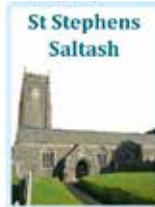
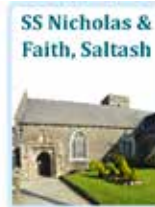
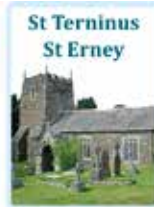
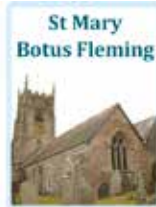


# Saltash Area Newsletter

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DEC / JAN

## Special Events

**Saturday**

**30 November**

10am SSNF

Christmas Tree Festival

Open daily until

Friday 13 December

See page 3 for opening times and weekend events.

**Friday**

**6 December**

7.30pm St Stephen's

Christmas Concert

with Loveny Male

Voice Choir

**Wednesday**

**11 December**

Noon to 1.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall

Jacket Pots & Pud Lunch

**Friday**

**13 December**

7pm St Stephen's

Christmas Big Sing

**Saturday**

**14 December**

7pm St Stephen's

Christmas Cracker

Concert – Saltash Town

Band with the Burraton

Male Voice Choir

**Tuesday**

**7 January**

10am to Noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Coffee Morning

**Wednesday**

**22 January**

Noon to 1.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall

Soup & Pud Lunch

## Peace on Earth

### Finding Peace this Christmas



*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).*

These words were spoken about 700 years before the birth of Jesus. This child was long awaited and the expectations on him were staggering. How could one person bring about world peace?

Israel was desperate for peace. It was a small nation, surrounded by powerful enemies and facing constant threat. In Jesus' time they were under Roman rule. It wasn't just political peace they longed for though, it was peace with God. Sadly, Israel, the chosen people, were constantly facing the wrath of the Almighty for their unfaithfulness and disobedience.

Jesus came to this earth as a tiny baby and brought peace with God, for Israel and for any who believe in his name. As a later prophecy from Isaiah put it, *Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53.5).*

The Prince of Peace would give his life

## SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

3.30pm St Stephen Crib & Christingle

4pm St Michael Crib Service

5.30pm SSNF Crib & Christingle

6.30pm St Mary Carol Service

11pm SS Nicholas & Faith Midnight Mass

11pm St Stephen Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

9.30am St Michael Holy Communion & Carols

10am St Stephen Holy Communion & Carols

11.15am St Mary Holy Communion

11.15am St Erney Holy Communion

### St Stephen's Day

10am St Stephen Holy Communion



## DECEMBER SERVICES

See page 1 for  
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day  
& St Stephen's Day Services

### Advent 1 December

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am All Age Service

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

#### SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

11am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Darkness to Light

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

#### St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 8 December

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

#### SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

11am Sung Eucharist

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 15 December

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Carol Service

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

#### SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

8am Holy Communion  
11am Sung Eucharist

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

4.30pm Christingle

#### St Erney, Landrake

6.30pm Carol Service

### Sunday 22 December

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

#### SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

11am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 29 December

#### SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

10am United Service

### Weds 4, 11, 18 Dec

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

in place of ours and because of his death,  
we have a life that will never end.

Peace may feel like a distant concept  
for you this Christmas.

Maybe you feel despair at the political landscape.  
Maybe you have recently lost a loved one. Perhaps  
your family are at loggerheads or maybe you are  
just overwhelmed by the demands of life.

This Christmas spend time with the Christchild  
and experience the peace He offers.

As Jesus said in John 14: 27: *Peace I leave  
with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give  
to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

I wish everyone the peace of the Christchild  
this Christmas season and in the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy

## Scroll Presentation



During the service at St. Nicholas & St Faith on Sunday 17th  
November, Saltash Mayor Gloria Challen, presented a roll  
of honour to Revd Cathy Sigrist who received it on behalf of  
the parish.

The scroll lists the names of those who lost their lives serving  
their country in WW1, but whose names do not appear on  
the War Memorial. The scroll will be placed in the St John's  
Chapel next to the memorial.

Sue Hooper, Chair of the Saltash Great War  
Commemorative Events Committee and Lynn Marsh who  
have both contributed so much to the gathering of the  
names also attended the presentation.

## JANUARY SERVICES

### Sunday 5 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash  
9.30am All Age Service

St Michael, Landrake  
9.30am Family Service

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash  
11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming  
11.15am Family Service

St Erney, Landrake  
11.15am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 12 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash  
9.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake  
9.30am Holy Communion

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash  
11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming  
11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 19 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash  
9.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake  
9.30am Holy Communion

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash  
8am Holy Communion  
11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming  
11.15am Morning Prayer

St Erney, Landrake  
11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 26 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash  
9.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake  
9.30am Holy Communion

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash  
11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming  
11.15am Holy Communion

### Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash  
10.30am Holy Communion



## Recent Events

### Messy Church



In November we welcomed 64 people to messy church when we celebrated Jesus, the light of the world. Cathy was attending a meeting at Truro so the worship was led by Demelza who did a splendid job.

The children modelled lighthouses and made lanterns with real lights. A popular activity was making a chocolate nest in a manger and placing sweet baby Jesus in it.

Candles to decorate the Christmas tree for the festival in December were modelled and the noticeboard shows how the children can light the way for all of us to live our lives through Jesus teaching.

On 21 December, we shall be having a party in the hall at Saint Nicolas and Faith church beginning at 3pm.

### Mothers' Union

On a very cold and windy afternoon we met in the lovely, warm St Stephen's church.

Chairman Sandra opened the meeting by lighting the Mothers Union Candle and welcoming members. Prayers were said by Barbara and we remembered those Mothers' Union members who had lost their lives during wars.

Bettine is now home and Margaret Greet's husband, Christopher, is out of hospital and we wish them well.

Our Advent service is to be held on 10 December at 2pm at St Stephen's Church, with the theme, *Mothers' Love*, and the service is open to everyone.

Sandra closed the meeting with a general knowledge quiz, won by Lesley. Then members made decorations for our Christmas tree for SS Nicholas and Faith Christmas Tree Festival.

Tea and cake, made by member Pauline were served, before we braved the elements for home.



## St Nicholas and St Faith Christmas Tree Festival 30 Nov to 13 Dec



### Sat 30 Nov Church Open 10am to 4pm

- 10am to 1pm Bacon butties in Church rooms
- 2pm to 4pm Tea/coffee & cakes in Church rooms

### Sun 1 Dec Church Open 2pm to 5pm

- 6.30pm Darkness to Light Advent Service



### Sat 7 Dec Church Open 10am to 8pm

- 10am to 1pm Bacon butties in Church rooms
- 2pm to 4pm Tea/coffee & cakes in Church rooms
- 6pm to 8pm Mulled wine & non-alcoholic punch in Church

### Sun 8 Dec Church Open 2pm to 4pm

- 3pm to 4pm Burraton Boys in Church
- 4pm to 5pm Meet the Boys over tea/coffee & mince pies in Church rooms

O, Come let us adore Him



### Weekdays Church Open 2pm to 6pm

## Grand Christmas Draw

for an Alcoholic Hamper plus many more prizes



Entrance £1.50

(accompanied children under 14 free)

# Christmas Quiz

- 1 When was the first Christmas card printed?
- 2 The first royal Christmas broadcast – which monarch made it?
- 3 Shakespeare wrote a play for Elizabeth I, as a Christmas present. Which one is it?
- 4 Which country donates the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square?
- 5 What colour are mistletoe berries?
- 6 How many tips do traditional snowflakes have?
- 7 Where does the tradition to hang gifts in the Christmas tree come from?
- 8 Which reindeer name means 'lightning'?
- 9 Which US states have towns actually named Santa Claus?
- 10 What is 'Smoking Bishop'?
- 11 What is the biggest selling Christmas song?
- 12 Who recorded Blue Christmas?
- 13 Which carol brings you tidings of comfort and joy?
- 14 Which saint introduced carols in churches?
- 15 What was the first carol broadcast from space?

Answers on page 7



## Recent Events continued

### Men of St Stephens & Friends

For our last meeting of the year we headed off for a superb meal at the Toby Carvery, Roborough.



A good time was had by all as we enjoyed each other's company as well as the fine food.

We have had a successful first year as a group and numbers are gradually building. We are currently putting together a programme for 2020 – watch this space . . .

### St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls



At the time of writing we have enjoyed running our stalls at Sir Robert Geoffreys School and St Michael's Christmas Bazaar, both in Landrake.

We have a busy few days coming up with our stalls in Menheniot, St Budeaux and also at our Church for performances of Lowena.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us across the year and look forward to finalising the total raised in December to be able to hand over a cheque.

## Recent Events continued

### November Fair at St Stephen's



A massive thank you to all who helped and supported at our busy November Fair.

With bad weather forecast and many road closures, we weren't hopeful of having a successful day. However the local community supported us in force yet again.

A special thank you must be said to the ladies of our Cake Stall who alone raised over £600 - amazing!

In all we raised a fantastic £2,263.43 which is our best result in the last five years. A great team effort.



Our latest needs are:

- Fruit juice
- Shampoo
- Tinned potatoes
- Conditioner
- Tinned carrots
- Shaving foam/gel
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Disposable Razors
- Sponge puddings
- Deodorants
- Milk powder
- Shower gel
- Washing up liquid

**'We rely on the support of our local community for donations, volunteers and finances.'**

[saltash.foodbank.org.uk](http://saltash.foodbank.org.uk)

### DEC / JAN Regular Events

**Mon 2, 16 Dec, 6, 20 Jan**  
2-3.30pm St Stephen's  
Craft & Conversation

**Tue 10 Dec, 14 Jan**  
2pm St Stephen's  
Mothers' Union

**Fri 20 Dec, 17 Jan**  
Noon S.T.A.R.T Group

**Thu 9, 23 Jan**  
7.30pm St Stephen's  
Mixed Blessings

**Thu 16 Jan**  
7.30pm St Stephen's  
Ladies Group

**Sat 21 Dec, 18 Jan**  
3pm SSNF Rooms Dec,  
St Stephen's in Jan  
Messy Church

**Tue 21 Jan**  
9.30am St Stephen's  
Tea and Toast

## Poem of the Month

### The Year

What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?

The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.

We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.

We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.

We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.

We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of the year.

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

## Play Readings at SSNF

We hope to start play readings for our next production in January, if you would like to join us or help with props or publicity, please contact Margaret Evans ☎ 01752 844141.



"They say they are three kings."

# What's On

## Christmas Tree Festival SS Nicholas & Faith Sat 30 Nov to Fri 13 Dec



This year, our thirteenth, we have some 80 trees on display which is the most that we have ever had. As usual we will have our

Grand Christmas draw with the first prize being an Alcoholic Hamper, second prize £100, third prize a luxury hamper, and many more.

Also, refreshments on Saturdays plus Burraton Boys on Sunday 8 December. See page 3 for details.

## Loveny Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert St Stephen's Church Fri 6 Dec, 6.45pm for 7.30pm



This year we have the internationally renowned Loveny Male Voice Choir performing at our fundraising Christmas Concert. The choir are based in the beautiful Cornish village of St Neot, through which the Loveny River flows. It's the first time Loveny MVC have performed at Christmas for us and a fantastic night is promised.

Tickets are £5 each and are on sale now from Roger Rowse and John Petherbridge following Sunday and Wednesday Morning Services or you can purchase from Piglets, Fore Street or pay on the night.

## Jacket Pots & Pud Lunch St Mary Church Hall Wed 11 Dec, Noon to 1.30pm



£5. Delicious lunch and a raffle.

## Christmas Big Sing St Stephen's Church Fri 13 Dec, 7pm



Come and join us as we sing favourite Christmas Carols together. The evening will also feature festive performances by Brunel Primary Academy Choir, Claire Fry and Darren Jane and Mixed Blessings, followed by seasonal refreshments.



There will be a collection in aid of St Petroc's Society. Entry is free so come and get in the Christmas Spirit.

If you are able to donate or make some Mince Pies, Stollen or Shortbread this would be much appreciated. Please see Sylvia Maddock if you can support.

## Christmas Cracker Concert St Stephen's Church Sat 14 Dec, 7pm



Start the festive season with a bang and celebrate with Saltash Town Band and Burraton Male Voice Choir.

Refreshments available and a raffle. Tickets £5 each from Piglets or on the door.

## Coffee Morning St Mary's Church Hall Tue 7 Jan, 10am to Noon



Just £2 for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

## St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls



During December our stall will be at the back of our church at The Loveny Christmas Concert and at The Christmas Big Sing and, as usual, on most Sunday mornings following the 9.30am service.

## What's On Continued

**Soup and Pud Lunch**  
**St Mary Church Hall**

**Wed 22 Jan, Noon to 1.30pm**



£5. Meet up with your friends for a chat and socialise.

**Australian Beach Party**  
**SSNF Churh Rooms**  
**Sunday, 1 February**



Come along and take your mind off the cold and (probably) wet weather. Look out for further details . . .

### Mothers' Union Advent Service

The service will be on Tuesday 10 December at 2pm at St Stephen's Church. We welcome all to celebrate our theme of *Mothers' Love*.



Please email articles to [newsletter@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:newsletter@saltashteamministry.org) or pop them in to the Team Office. Deadline – 20 January 2020.

## Bishop Philip to preach and celebrate the Eucharist at our United Service on 29 December

On Sunday 29 December, Bishop Philip will join us at our United Service at 10am at St Nicholas and St Faith to preach and to celebrate the Eucharist with us.

When Archdeacon Audrey recently preached at St Stephen's and St Nicholas, she talked about history and included some thoughts and insights, which follow, that Bishop Philip has been reflecting on since his arrival.



Bishop Philip encourages the Diocese to see itself as part of an unfolding narrative: the story of what God has been doing, distinctively, in Cornwall over many centuries; of what he is still doing, and of what he will yet do:

*We in Cornwall are inheritors of a remarkable and distinctive Christian heritage stretching back many centuries, possibly to the very earliest days of the Christian faith. This is a land where the gospel has been shared with passion and commitment, and at risk to life and limb, from the days of Piran and Petroc through to the days of John Wesley, Henry Martyn and Billy Bray, to name just a few. And just as the good news has been shared within Cornwall, so it has been shared far and wide beyond these shores. This too has been a place of imagination and creativity which has significantly shaped the wider world. We are happy inheritors of that heritage.*

*And above all else, this has been a place which God has blessed richly, in which he is still imparting his blessing, and where he will do so in the future. He is at work here already, before us and beyond us. The challenge to us is to join in with what he is already doing, and to play our part faithfully in the story that he is still shaping here in Cornwall.*

*Thus our prayer is simply this: that we become an ever more hopeful, confident church that seeks the mind, heart and will of God for Cornwall, for the communities he calls us to serve, and for the wider world beyond these shores.*

To see us become such a church Bishop Philip has articulated five specific priorities for the Diocese of Truro, namely that we should be:

1. A church that conspicuously celebrates children and young people at its heart;
2. A church that unashamedly embraces an innovative and pioneering culture;
3. A church that is increasingly confident in its calling;
4. A Church that rejoices in strong, warm and mutually encouraging international links; and
5. A church that rejoices in the generosity of God.

**Please do make a note of 29 December in your diary and join us**

### Christmas Quiz Answers:

1 1843. 2 George V. 3 The Merry Wives of Windsor. 4 Norway. 5 White. 6 Six. 7 The Druids. 8 Blitzen. 9 Georgia, Arizona, and Indiana. 10 A sort of mulled wine. 11 White Christmas. 12 Elvis Presley. 13 God rest ye merry gentlemen. 14 St Francis of Assisi. 15 Jingle bells.

# Lowena – a musical story for Saltash

On Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd November, St. Stephen's Church was transformed into 'Wearde Camp' to host *Lowena* – a story about love, tragedy and triumph at Wearde Camp and Queen Alexandra's Convalescent Centre 1924-1926



It was Summer 1922 and Wearde Camp (now a Convalescent Centre) are holding an Open Day and Fête in aid of St Stephen's Church Organ fund.

The war is over but a challenging task lies ahead in rehabilitation; supporting the injured and damaged in the hope they can be given a future.

Lowena Tregaskis, a nurse, takes us back in time to 1918. She recalls her first day at the Camp when her assertive and Bohemian attitude lands her in trouble straight away, and quickly earns her the reputation of a fearless young woman with strong views and opinions.



The mood at the Camp is buoyant and professional but everyone watches the ships come and go and Lowena, like so many, is fearful of what lies ahead when the training is complete.

Through tragedy and triumph, not to mention the unpredictable hand of fate, Lowena's story is really everyone's story because the War touched the hearts and lives of all. Through resilience and determination, ordinary people struggled and suffered but finally brought themselves, and our country, to a peaceful place – we can do no more than remember and honour them.



Thank you to all who made it such a success, but a special thanks to the Saltash Great War Commemorative Events Committee who commissioned the musical and to Julian Barnicoat who composed and directed the musical.

Photos by Daniel Foote – Chairman of the Saltash & District Camera Club