sisters and brothers in hosting your own 'beacon event'. Whatever it is, please consider joining in this global movement of prayer. We ask that each person signs up to receive information direct from the Archbishops by entering their e-mail address at www.thykingdom.co.uk

Will you stand with the Archbishops and countless Christians around the world in praying that the Holy Spirit will empower us to be more effective witnesses to Jesus Christ?

In an open letter, the Archbishops' write: "We are writing in the hope that you and those whom you serve in Christ's name might share with us in prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost 2017 for the witness of Christians in this country. The aim is simple and threefold:

- * To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father
- * To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit
- * That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.

Earlier this year more than 100,000 Christians joined in over 3,000 events and services in churches and Christian communities across England to pray for our witness to Jesus Christ and those we seek to reach in Thy Kingdom Come 2016.

The Archbishops finish their letter by writing: "As we utter the words that Jesus himself put on our lips, we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' because we long for God's Kingdom to come on earth as in heaven. In the Kingdom of God the hungry are fed, the poor hear good news and the oppressed find justice. In that Kingdom the broken are made whole, the sick are healed and the sinner is set free. In that Kingdom all can know right relationship with the Father, through Jesus, the Son, and so find the goal and purpose of their lives. In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Events at St Mary's, Botus Fleming

October 2nd. Harvest Festival will be celebrated with a Family Service at 11.15. This will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall.

October 6th. Harvest Evensong at 6.30 this will be followed by auction of produce in the Rising Sun, by kind permission of James and Debbie.

Wednesday October 12th. Coffee Morning in the Church Hall 10.00 to 12 noon

Wednesday October 26th Soup and Sandwich lunch in the Church Hall 12 noon to 2pm

Coach Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, Shropshire on Weekend of 7th, 8th and 9th APRIL 2017

Depart Saltash Friday. Arrive Hotel and Evening Meal Saturday. After Breakfast visit Arboretum in coach for a 11am Memorial Service and talk and have a train tour. Or do your own thing. Return to accommodation for Evening meal Sunday. Leave after Breakfast with stop for Sunday Lunch and may be shopping. Home late afternoon. Cost approx. £150 per person (max) for Bed Breakfast and Evening meal and train tour of site Single supplement would apply. Holiday insurance extra approx. £15. Reply or contact by Monday 17th October

If interested please email gordon.richards0@btinternet.com or telephone Gordon on 01752 842424 or text 07801763103 as soon as possible

St. Stephen's Church Social Committee

Quiz Night

Thanks to all who supported our Quiz Night last month. An amazing 21 teams entered. Thank you also to Quizmaster George Hawke and to those who helped on the night especially the refreshment team who had a very busy interval with nearly 100 hot drinks to make. Congratulations to this year's winners Hot Under The Collar. The event raised £278.33.

Craft n Gift Fair

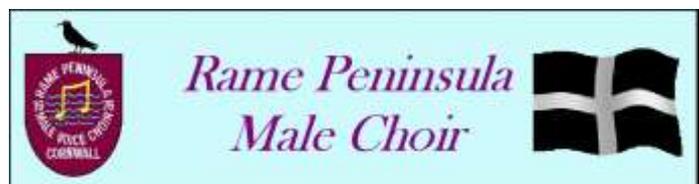
Another successful fair which raised £1330.04. Thanks to all who helped and supported. Not forgetting our important team of flier distributors who help get the word about of our events.

Celebrating their 40th Anniversary

Friday 7th October

Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir, who are currently celebrating their 40th anniversary, for a fundraising concert at our Church. Tickets costing £5 each are now on sale



BODY SHOP CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

Friday 21st October - From 7pm - Free Entry

You are invited to our Body Shop Christmas Shopping Evening. A relaxful way to test, try and sample the Body Shop Range and purchase/order gifts or to treat yourself. Please tell your friends, family and neighbours The more the merrier - All are welcome.

CARDIFF CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

Friday 18TH NOVEMBER - £17 per person

We are running a coach trip to Cardiff, leaving from outside St. Stephen's Church at 8am and arriving in Cardiff at Mid-day approx. You then can do as you please before the coach leaves at 5pm to return back in Saltash at 8.30pm approx. Comfort stops on both journeys. To book your seat contact Steve Hookway on 07855 600241 Payment up front please.

REMINDER – If you have put your name down for the minibus trip to the Christmas Big Sing at Truro Cathedral on Friday 9th December then please make sure you have paid your £9 before the end of this month to Steve Hookway.

Saltash Team Ministry Meal - Sunday 15th January 2017 - 1pm

St. Elizabeth House, Plympton. £17. per person

Sign up lists for you to attend and select your menu choices are now in both Churches. Monies to Roger Rowse or Leslie Stevens as soon as possible please.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – As our November Fair (12th Nov) takes place a day before Remembrance Sunday we will be running a stall to support the RBL. We already have purchased some poppy cake toppers so we can sell some poppy buns. But if you have any other ideas (Poppy Themed) or would like to help run the stall on the day then please contact Steve Hookway.

SS Nicholas and Faith Social Committee would like to thank everyone for their supporting our exhibition of Royal Memorabilia during July and August. During the time the Church was open we had quite a few visitors, who welcomed the fact that they could come into the Church, not only to view the exhibits. The comments left in our visitors book were very encouraging.

Special thanks must go to everyone who contributed to the exhibition by lending their souvenirs, papers, and programmes etc., of past royal events. The papers, magazines and books were extremely interesting as was the mug with Edward the 8th on it, and the book about Queen Mary. Thanks must also go to Saltash Heritage for the loan of many photographs.

Saturday 22nd October, 6.30 for 7 p.m. - our annual Skittles Match, where we challenge St. Stephens, it is usually a very good evening, and this year we would like to try and win the cup back. £3.50 to include hot dogs, and a selection of cakes. We ask everyone to bring their own drink so that you can enjoy a glass of wine etc. We look forward to seeing you all.

Plans for our Christmas Tree Festival are well and truly on the way, and we held a successful Cheese and Wine Launch on Monday 19th September. The Trees will be on show from **Saturday 26th November until Friday 9th December** inclusive. Thank you everyone who supports this festival which is now in its 10th year. *Margaret Evans*

Children's Trail

The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) have agreed to set up a trail for children aged 8-11 in St Stephen's. The trail is designed with 14 age appropriate questions so that children (and adults!) can learn about the architecture, history and art in the church. There will also be faith related questions. Once the trail is finished it will be launched by Year 3 at Bishop Cornish. The free trail will then be available to all visitors, the trail has been successfully used by other churches to help local schools with Religious Education lessons and Brownie packs with their Faith badge. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please see Laura Bushell Hawke or email saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com

Christmas Puddings

Saltash Explorer Scouts are selling The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company's fabulous puddings as part of their fundraising for an expedition to Nepal in 2018. These puddings are also sold to Fortnum and Mason and Harvey Nichols. Puddings start at £5.50 for 454g (1lb). See Len Maddock at St Stephen's for more details on the full range and how to take advantage of this amazing offer, orders need to be in before 13 November.

Noel!! Yes it's that time of the year again when we think about needy children and plan for **Samaritans` Purse "Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal"**. Posters and leaflets should be available shortly; but the recommended gift list is unchanged from last year. Our contact for St. Stephens Church is Margaret Dell.

FAIRTRADE

The new catalogues are available at both SS Nicholas & Faith and St Stephens. There is plenty of choice of gifts and cards, please ask for a copy and have a look. Please give all orders to either Dorothy Tucker at SSNF or Sylvia/Len at St Stephens, with name and address, including telephone number as soon as you can. We have a new delivery system which seems to be working very well and is much quicker (as long as it delivers to the right house!).

Remembering our Loved Ones **A Service for All Souls'**

On **Saturday 29th October 2016 at 3pm**, we will have the opportunity to gather at **SS Nicholas & Faith Parish Church** to remember family, friends and all our loved ones who have departed this life.

This will be a service lasting approximately 45 mins, and there will be time for prayer and reflection, time to give thanks for all those who have departed this life, and the opportunity to light a candle if you wish in remembrance of your loved one(s).

A warm welcome is extended to you, your family, friends and neighbours and anyone who wishes to be at this special service. This is a service for all the community. There will be tea and coffee afterwards in the Church Hall. Please contact me if you need any further information.

Revd Jo Lobb
Team Vicar

15 November - The Diocese Roadshow will be at Liskeard. This year the evenings will have a different format to previous roadshows with the aim of provoking thought and debate around wider issues affecting our communities today under the heading of Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: Thinking Christianly About Everyday Issues.

"UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA" - WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm at Burraton Methodist Church This day will look at encouraging dementia friendly churches. Lunch is provided, to book please contact: Jo Lambourne: 01752 844413 or email: jd lambourne@googlemail.com

Truro Cathedral Choir on Walkabout!

There is often a bit of grumbling at this end of the county that everything happens in Truro. To balance this the Truro Cathedral Choir are giving a concert at St Germans Priory from 7.30 – 8.30 pm on Friday November 4th and they would very much appreciate your support. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from Christopher Cook at St Nicholas & Faith Church, St Germans Community Shop or Piglets shop in Saltash. If this is a success we may be able to make this an annual event in our part of the Diocese!

Illuminated Cross at St Stephen's

Plans are under way for an illuminated cross to be placed on top of St Stephen's tower throughout Advent and Christmas. It will be made of LED lighting strips (already purchased) so the running cost and environmental impact on the electrical front will be minimal. The tower is visible for miles around and it is hoped that the illuminated cross will remind people of the reason for the season. If anyone is able to help with the actual construction of the cross please contact George Hawke 01752 841884. The first Sunday of Advent is 27 November so the clock is ticking!

THANK YOUR VICAR WEEK October 16 to 23 is National Thank Your Vicar Week and is an opportunity to thank vicars and curates for all they do. Free resources are available for parishes and schools from September 8 on the St Luke's Healthcare for Clergy website www.stlukeshhealthcare.org.uk

Knit and Natter It has been suggested that a Knit and Natter fellowship group would work well at St Stephen's. Not just for knitters, but for any craft that you may like to do while enjoying the company of others. If you are interested contact Laura Bushell Hawke so that she can put you in touch with each other!

Mothers' Union

Banners Forward!

The banners from St. Nicholas and St. Faith MU and St. Stephens MU were on display in Truro Cathedral along with some fifty- four other colourful and historic banners early in September. Many of them were over a hundred years old, skilfully and lovingly embroidered by their branch members. Most of the older embroideries depict symbols associated with the Virgin Mary, e.g. the lily or she is seen holding the infant Jesus. There are more modern banners showing aspects of family and community life as in the Truro Diocesan Banner. Have a look at our church banners.

The display in Truro Cathedral was part of the 140 years MU celebrations and a reminder that today the Mothers Union has grown to be an organisation of over four million women and men in over 80 countries around the world. To-day's members are men, women, single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults who believe in the importance of strengthening family life within society. This ranges from taking an active interest in social legislation to practical help for those in need or just providing a listening ear. Mothers Union members also know how to relax and have fun! *Val. Cryer*

Messy Church

Messy Church in September saw 89 children and adults come in to St Stephen's to explore Harvest. The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 15 October at 3pm**, the theme will be Light. 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

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

Saturday Praise

Coffee, Cake and Christian Songs! Saturday Praise is on **Saturday 22 October 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.

Looking ahead (subject to change!):

2 Oct	7pm Saltash Churches Together, Wesley Methodist Church
6 Nov	7pm Saltash Churches Together, Wesley Methodist Church
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
27 Nov	Saltash Churches Together, Darkness to Light SSNF
4 Dec	Licensing of Rev Cathy Sigrist as Priest-in-Charge
11 Dec	Christingle, details to be announced 6.30 St Erney Carol Service
18 Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols
24 Dec	4pm Crib Service at St Stephen's 4pm crib Service at SSNF 4pm Crib Service at St Michael's, Landrake 7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Botus Fleming 11pm Midnight Mass at SSNF 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Stephen's
25 Dec	930am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Landrake 10am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 10am Holy Communion at SSNF 1115am Holy Communion at St Mary's Botus Fleming
26 Dec	10am Holy Communion at St Stephen (Patronal)

The next deadline for this newsletter is **26 October** to be published on 6 November. Please send your article to: saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com or pop it in to the Team Office.