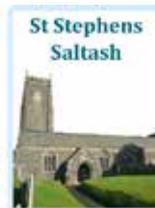
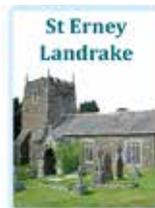
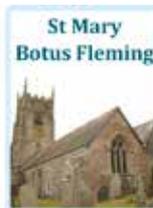
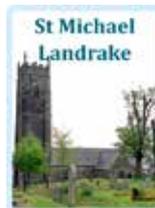


# Saltash Area Newsletter

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## March

### Regular Events

#### **Mondays**

**4, 18 March**

2-3.30pm

St Stephen's Church  
Craft and Conversation

#### **Tuesday**

**12 March**

2pm

St Michael's Church  
Mothers' Union

#### **Thursdays**

**14, 28 March**

7.30pm

St Stephen's Church  
Mixed Blessings

#### **Friday**

**15 March**

Noon

S.T.A.R.T Group

#### **Saturday**

**16 March**

3pm

St Stephen's Church  
Messy Church  
The theme is Saints

#### **Tuesday**

**19 March**

9.30am

St Stephen's Church  
Tea and Toast

#### **Thursday**

**21 March**

7.30pm

St Stephen's Church  
St Stephen's  
Ladies Group



Dear Friends

Spring is a wonderful and wondrous time of the year. The snow (hopefully) has disappeared and now flowers are beginning to shoot through the ground and some are even in flower – the earth is beginning to wake up. It's almost as though it's stretching itself awake and yawning after its winter sleep. It's also a time when many of us decide to spring clean our homes, to wipe away the grime and dirt that has built up during the winter months.

From the fourth century on, the Church became increasingly aware of 'the spirit of divine discontent and longing' which prompts Christians to take action during the weeks leading up to Easter. That was one reason why Lent became an important part of the Church calendar. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'Spring' and so Lent came to be known as God's Springtime; the period when Christians tuned into God's love and made a fresh response to it – making a spiritual spring clean. In other words, the season of Lent is a time 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.

For many people, Lent is associated with giving something up. It is seen as an opportunity – perhaps for kicking that unwanted habit of smoking, for going on that long-intended diet now that the Christmas chocolates, cakes and biscuits have been eaten, or for denying yourself those unnecessary extra luxuries.

All such acts of discipline may have their place, but if you didn't stick to that New Year resolution to give up whatever it was, do you honestly believe that you will be able to give up whatever it was

## March

### Special Events

#### **Tues 5 March**

3-5pm

St Stephen's Church  
Shrove Tues Pancakes

#### **Wed 6 March**

10am to Noon

St Mary's Church Hall  
Coffee Morning

#### **Sat 9 March**

10am to Noon

St Stephen's Church  
Children's Society  
Box Opening

#### **Mondays**

**11, 18, 25 March**

**1, 8, 15 April**

12.30-2pm

St Stephen's Church  
Lent Lunch followed by  
reflection & discussion

#### **Sat 16 March**

7 for 7.30pm

St Nicholas & St Faith  
Church Rooms  
Burraton Boys Concert

#### **Wed 20 March**

10am to Noon

16 Barton Close,  
Landrake

Coffee Morning

#### **Wed 20 March**

Noon to 1.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall  
Ploughmans & Pud Lunch

#### **Sat 23 March**

10am to 1pm

St Nicholas & St Faith  
Church Rooms

Bacon Buttie Morning

## SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

#### St Stephen's

- 8am Holy Communion  
3 March
- 10am All Age Service  
3 March  
Holy Communion  
10, 17, 24, 31 March
- 6.30pm Evensong  
10, 17, 24 March

#### St Nicholas & St Faith

- 8am Holy Communion  
17 March
- 10am Holy Communion

#### St Michael, Landrake

- 9.30am Holy Communion

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

- 11.15am Family Service  
3 March  
Holy Communion  
10, 24, 31 March  
Morning Prayer  
17 March

#### St Erney, Landrake

- 11.15am Morning Prayer  
3 March  
Holy Communion  
17 March

#### Saltash Churches Together

- 6.30pm Combined Service  
at Burraton Wesley  
Methodist Church  
3 March

### WEDNESDAYS

#### St Stephen's

- 10.30am Holy Communion  
every Wednesday  
plus imposition of ashes  
6 March

#### St Nicholas & St Faith

- 7.30pm Holy Communion  
& imposition of ashes  
6 March

**NB: 6 March is Ash Wednesday  
and 31 March is Mothering Sunday**

now? The good news is that Lent isn't just about giving things up – this would give us a very one-sided view of this season, for, if anything, it should be about taking something on; committing ourselves, in the words of Jesus, to going the extra mile. By this, I mean that the season of Lent is about resolving to follow Christ more faithfully, a determination to give him our wholehearted discipleship.

This doesn't mean taking on more work for work's sake, but perhaps taking some time out to be a Mary, rather than a Martha and just spending time with God. For example, you could give yourself time to read your Bible, to pray, to listen to a piece of music or go for a walk in the country or along the coast and just thank God for everything that he has created and done for you, not least that he died for each and every one of us.

This year, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, takes place on 6 March. We will be holding two services on that day for the imposition of ashes. The first service will be at 10.30am in St. Stephens Church and the second service will take place at St. Nicholas & St. Faith at 7.30pm.

And so during this time of Lent I would urge 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.

The following prayer may help to focus your thoughts:

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.

Yours in Christ

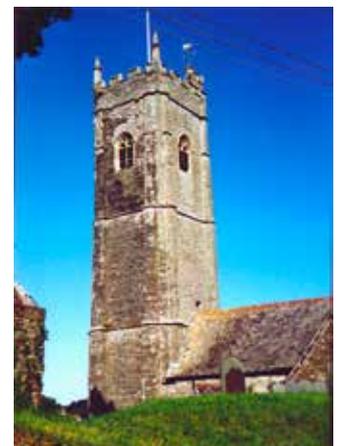
Cathy

### 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.



## Lay Pastoral Ministry



Despite the weather on Saturday 2 February Truro Cathedral was full of people celebrating lay Ministry. Mary Wills and I were commissioned by the Bishop of Truro, Phillip Mounstephen, along with 17 other people from the Diocese. Also the existing members from our team were re-commissioned. Sadly not all were able to attend in person. We were supported by family members, Rev. Josie and Sylvia Maddock. Rev. Cathy was unable to attend but sent her prayers and good wishes. Please keep us all in your prayers as we embark on our journey in our role.

*Lesley Batham*

## Samaritan's Purse

Over half a million shoeboxes were collected and sent overseas. The boxes from Saltash were delivered and distributed in Albania, Bulgaria, and Romania.

Thank you to all who made this possible.



## MOSSAF

### (Men Of St Stephens And Friends)

A new group for Men will start to meet the second Monday of each month during British Summer Time inside St Stephen's Church from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome to come along. Please bring a plate of food to share so we can have supper together. We hope to have a speaker at our first evening (more details to follow next month). How we wish to spend our time together will also be discussed as we find our own direction on how we wish to enjoy each other's company. First meeting Monday 8 April 7pm.



After a well supported Christmas there are just a few gaps appearing in the Warehouse: Washing up liquid, milk powder and sponge puddings.

## Recent Events

### Mothers' Union

In February, members met at the Plough Boy Inn for our post Christmas meal. 24 of us attended, including some husbands, Rev Cathy and Rev Pam. Brains were taxed by a fun quiz whilst we waited for the food, which was served on time in exemplary fashion. We must congratulate the staff at the Ploughboy on the standard of the food and the serving.

On March 12th we shall be visiting Landrake Church for a talk about the village.



### Messy Church



On Saturday 16th February, the Messy Church team welcomed around 25 adults and 30 children into the church to explore the theme of 'Love'. We opened with music by the Beatles - 'All you need is Love'.

Crafts were enjoyed and ideas of loving were discussed. As for the noticeboard, we couldn't bear to take down the daffodils that the children had crafted last month, so we just added lots of love to it. Please do have a look at it, as the children have literally put their hearts into it. Rev Cathy managed to include some science into the worship, much to the children's surprise. God's Love is everlasting and so it seemed, was the flow of lava produced by the experiment. Of course the session ended with the tea party.

Thanks to all involved.

The theme on the 16th March will be 'The Saints'.

## Recent Events continued

### SS Nicholas and Faith Annual Quiz

On Saturday 16th February we held our annual Quiz, John White being Quiz Master. It was a most enjoyable evening, and the cup was won by 'Seriously brain dead' – not sure what the rest of us were!



We expected only 6-8 teams but in actual fact we had 12. Coffee/Tea and cake was provided in the interval, and an enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

### SS Nicholas and Faith Potato and Puds Lunch

A massive thank you to all who supported our Potato and Puds on Wednesday 20 February. This is the first time we have held a mid-week event and it was extremely successful. Soups on offer were Broccoli and Stilton, Lentil and Bacon, Spicy Parsnip, Leek and Potato, Red Lentil and Butternut Squash.

We received really good feedback from all those who tasted our wares, and hope to be able to repeat the event at a later date.

### Tower Lighting at St Michael, Landrake

Following receipt of sponsorship, the floodlights outside the church tower in Landrake have been repaired and are now in working order. If anyone would like them turned on, for example in memory of a loved one or for a special day, they can be sponsored at a cost of £5.00 for one day or £10.00 for a week. The forms to arrange this are in the Landrake village shop.

## S.T.A.R.T Group



We are an ecumenical group of Saltash Christian Men who meet on a social basis. Our membership at the end of 2018 was 30, with an average monthly attendance of around 20. We have very diverse set of faiths amongst us which always makes for a good conversation piece during our times together.

During the winter months, we tend to meet for inside events such as museums, talks and most importantly 'eating out'. The summer months we go out and about. We then finished off the year with a Christmas meal.

My thanks to all those who arranged these visits – it is our ploy for members to arrange twelve meetings per year between them. We had our AGM in January where the 2019 meetings were arranged, and our programme is:

- Mar 15 Bruce Hunt (Saltash Heritage)
- Apr 26 Christians Against Poverty
- May 17 Trip to Mount Edgecumbe
- Jun 21 Lunch at the Vault Restaurant @ The Fort Whitsand Bay
- Jul 19 Buckfast Abbey
- Aug 9 Ocean City Blues (Jazz festival on the Barbican)
- Sep 20 Liskeard Museum
- Oct 18 Devonport Naval Museum
- Nov 15 Film Nostalgia
- Dec 13 Christmas Meal

We always meet on the third Friday of the month and usually start with a meal in the closest hostelry to our meeting place and any-one who is interested in joining us please call me on 01752 844666 you will be most welcome.

*Bob Austin (Chair)*

# What's On

## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St Stephen's Church  
Tuesday 5 March, 3-5pm



Two pancakes and a drink for only £3.50 (£1.50 for children).

## Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Hall, Botus  
Wednesday 6 March  
10am to Noon



Just £2 for coffee, biscuits and conversation on Ash Wednesday.

## Children's Society Box Opening

St Stephen's Church  
Saturday 9 March  
10am to Noon



If you don't have a box, please come along for coffee and cake. All money raised will go to the Children's Society. There will also be a bring and buy table.

## Lent Lunches & Reflection

St Stephen's Church  
Every Monday from  
11 March to 15 April,  
12.30-2pm



This year I will be holding Lent Lunches. They 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. If you would like to attend, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

*Cathy Sigris*

## The Burraton Boys St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms

Saturday 16 March, 7.30pm



The Burraton Boys started in 2014 when a small group from the Burraton Male Voice Choir got together to sing Cornish and Sea Shanty songs.

## Coffee Morning

16 Barton Close Landrake  
Wednesday 20 March  
10am to Noon



Come and join us and catch up over a cuppa.

## Ploughman's and Pud Lunch

St Mary's Church Hall, Botus  
Wednesday 20 March  
Noon to 1.30pm



Just £5 for a tasty ploughman's followed by a delicious pudding.

## Bacon Buttie Morning

St Nicholas & St Faith  
Church Rooms  
Saturday 23 March  
10am to 1pm



Just £2.50 for a mouth-watering bacon buttie.

**Hot Cross Buns and Easter Fun – St. Stephen's Church – Saturday 13th April – 10am to 1pm** If you would like to kindly donate an Easter Egg for the bumper draw please pass to Ray Wills or leave in the Social Area at the back of our Church.