

Saltash Team Newsletter

A message from Rev Cathy Sigrist:

Dear Friends

Just a short note to say how delighted I am to be appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Saltash Cluster and how much I am looking forward to joining you later this year and to getting to know everyone.

You may already be aware, but my licensing and welcome will take place on 4th December, in the evening, at St. Stephen's and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. In the meantime, I would like to invite you

to join with me in saying this prayer until our paths meet and we begin journeying together.

“Gracious God, you call us on a journey to grow in grace and holiness. As we travel on that journey, give us an assurance of your loving presence that, filled with your Spirit, we may work with you, and our fellow pilgrims in the transformation of our church and community, so that they become signs of your kingdom of justice and joy. Amen”

With every blessing.

Yours in Christ

Cathy

A screenshot of a web form titled "Who's Who" for the Saltash parish. The form has several sections with labels and input fields: "Name", "Address", "Phone", "Email", "Church", "Parish", "Congregation", and "Other". The form is currently empty.

Have you completed your profile for the Saltash Who's Who? A scrapbook of the congregations is being collated to help Rev Cathy when she arrives. Copies are available at St Stephen's and St Nicholas and St Faith or email saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com

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From the Team Vicar

Greetings one and all and thank you.

It is good to be back among you and by the time you get to read this I will have seen many of you to talk to. However, this is an opportunity to communicate with everyone. Firstly, my sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, letters and gifts whilst I was away sick, and in particular my humble thanks for your prayers and kind messages. Secondly, my thanks to all clergy (including retired clergy), readers, worship leaders and all others who have assisted and helped in any way over this period of time, it is much appreciated.

I am on a phased and staged return for approx 6 weeks at least, which I am trying hard to adhere to -as per medical instructions.

I very much look forward to welcoming and working alongside our new Priest in Charge – The Revd Catherine Sigrist, who will be arriving later in the year and being licensed on the 4th Dec. We hold her in our prayers and the parishes where she is currently ministering and we pray for our Team Ministry as we move on into a new phase together always seeking to serve God in the best way we can.

We have much to be thankful for here in Saltash and we are so blessed and have great opportunities to further God's Kingdom placing the church and God's message at the heart of our work and outreach in the community.

As we each travel on in our pilgrimage, may I suggest the following prayer as a useful tool to use daily. It comes from The Iona Community.

***May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide our feet as we go.***

***May God who is with us when we sit
and when we stand,
encompass us with love
and lead us by the hand.***

***May God who knows our paths,
and the places where we rest,
be with us in our waiting,
be our good news for sharing
and lead us in the way that is everlasting. Amen***

God bless and be with you all.

Yours in Christ

Revd Josie/ Jo

Team Vicar of St Stephen by Saltash & SS Nicholas and Faith Parish Churches

WORSHIP TOGETHER
SALTASH

A time to look to the future and ask who it is we are together

Wesley Methodist Church
7pm
September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th
February 5th, March 5th and April 2nd 2016

Come and join in the conversation as we pray, worship and discuss who it is God is calling us to be?
We would love to see you if you are a regular attender of Churches Together events or have never been to one before.

Please speak to a church leader for more information.



Sheryll Murray, MP for South East Cornwall enjoys a Saturday Breakfast at St Nicholas and St Faith Church Hall

Laura Bushell Hawke has been commissioned as Local Worship Leader in a service at Lanlivery led by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, the Ven Audrey Elkington.

Laura says: "thank you to all of those who travelled to Lanlivery and all the prayers I was included in, I was truly humbled by the support."



Remembering our Loved Ones

A Service for All Souls'

Saturday 29th October 3pm

at

SS Nicholas & Faith Parish Church, Saltash

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.

Service of Reflection: There will be a service of reflection for those affected by suicide at Truro Cathedral on September 11 at 2pm. Organised in conjunction with the Suicide Liaison Service, the service is open to all. There are around 80 deaths by suicide in Cornwall each year and the aftermath can have a devastating impact on those left behind.

Friday 9th 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 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.



To John Lissenden for organising a day trip to Gloucester last month. A pleasant day was had with many enjoying time viewing the Cathedral and taking Communion and also looking around the vast number of shops. A Christmas Shopper is currently being looked into, so watch this space for more details.

FOR SALE – PROCEEDS TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH FUNDS



Two standard lamps together with shades can be sold together or individually. All offers are welcome.



Brand New 3 foot headboard suitable for single bed, light green with leaf pattern. All offers are welcome

For further information on the above items. Please contact Claude Fourte on 01752 843508 or by email claudefourte@hotmail.co.uk.

Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday 24th September

10am – 2pm – St. Stephen's Church

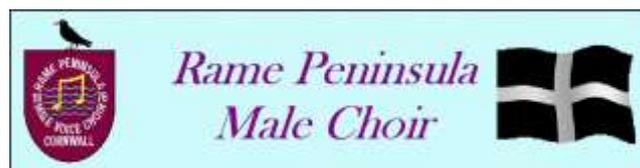
Another fantastic line up of traders and products from across Cornwall and Devon will be present together with our own fundraising stalls. Refreshments will be served throughout including yummy Bacon Rolls, Homemade Cakes, Children's Lunch Bags and filled rolls. As usual entry is free.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 1st October

6pm for 6.30pm Start – St. Stephen's Church

Tickets costing £5 are on sale now from Steve Hookway/Roger Rowse following Sunday Morning Services and Gordon Richards/John Petherbridge following Wednesday morning Services. The menu will consist of Choice of Soups, Ham or Cheese Ploughman's and a Selection of desserts. You are welcome to bring your own choice of drink.



Friday 7th October

Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm Start – St. Stephen's Church

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 will be on sale very soon from Roger Rowse (01752 843766) and other members of our social committee following Wednesday and Sunday morning Services, they will also be on sale at our forthcoming Craft and Gift fair, Piglets or you can pay on the night.

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 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!

Creationtide

The Church of England, has endorsed the observance of a "Time for Creation", from 1 September (the first day of the church year for the Orthodox Churches) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). During this season congregations are encouraged to give particular focus to environmental issues. Time for Creation links in naturally with the time when we celebrate harvest thanksgivings.

"The world has been created for everyone's use, but you few rich are trying to keep it for yourselves. For not merely the possession of the earth, but the very sky, the air, and the sea are claimed for the use of the rich few. ... The earth belongs to all, not just to the rich. St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397) "

A Prayer Idea from the Church of England Website

Use your **hand**.

Your fingers can be used to bring to mind different things to pray for.

thumb

this is the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, like home and family, relationships that support and sustain you.

index finger

this is the pointing finger. Pray for all those people and things in your life who guide and help you. Friends, teachers, doctors, nurses, emergency services and so on.

middle finger

this is the tallest finger. Pray for all the important people who have power in the world, like world leaders and their governments, members of parliament and local councillors, the Royal Family, other world leaders and their governments.

ring finger

this is the weakest finger on your hand. It cannot do much by itself. Remember the poor, the weak, the helpless, the hungry, the sick, the ill and the bereaved.

little finger

this is the smallest and the last finger on your hand. Pray for yourself.

Prayer Resources

Did you know you can download an app? Time to Pray from the Church of England is free to download on android or iOS, on to a phone or tablet, but has an annual subscription of £0.99. It has a daily and evening prayer that is easy and familiar to follow and helps create space in the day to spend time with God.



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.stlukeshealthcare.org.uk

Mothers' Union

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

Messy Church returns to St Stephen's on **Saturday 17th 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 50th 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.

The next deadline for this newsletter is **25 September** to be published on 2 October. Please send your article to: saltashparishnewsletter@gmail.com or pop it in to the Team Office.