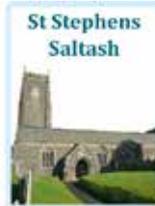
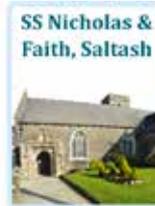
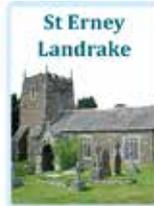
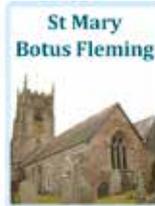
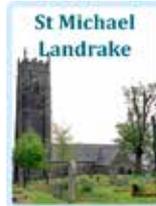


Saltash Area Newsletter

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November Regular Events

Monday
4, 18 November
2-3.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Craft and Conversation

Monday
11 November
6.30pm. Toby Carvery,
Roborough
M.O.S.S.A.F
Meeting of Men Of
St Stephens And Friends

Tuesday
12 November
2pm
St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Friday
15 November
Noon
S.T.A.R.T Group

Saturday
16 November
3pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

Tuesday
19 November
9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

Thursday
21 November
7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Ladies Group



We will remember them



Lest we forget

As we head towards November, our minds turn once again towards the loved ones who are no longer with us as we mark their passing. First, at our Benefice Memorial service and then our Remembrance Sunday services the following week when we remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

At 3.30pm on Sunday 3 November we will be holding our annual Benefice Memorial Service at St. Stephen-by-Saltash parish church. It is a time to remember and to give thanks for those we have loved and who are no longer with us. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this service – regardless of denomination or none. If you would like to have the name of a loved one remembered and read out during the service, please write their name on one of the sheets that you will find at the back of the churches.

The following Sunday, 10 November, we will be marking Remembrance Sunday in our parish churches for those who lost their lives in the service of their country. It is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect not only our freedom, but also the freedom of those who are unable to protect themselves.

November Diary Dates

Saturday
9 November
10am to 1.30pm
St Stephen's Church
November Fair

Noon to 2pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Wednesday
13 November
Noon to 1.30pm
St Mary's Church Hall
Soup & Pud Lunch

Saturday
16 November
Noon to 4pm
Sir Robert Geffery
Memorial Hall, Landrake
St Michael's
Christmas Bazaar

Friday & Saturday
22 & 23 November
6.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Lowena, a musical play

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

Friday
29 November
6.30pm to 9pm
St Stephen's Church
Christmas Shopping
Evening

Saturday
30 November
10am
SSNF Church
Christmas Tree
Festival Opens

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 3 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

8am Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Service
3.30pm Memorial Service to remember those we love but see no more

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Morning Prayer

Remembrance

Sunday 10 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion then Remembrance Service at 11am

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

10am Remembrance Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.55am Remembrance Service then Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming

10.55am Remembrance Service

Sunday 17 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

8am Holy Communion

11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Prayer

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Sung Eucharist

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

The Saltash Great War 1914 – 1918 Commemorative Events Committee have been working tirelessly for the past two or three years and have recently been instrumental in the production of *An anthology of poetry and prose: Saltash Remembers*.

The following poem, taken from the anthology is written by Sarel – a year 6 pupil at Sir Robert Geffery School:

This is War

*My brain caterwauls, in the merciless iced winds
of the North that provokes me
Vigilance we strive to stay alive because the night is starless.
The blood shod shells suddenly to the land of the dead
My sage coloured uniform weighs me down like a slab of lead..
Worried by silence, sentries gossip quietly, scared nervous afraid
Nothing..*

*I awake, clumsily tripping over my fellow faithful comrades
An ecstasy of fumbling to the depressive front line
I hear a faint piercing whistle in the distance
Suddenly I notice an obscure object soaring through the air!
Boom! Gas! Gas! Masks on now! I manage to
tug on my flailing gas mask!
I jerk my head from side to side ... Oh no something is not right!
I observe a soldier sleeping (or so I thought)
We lay back down on the beckoning fire step waiting...
Nothing.*

We will remember them.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy

Wanted Please

For St Nick's Christmas Tree Festival

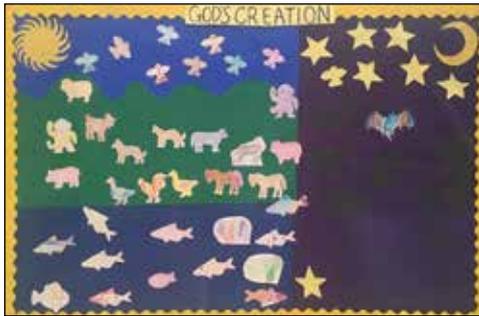
Chocolate please, as this year we are hoping to run a chocolate raffle, items such as Mars Bars, Maltesers, etc, will be very much appreciated.

For St Stephen's November Fair

If you can support our event by supplying a raffle prize, a cake for refreshments or help in that area on the day, please see the sign-up lists at the back of our church. We are also seeking items for our New Gifts stall and these can be left in the box in our social area or passed to a member of our Social Committee. If you have any bric-à-brac then this can be left in Church on a Wednesday or Sunday or contact John: ☎ 01752 847573; email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Recent Events

Messy Church



We had a packed church on Saturday, the 19 October, when 28 children with their parents and grandparents came to the Messy Church service, where we learnt about God's Creation of the World. There were five stations where different crafts were laid out. Much fun was had making a mobile, a creation wheel, paintings of the sky and the sea and many decorated fish. Even more fun was had decorating and devouring gingerbread men!

In the absence of Reverend Cathy the worship was led by Demelza, who encouraged the children to read and act out the seven days of God creating our world. There were many enthusiastic volunteers and all enjoyed the acting and singing.

Of course, we finished the afternoon with a spread of goodies for tea. We look forward to the 16 November at 3pm, when our theme will be light of the world.

Play plus Supper at SSNF



Thank you to everyone who supported our play 'Last Tango in Little Grimley'.

Rehearsals can be arduous at times but on the performance nights, we thoroughly enjoyed the audience participation, and all our hard work certainly paid off. Yes it is good fun to take part but can be very time consuming. If you feel you would like to join us please let me know, or just come along to the next play reading, which we hope will be in the new year.

Mothers' Union



On a very dreary day Sandra opened the meeting by lighting the Mothers' Union Candle and welcoming members.

Prayers were said by Lesley where we remembered Bettine, Margaret Greet and her husband Christopher who are unwell.

Two members had attended a Mothers' Union Diocese meeting to discuss the way forward, looking for projects to promote Mothers' Union.

We will have a stall at the November Fair in St Stephen's and, looking ahead, we will have a tree at St Nicholas and St Faith Christmas Tree Festival in December. The Mothers' Union Advent Service will also be in December.

Sandra closed the formal part of the meeting and introduced the speaker for the afternoon, member Barbara, who spoke on 'Winston Churchill's Funeral'. After a brief history of his life, she explained how she had attended his lying in state at Westminster Hall and also his funeral in St Paul's Cathedral. Her father-in-law was a verger at the Cathedral, he was given a ticket for his wife to attend and as one of the other verger's wives didn't wish to go, Barbara was able to go instead. She had a perfect view from above the choir stalls and it was a most memorable day.

Tea and biscuits were served, while members looked at the service programme and magazines from the time of Churchill's death.

Burraton Boys Concert at SSNF



Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the concert given by The Burraton Boys, on 6 October. There was a great atmosphere, and we are looking forward to arranging another evening date. The boys will be singing at the Christmas Tree Festival on Sunday 8 December, after which, why not come into the Church rooms, meet them, and enjoy and cuppa and a mince pie?

Recent Events continued

Men of St Stephens and Friends



We were pleased to welcome three new members (pictured with Laura) to our October meeting where Laura Bushell Hawke was our speaker for the evening.



Laura spoke of her call to train for Ordination. Laura is married to George and they have two children.

On Christmas Eve 2012, Laura woke up feeling a strong desire to attend Midnight Mass, this was odd as Laura and her family were not regular church attenders. She sneaked out of the house and went to St Stephen's Church. After this, Laura and her family gradually became a regular Church goers. She attended the Alpha Course run jointly by St Stephen's and Saltash Baptist Church, going on to be confirmed in October 2015.

At Midnight Mass in 2015, God called Laura with the word 'Ordination' in her head. The overwhelming feeling of 'God calling her to serve' was troubling and after several weeks of hoping the feeling would go away, Laura spoke to the curate, Rev John Jukes, explaining exactly what had happened. John answered with the word, 'Welcome.' She spent the next eighteen months going through the tough discernment process, with support from Rev Cathy, before Bishop Chris accepted

her application to be considered for training. Laura spent three days in June 2017 in Ely at a Bishops' Advisory Panel, then ten days later Bishop Tim confirmed that he was delighted to accept her for training for Ordination.

Laura decided to take the three-year full time degree course, BA (Hons) in Theology, Ministry and Mission, at St Mellitus College South West, in Plymouth. This involves one day a week in college, two days a week on academic studies plus three days placement in ministry in a local Benefice. Laura started training in September 2017 as the centre opened and is part of its first cohort.

The training also includes five residential training weekends and one full week, where the whole college of St Mellitus comes together in Derby from the five centres across the country. Ordinands are also sent on one weekend retreat a year. Across the five centres there are 330 Church of England Ordinands with a 50/50 gender split and a wide range of ages. St Mellitus is one of the largest of the Ordinand colleges with 25% of the Church of England's ordinands enrolled with them. The college embraces a policy of Generous Orthodoxy meaning it does not follow one tradition of worship but fully embraces them all. Laura has learnt to lead worship in many styles including catholic, charismatic and extempore using Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer.

The end of Laura's first training phase is now in sight. God and Bishop Philip willing, Laura will be ordained Deacon at 7.30pm on Friday 3 July 2020 at Truro Cathedral and will serve her full time curacy at St. Germans, Antony and SheviocK with Rev Canon Lynn Parker. We wish her well.

All Saints Cathedral, Malawi

About 5-6 years ago, through the son of one of our Parishioners, we struck up a contact with Dean Baird Mponda, of All Saints Cathedral and I have been in touch with him ever since. Clive Chenery, son of Isabelle, who now lives in Lytham, works closely with the Charity Feet First, and every so often, he and a team of Orthopaedic Surgeons go to Malawi, to help youngsters who have club feet. It was Clive who introduced us to Dean Mponda, as he attends the Cathedral when in Malawi. We appealed for pencils for the children there as they have very little in the way of school equipment. They were very appreciative of what we sent.

We have a display of All Saints Cathedral in SS Nicholas and Faith Church. Perhaps when Clive is in this area again we could ask him to come and talk about 'Feet First' and try to widen our association with the parishioners of All Saints to see if we can forge an even stronger link.

Margaret Evans

Recent Events continued

St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls



In October St. Stephen's Church Fundraising Team were present at the Saltash Preloved Parenting Sale at The Core for this new event. It was fairly busy afternoon and we took sales of £79.50. Big thanks to Danielle Frith for organising this event and inviting us along. We also attended the Annual Wesley Craft Fair the following week and had a steady flow of customers throughout, making further sales of £247.50. Big thanks to Bernard Melling and his team for a warm Wesley welcome.

Lion's Club Quiz

On Friday 27 September St Stephens Church Men's team supported the Lion's Club Quiz at the Ashtorre Centre. 14 teams were quizzed by Mark Fox in aid of Saltash Fire Cadets. A fantastic £280 was raised which will go towards taking the Cadets to Ypres, Belgium for this year's Remembrance Service at the Menin Gate.



The Church team came a respectable fourth with 64 points out of 80. Congratulations to the winners, The Topsy Turveys, who scored 69.

Word War I Poetry

Below are two of the better-known war poems by women.

Marching Men

by Marjorie Pickthall

Under the level winter sky
I saw a thousand Christs go by.
They sang an idle song and free
As they went up to calvary.

Careless of eye and coarse of lip,
They marched in holiest fellowship.
That heaven might heal the world, they gave
Their earth-born dreams to deck the grave.

With souls unpurged and steadfast breath
They supped the sacrament of death.
And for each one, far off, apart,
Seven swords have rent a woman's heart.

June 1915

by Charlotte Mew

Who thinks of June's first rose today?
Only some child, perhaps, with shining eyes and
rough bright hair will reach it down.
In a green sunny lane, to us almost as far away
As are the fearless stars from
these veiled lamps of town.
What's little June to a great broken
world with eyes gone dim
From too much looking on the face
of grief, the face of dread?
Or what's the broken world to June and him
Of the small eager hand, the shining
eyes, the rough bright head?



- Tinned tomatoes
 - Sweets
 - Deodorant
- (for men & women)

Our latest needs are:

- Milk powder
- Shampoo
- Sponge puddings
- Conditioner

What's On

November Fair

St Stephen's Church

Sat 9 Nov, 10am to 1.30pm



Cakes, Christmas card packs, bric-à-brac, festive tombola, books for all ages, hoopla, diaries, stationery, bumper Christmas raffle, activity books, greetings cards, new gifts and much, much more.

The Little Craft Conservatory (pictured) will also be supporting us at this event in aid of Church Funds.



A Fundraising stall for Mothers' Union will also be present.

Refreshments including Bacon Rolls, Homemade Soups and Cakes will be available. Free Entry.

Soup & Sandwich Lunch

SSNF Church Rooms

Sat 9 Nov, Noon to 2pm



No better way to spend lunchtime than eating with friends.

Soup and Pud Lunch

St Mary Church Hall

Wed 13 Nov, Noon to 1.30pm



£5. Come along and meet up with your friends for a chat and socialise.

St Michael's Christmas Bazaar

Sir Robert Geffery
Memorial Hall

Sat 16 Nov, Noon to 4pm

Looking for Christmas gifts? Look no further.

Lowena

St Stephen's Church

Fri 22 & Sat 23 Nov, 6.30pm

The Saltash community are staging Lowena, a musical story of love, tragedy and triumph. It is being organised by the Saltash Great War Commemorative Events Committee. Contact Sue Hooper (suehcf@msn.com) for more details.

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Hall

Wed 27 Nov, 10am to Noon



Just £2 for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

Christmas Shopping Evening

St Stephen's Church

Fri 29 Nov, 6.30-9pm



After last year's great success we are holding another Christmas Shopping Evening. 17 local traders will be present including favourites: Amanda's Glass, Nicky's Glow Beads, Scarf Ace, Wagner Silver and Julie Turner Cakes. We also welcome Rachel from Saffron Grove, the home of colourful and gorgeous bags, all handmade using rich and glorious fabrics. All the bags she makes are one of a kind, so you can guarantee no-one else will ever own one that's the same.

Refreshments will be available including hot pork rolls and veggie/vegan chilli.



Ocean City Sound are returning to sing Christmas Carols and Songs through the evening to get you in the festive mood. As usual, our fundraising stalls will be out in force.

For further information on who is attending then please check out our website: saltashteamministry.org or our Facebook Pages.

What's On Continued

Christmas Tree Festival Opens

St Nicholas & St Faith Church
Saturday 30 November 10am



The church will be full of trees decorated by local groups. Open to view every day 2-6pm and from 10am on Saturdays. There will be a grand Christmas draw with an alcoholic hamper as first prize. There will also be bacon butties served on Saturdays 30 November and 7 December. Afternoon tea and cake will also be served on Saturday 7 December.

The Burraton Boys will be singing in the church on Sunday 8 December and there will be mince pies, tea and coffee afterwards in the hall. More details in the next issue.

The festival runs until the 13 December.

St Stephen's Fund Raising Stalls

In November the fund raisers will have a stall at:

Christmas at Hele's

Wednesday 13 November, 7-9pm
Hele School, Plympton

St Michael's Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 16 November, Noon to 4pm
Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall, Landrake

Menheniot Playgroup Christmas Fayre

Thursday 21 November, 6-9pm
St Lalluwy Church, Menheniot

St Budeaux Guides Christmas Table Top

Saturday 23 November, 10.30am to 1pm
Agaton Social Club, Ernesettle

Loveny Male Voice Choir

Christmas Concert

St Stephen's Church
Friday 6 December, 6.45pm for 7.30pm



We are delighted to welcome back this very popular choir to get us all in the Christmas mood with carols and seasonal favourites. A guest soloist will be entertaining us while the choir take a breather. It's the first time Loveny have treated us to a Christmas Concert and we can't wait.

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

Jacket Potato and Pud Lunch

St Mary Church Hall

Wednesday 11 December, Noon to 1.30pm

£5. Come along for lunch and buy some raffle tickets.

Christmas Big Sing

St Stephen's Church
Friday 13 December, 7pm



We are holding a Christmas Big Sing for the first time. The evening will include the top five carols as voted for by you. Brunel Primary Academy School, who so delighted us at our Summer Fair, will be treating us to some festive numbers. Plus more still to be confirmed. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards. Free Entry.

Bulb Planting Project, 19-20 October



The Saltash Great War Commemorative Events Committee, who have been commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the war over the past 18 months, would like to thank and pay tribute to all those who helped and contributed to the quite amazing bulb planting project at St Stephen's Church. The turnout was quite remarkable and all those that donated bulbs or their planting time, did so paying respect and gratitude to all of those who fell (including all the animals) during that terrible WW1 conflict. We thank the sponsors of the bulbs – Tartendown Nurseries, Waitrose, Tamar View Nurseries, The Saltash Factory Shop, Forder Community and Conservation Association and its individual members. In addition we thank Rev Cathy



Sigrist and the congregation of St Stephens Church for their continued help and support, Saltash Town Council, Burraton School, LVAA, Saltash Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and families and leaders, Livewire, children from all the participating local schools, committee members and partners.

We would also like to thank everyone present for working so very hard, those behind the scenes supporting and anyone and everyone that has helped this project and other Great War Events and projects in any way.

Thank you one and all.

*Sue Hooper MBE, Chair/General Secretary,
Saltash Great War Commemorative
Events Committee*



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