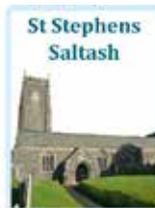
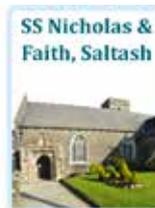
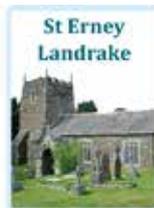
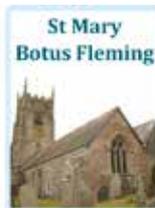
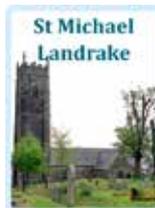


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April

Regular Events

Mondays **1, 15 April**

2-3.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Craft & Conversation

Monday **8 April**

7pm
St Stephen's Church
MOSSAF
Meeting of Men Of
St Stephens And Friends

Tuesday **9 April**

2pm
St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Thursdays **11, 25 April**

7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Mixed Blessings

Tuesday **16 April**

9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

Thursday **18 April**

7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Ladies Group

Saturday **20 April**

3pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church
The theme is Easter

Friday **26 April**

Noon
S.T.A.R.T Group

EASTER DAY SERVICES

- 
- 6.15am Sunrise Service, Celtic Cross**
(St Nicholas & St Faith if raining)
 - 9.30am Holy Communion, St Michael, Landrake**
 - 10am Holy Communion, St Stephen's**
Holy Communion, St Nicholas & St Faith
 - 11.15am Holy Communion, St Mary, Botus Fleming**
Matins, St Erney, Landrake

Dear Friends

As I write this letter we are well into our season of Lent – a time of year that calls us to stop, to take stock and to reflect on the health or otherwise of our faith.

Lent recalls the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, and invites us to consider our own response to temptation in turn. It reminds us of Jesus' steadfast commitment to the way of the cross, and asks if we are willing to bear the cost of discipleship. It speaks of the prayer and devotion that sustained Jesus during those forty days and nights of testing, and from there urges us to make time and space for God a priority in our own lives.

As we move towards Easter, there are a number of very special Holy days when we remember Christ's journey to the cross:

On Sunday 14 April we celebrate Palm Sunday – the day that Christ rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey. Many were expecting a warrior, a War Lord who would arrive on a mighty war horse ready to lead them into battle and to save them from their oppressors – the Romans – but Christ chose another way – a way of peace and humility that led to the cross.

On Thursday 18 April we remember Maundy Thursday – the day on which Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples in an upper room, and it was from here that one of his disciples – Judas, left the company to go and betray Jesus for 30 silver coins.

Good Friday is on 19 April – the day when Christ was led to Calvary to be executed and where he took all our sins on himself so that we might receive salvation.

April Special Events

Mondays **1, 8, 15 April**

12.30-2pm
St Stephen's Church
Lent Lunch followed by
reflection & discussion

Wednesday **10 April**

10am to Noon
St Mary's Church Hall
Coffee Morning

Saturday **13 April**

10am to 1pm
St Stephen's Church
Hot Cross Buns
and Easter Fun

Easter Sunday **21 April**

After sunrise service
SSNF Church Rooms
Tea and Hot Cross Buns

Friday **26 April**

7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Concert with Plymouth
Ukulele Players

Tuesday **30 April**

St Michael's Church
Concert
(details to be
confirmed)



SERVICES SUNDAYS

St Stephen's

- 8am HC - 7 April
10am All Age Service - 7 April
HC - 14, 21 April
6.30pm Evensong - 14, 28 April

St Nicholas & St Faith

- 6.15am Sunrise Service
at Celtic Cross - 21 April
(SSNF if raining)
10am HC - 7, 14, 21 April

St Michael, Landrake

- 9.30am HC - 7, 14, 21 April
10am United Service - 28 April

St Mary, Botus Fleming

- 11.15am Family Service - 7 April
HC - 14, 21 April

St Erney, Landrake

- 11.15am Matins - 7, 21 April

Saltash Churches Together

- 6.30pm Combined Service
at St Stephen's - 7 April

WEDNESDAYS

St Stephen's

- 10.30am HC - 3, 10, 17 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

18 April

St Nicholas & St Faith

- 7.30pm Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April

St Nicholas & St Faith

- 9am Reserved Sacrament

St Michael, Landrake

- 10am Tenebrae service based
on last seven words of
Jesus with Taize music

Saltash Churches Together

- 10am Walk of Witness
Starting at Wesley

Easter Services also shown on page 1

What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!' (Matthew 27: 22)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' - which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'.... And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27: 45-50).

Easter Day - Sunday 21 April - the day we celebrate The Resurrection of our risen Lord. Alleluya! (Please see the service times on the left or on page 1.)

Last month as we approached Lent, I urged you to consider what Christ has done for you; then ask what you can do for Him, and use Lent as the opportunity to respond. Please continue to use this prayer to help to focus your thoughts during this time:

Living God

Help me to use this coming season of Lent
as a time to grow and learn,
to deepen my faith and strengthen my commitment;
above all, as a time to make more time for you,
so that you can work in my life
and enrich my experience of your love,
through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

I wish everyone a very blessed Eastertide and invite you to come and join us at one of our services during Easter week for a time of prayer, thanksgiving and reflection.

Yours in Christ

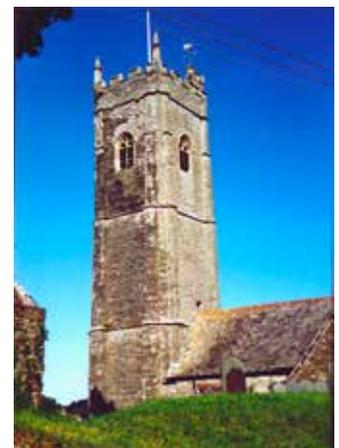
Cathy

Celebration of St Michael's Church, Landrake Combined Area Service on Sunday April 28 at 10am

The end of April marks the 750th anniversary of the consecration of the present church in Landrake.

The service on the last Sunday in April will mark the occasion. Planning is still in progress but present thinking is that the service may be followed by a buffet lunch.

The end of April also marks the 750th anniversary first mention of the church at St Erney. However it is known there was an earlier (Saxon) church in Landrake and it is thought that the site at St Erney may have been in use since Saxon or Celtic times.



Recent Events

Mothers' Union

On a cold blustery day in March, the Mothers' Union group visited Landrake Church.

Nineteen members were entertained by Ian Whittaker and Ken Crocker with their stories about Landrake, both church and village. Ian has enthusiastically researched the history of the parish and enthralled us with his stories. The Saxons and Celts were divided at the Lynher – not the Tamar. More recently, Landrake was the shopping centre for a large area with a cobblers, baker, butcher and many other essentials provided.

Ken's family have lived in the village for many years and he well remembers his days as a choirboy – in Landrake and St Erney churches. In those days St Erney was a flourishing village with a port, a quarry and farming.

Sundays were spent travelling between churches for all services. Ken attended Saltash Grammar School.

We are grateful to Ian and Ken for their memories and stories and also to Caroline who served a welcome cup of tea to finish the afternoon off.

Messy Church



On the 16 of March, nearly 90 adults and children joined in worship, having spent time hearing about saints and their commitment to God. Various crafts were enjoyed and at one point there were around 30 saints wearing handmade halos walking in the church and many examples of stained-glass windows on display.

John West gave a short talk about the Saints depicted on the windows of St Stephen's Church. Following a short service, we enjoyed a great tea before home time.

The theme on the 20 April will be 'Easter'.

SS Nicholas and Faith The Burraton Boys Concert

Thank you to all who supported this event, despite the inclement weather, a very good evening was had by all who attended.

SS Nicholas and Faith Bacon Buttie Morning

This was once again very well supported and made over £200, thank you to everyone for your support.

Resilience

I preached a sermon at the beginning of Lent on resilience because all of us are prone to the 'poor me' syndrome from time to time, and often there is a good reason to feel sorry for ourselves – we are unwell, we have been bereaved, we have been upset by others, plans may not have worked out and, at times, all of the above!

I used the Sunday readings to put resilience in a Christian context: we can become more resilient by prayer, by reading and using Scripture positively and affirmatively and by putting God first.

One thing I have learnt through yoga is the way we think about ourselves is important and one way to build resilience is to replace negative thoughts with positive ones and I offered the following example from my personal readings of that week.

I am alone . . .

**I am indwelled
by God's presence.**

I am unlovable . . .

I am infinitely loved.

I don't have enough . . .

I have everything I need.

I am stupid . . .

I have the mind of Christ.

I am worthless . . .

**I am precious in God's eyes,
I am honoured,
and God loves me.**

Richard Rohr (Center for Action and Contemplation Christ in Paul's Eyes: Weekly Summary Saturday 2 March 2019)

Lesley Margetts

What's On

Lent Lunches & Reflection

St Stephen's Church
Mondays 1, 8, 15 April
12.30-2pm



The lunches will be soup and bread roll followed by cheese. Following the lunch there will be a short reflection and time for discussion over a cup of tea or coffee.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £3.00. All profits will be donated to Saltash Foodbank.

Cathy Sigrist

MOSSAF

(Men Of St Stephens And Friends)

St Stephen's
Church
Starts Monday
8 April, 7-9pm



A new group for men will meet the second Monday of each month in the social area of St Stephen's Church. All are welcome to come along. We are delighted that The Venerable Patrick Evans will be our guest speaker for our first meeting. Please bring a plate of food to share so we can have supper together. We will also discuss how we wish to spend our time together each month as we find our own direction on how we wish to enjoy each other's company.

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Hall, Botus
Wednesday 10 April
10am to Noon



Just £2 for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

Hot Cross Buns and Easter Fun

St Stephen's Church
Saturday 13 April,
10am to 1pm

Craft and Food Stalls, Fundraising stalls, Bumper Easter Draw, Hoopla, Easter Egg Tombola, Guess the weight of the Simnel cake, Guess the Easter Bunny's Name, Treasure Hunt.

Refreshments will served throughout. Free Entry.



Julie Turner Cakes will be coming along with her tasty Simnel Cakes.

Plymouth Ukulele Players

St Stephen's Church
Friday 26 April, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome Plymouth Ukulele Players to our Church for a fundraising concert.

In 2013 there was a man called Harry. He was sick and tired of his daily routine apart from playing his beloved ukulele. But he got lonely strumming on his own and decided to start a group. Suddenly he had lots of friends all playing the Ukulele. They decided that Plymouth and Cornwall needed to hear what they were playing, so here they are. They kindly donate their fee to Plymouth Soup Run to help the homeless.



Tickets will be on sale soon at £5 each from Roger Rowse (843766) following Sunday 10am Service or John Petherbridge following Wednesday 10.30am Services. You can also purchase from Piglets in Fore Street or pay on the night. Accompanied under 16s go free.

Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm.

Concert at Landrake
St Michael's, Tuesday 30 April

Details to be confirmed – look out for the posters nearer the time.

Help! If you would like to kindly donate an Easter Egg for the bumper draw please pass it to Ray Wills or leave in the box marked Raffle Prizes in the Social Area at St Stephen's.



Poem of the Month

Good Friday

O My chief good,
How shall I measure out thy blood?
How shall I count what thee befell,
And each grief tell?

Shall I thy woes
Number according to thy foes?
Or, since one starre show'd thy first breath,
Shall all thy death?

Or shall each leaf,
Which falls in Autumn, score a grief?
Or can not leaves, but fruit, be signe
Of the true vine?

Then let each houre
Of my whole life one grief devoure;
That thy distresse through all may runne,
And be my sunne.

Or rather let
My severall sinnes their sorrows get;
That as each beast his cure doth know,
Each sinne may so.

Since blood is fittest, Lord, to write
Thy sorrows in, and bloodie fight;
My heart hath store, write there, where in
One box doth lie both ink and sinne:

That when sinne spies so many foes,
Thy whips, thy nails, thy wounds, thy woes,
All come to lodge there, sinne may say,
No room for me, and flie away.

Sinne being gone, oh fill the place,
And keep possession with thy grace;
Lest sinne take courage and return,
And all the writings blot or burn.

*From the Temple (1633)
by George Herbert*

Please email articles to newsletter@saltashteamministry.org or pop them in to the Team Office. Deadline – 20 April.

From The Family of Albert Hookway

Thank you so much for all the support, prayers and cards we received following the loss of our much loved husband and Dad. We were simply overwhelmed by the full house at his funeral. Thanks to Peter Braund and Gordon Richards for doing readings during the service. The volume of singing during Bert's favourite hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* was incredible and helped give the cracking send-off we so wished. Marie, Julie & Steve

Spotlight on Youth

At St Nicholas and St Faith, we are looking forward to July and August, and our annual exhibition in Church. This year it will be entitled 'Spotlight on Youth'. We are inviting various organisations and schools to come along with a display and advertise their activities. We will be looking ages from about 3-18 years so quite a broad spectrum. There is no charge involved if you are, or know anyone who would be interested in being involved in this display. Please come along to the Church on Saturday 29 June from 10 am where you will be able to set up your display. More details at a later date.

The display will be on open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm throughout July. During August the church will be open on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm as well as the usual Wednesday and Friday. All day breakfasts will also be served on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

For further information please contact: Mrs L Stevens ☎ 01752 842521 or Mrs M Evans ☎ 01752 844141, mje1503@gmail.com



Though generally still well stocked, we would be grateful for: disposable razors, hair conditioner, dog food, milk powder and sponge puddings.

Only one Black Friday
offers eternal savings.

