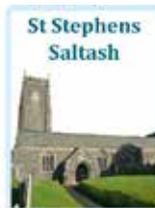
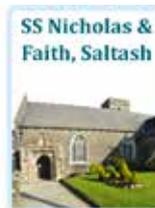
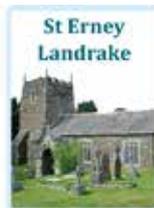
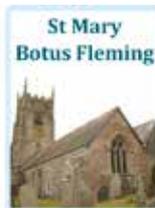
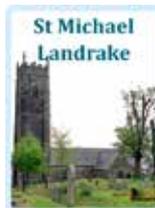


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October

Regular Events

**Monday
7, 21 October**

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

**Monday
14 October**

7-9pm
St Stephen's Church
M.O.S.S.A.F
Meeting of Men Of
St Stephens And Friends

**Tuesday
8 October**

2pm
St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

**Tuesday
15 October**

9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

**Thursday
17 October**

7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Ladies Group

**Friday
18 October**

Noon
S.T.A.R.T Group

**Saturday
19 October**

3pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church



We Have 12 Years

*Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures,
and let the birds fly above the earth in the open
expanse of the heavens. Genesis 1: 20-22*

In 2018, the UN Special Report on Global Warming warned that we have 12 years to head off climate calamity by limiting the rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C, working towards zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Atmospheric concentration of CO2 has risen by about 45% since pre-industrial times, and as a consequence, global average surface temperature has increased by about 1°C. According to the Met Office, this level of atmospheric CO2 has not been seen for at least 800,000 years.

Climate-related risks will disproportionately affect the poor and vulnerable – as we see all too often on our TVs – exacerbating current issues, particularly in Africa, Asia and low-lying islands. We need ambitious actions to reduce our carbon emissions, distribute the burden of mitigation equitably and to live within the ecological limits of the planet.



Something to think about: The Earth is 4.6 billion years old. Let's scale that to 46 years. We have been here for four hours. Our industrial revolution began one minute ago. In that time, we have destroyed more than 50% of the world's forests. This isn't sustainable.

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October Diary Dates

**Saturday
5 October**

7pm, SSNF Church
Burraton Boys Concert

**Sunday
6 October**

12.30pm for 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Benefice Harvest Lunch

St Mary's Church Hall
Harvest Buffet Lunch

**Thursday
10 October**

Rising Sun, Botus
Auction of Produce
following the 6.30pm
Harvest Evensong

**Saturday
12 October**

2.30pm to 5.30pm
The Core
Saltash Preloved
Parenting Sale includes
stalls from St Stephen's

**Friday & Saturday
18 & 19 October**

7.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Play plus
Cider & Pasty Supper

**Saturday
19 October**

10am to 3pm
Wesley Craft Fair
includes stalls from
St Stephen's

**Saturday
26 October**

10am to 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Bacon Butties

SERVICES SUNDAYS

St Stephen's

8am	Holy Communion 6 October
9.30am	Harvest Festival 6 October Holy Communion 13, 20, 27 October
6.30pm	Evensong 13, 20, 27 October

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am	Family Service 6 October Holy Communion 13, 27 October Harvest Festival Holy Communion 20 October
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St Nicholas & St Faith

11am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion 6 October Holy Communion 13, 20, 27 October
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St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am	Harvest Family Service 6 October Holy Communion 13, 27 October Morning Prayer 20 October
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St Erney, Landrake

11.15am	Morning Prayer 6 October Harvest Festival Morning Prayer 20 October
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Saltash Churches Together

6pm	SCT AGM 6 October at Wesley Church
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WEEKDAYS

St Stephen's

7.30pm	Server's Guild Tuesday 1 October
10.30am	Holy Communion Every Wednesday

St Mary, Botus Fleming

6.30pm	Harvest Evensong Thursday, 10 October
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So what can we do to 'do our bit'? Here are a few suggestions, and I am sure that you can add to the list.

- Visit the Eco Church website www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk
- Volunteer to become an eco advocate in your parish church
- Make a choice to use reusable cups
- Sustainable fashion – charity shops. As well as supporting charities and being budget-friendly, we can increase the lifetime of clothing items. This is sustainability. We can also donate our own clothes.
- Change to a more plant-based diet (more healthy as well!)
- Turn off lights and appliances when appropriate and change light bulbs to energy saving ones and also save 80% on your energy bills.

Planet Earth is our life-support system. God's gift to us. Limiting global warming to 1.5C is possible, with a determined effort!

Please take action now and pray for our world:

*All powerful God,
you are present in the whole of your universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace all that exists with your tenderness.
Pour upon us the power of your love that we
may love the whole world as you do,
care for the most vulnerable within it and live lives that
give hope to the planet and all your people.
Through Jesus Christ who gave of himself
that we might give of ourselves.
Amen.*

Yours in Christ,
Cathy



Service to Celebrate Reader Ministry

Saturday 12 October 2019, Truro Cathedral at 11am

Eight new readers will be admitted and licensed and three readers will be welcomed to the diocese. Bishop Philip will preside assisted by Wendy Smith and the preacher will be Jim Seth.

If you wish to robe, the dress code is cassock-alb, alb or surplice with red stole. Please let me know if you intend to robe so that seating can be arranged.

RSVP by 1 October to Lay Canon Carrie Tucker, ☎ 01726 663328
email carriatucker29@gmail.com

Recent Events

Messy Church



Around 80 people came to church on Saturday 21 September to celebrate harvest. Families were kept busy decorating the board with harvest fruit and vegetables; colouring tractors and scarecrows and making a collage of a sunflower, whose petals recorded the children's thanks to God – among them were chocolate and bread. Chocolate also featured in celebration of the Apple harvest. Who doesn't like to bite into a Crunchy chocolate covered Apple?

We had a messy and really enjoyable afternoon. The worship, led by Rev Cathy, included The Harvest Festival Samba song and ended with the Messy Church Grace, which led us on to tea time.

Our thanks go again to all those volunteers who make Messy Church so successful.

Christmas Tree Festival Launch



Our launch for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas and St Faith has now taken place and this year we have several new trees entering for the first time. The trees will be on show from Saturday 30 November until Friday 13 December.

There will of course be the usual Grand Christmas Draw, an alcoholic hamper being the first prize together with many others. Look out for the full details next month.

Mothers' Union

Our autumn programme started with the September meeting. Sandra opened the meeting by lighting our Mothers' Union candle and welcoming the members, guests and our speaker Rev'd Gordon Cryer. The prayers were said by Lesley.

We had supported the church summer fair and would like to thank all those who helped and also those who attended our cream tea afternoon – it was so nice to welcome many people that did not attend our church. The money raised was for 'Mary Sumner House' and they will distribute the money to charities.

Sandra welcomed Carol James and, with the Rev'd Gordon Cryer, inducted her into Mothers' Union.

The Rev'd Gordon Cryer spoke on his connection with Mothers' Union. He told us that, as a clergyman, he had met many Mothers' Union members over the years, in groups big and small. Gordon gave us a brief history of the organisation – it was started in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a clergyman's wife in Winchester. It quickly grew into helping mothers with young children within the church and other families. Mary Sumner died in 1921 having lived to see the Mothers' Union expand into many other countries. Gordon has always supported Mothers' Union ever since he came into the ministry. At the end of his talk he asked that we say the Mothers' Union prayer together.

Sandra thanked Gordon for talking to us, then tea was served with slices of sponge made by member Pauline.

Wanted Please

For St Nick's Christmas Tree Festival

Bottles for Christmas Hamper. Please leave them in church.

For St Stephen's November Fair

We will be running a New Gift Stall. If you have any New Items that you received as a Gift that just isn't for you, such as toiletry sets, photo frames, stationery items, books etc then we would be very happy to receive them. Please leave any items in the box marked New Gifts in our Social Area. We are also looking for Bric A Brac. If you have any, please see John Lissenden to arrange collection/delivery or better still, bring to church and leave in the social area. Contact John: ☎ 01752 847573 or email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Recent Events continued

St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls



In August St. Stephen's Church Fundraising Team were present at the very important fundraiser for the Motor Neurone Disease Association at Trinity Church.

Unfortunately the event was poorly attended without a single customer for the last two hours of the three-hour event, such a disappointment for the organisers. We still managed to take sales of over £40.

Men of St Stephens and Friends

In September, we had a games night where, whilst enjoying each other's company, we played dominos, snakes and ladders and various card games.



Our next meeting is on Monday 7 October starting 7pm.

Our guest for the evening will be Laura Hawke who will be talking to us about her journey towards ordination as a Deacon next year.

New members are always welcome to join us.

A Farewell Service



An informal but delightful service for the departing Bishop Chris and his wife Rev'd Ellie was held at Truro Cathedral on Saturday, 14 September. He will become head of the Church of England's Ministry Division and his new office will overlook Westminster Abbey.

After Opening Prayers by Bishop Phillip we sang *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name* accompanied by an accordion, two violins and a piano which gave the hymn a very soothing and peaceful sound. Rev'd Ellie then read from Exodus 3.1-10 before Bishop Chris gave Reflection, expressing how he had always gone out to try to help others to see God and how he sees God. Very interestingly, he told us how his new appointment came about and, although he had unfinished business and loved Cornwall, he remained obedient to God.

After responsive prayers we sang *In Christ Alone* with same pleasing accompaniment, during which Bishop Phillip, Archdeacon Audrey and others who had worked closely with to Bishop Chris and Rev'd Ellie came and signed a cross on their foreheads.

Bishop Phillip then gave thanks expressing how much Bishop Chris had guided him and helped settle him into his role. He knew Bishop Chris would leave one day, but didn't expect it quite so soon. Bishop Phillip disclosed that Bishop Chris didn't want any fuss, but said we couldn't let that happen so, addressing Bishop Chris and Rev'd Ellie, he told them there must be some fuss and therefore fuss you will have! A present was then brought out for them to open and they were both delighted to receive a framed photo of one of their favourite places, the 'Nearly Home Trees' (Cookworthy Knapp).

As we left to return to Saltash, we agreed it was a very moving and enjoyable service and that whilst very different than we had expected, very captivating.

What's On

Burraton Boys Concert
St Nicholas & St Faith
Church Rooms
Saturday 5 October, 7pm



Join us for a pasty and cider supper plus music. Tickets £5 from the Social Committee or on the door.

Benefice Harvest Lunch
St Nicholas & St Faith
Church Rooms
Sunday 6 October, 12.30pm

All are very welcome to come along and join our harvest ploughman's lunch – last day for booking is 29 September.

**Harvest at St Mary's
Lunch – Sun 6 October
Auction – Thurs 10 October**

There will be a buffet lunch in the church hall after the 11.15am Harvest Family Service on 6 October.



And an Auction of Produce in the Rising Sun, Botus Fleming after the 6.30pm Harvest Evensong in the Church.

Play plus Supper
SSNF Church Rooms
Friday & Saturday
18-19 October, 7.30pm

A play *Last Tango in Little Grimley* together with music hall type entertainment during the second half.



£6 includes a pasty and cider supper. Tickets from the Social Committee or on the door.

The Core
Saltash College Grounds
Saturday 12 October,
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Support St Stephen's fundraising team at Saltash Preloved Parenting Sale.

Stalls with clothes, toys, equipment and services plus free Goody Bags for the first 50 families through the doors! Free entry.

Wesley Craft Fair
Wesley Methodist Church
Saturday 19 October,
10am to 3pm

Come along and support St Stephen's fundraising team.

Games and Entertainment for all the family. Over 40 stalls, model railway, refreshments and light lunches.

Bacon Buttie Morning
St Nicholas & St Faith
Church Rooms
Saturday 26 October,
10am to 1pm



Who can resist a delicious bacon buttie with a hot drink?

Diary Dates for Nov & Dec

Saturday, 9 November

10am to 1.30pm
St Stephens' Church
November Fair

Noon to 2pm
SS Nicholas & Faith Church Rooms
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Saturday, 16 November

2pm to 4pm
Landrake Hall
St Michael's Christmas Bazaar

Friday, 29 November

6.30pm to 9pm
St Stephens' Church
Christmas Shopping Evening

Saturday, 30 November to Friday, 13 December

St Nicholas & St Faith Church
Sat 30 Nov, 10am to 4pm
Christmas Tree Festival Opens
Bacon butties in the morning
More details next month

Friday, 6 December

7.30pm
St Stephens' Church
A Christmas Concert
Loveny Male Voice Choir

Friday, 13 December

7pm
St Stephens' Church
Christmas Big Sing including
the top five Christmas Carols
as voted by you – see page 8

Praying for Persecuted Christians

Following on from my article last month regarding leading prayers and intercessions, I received a letter from a member of the congregation outlining concern that I had not mentioned the importance of praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

We are extremely fortunate that we live in a country where we can choose how and where to worship in complete freedom, and whilst last month's article was intended as a general overview about leading intercessions, I completely take the point that there are a number of issues that I did not cover. So, over the next few months I will take the opportunity to highlight certain issues – beginning this month with persecuted Christians.

There are a number of organisations that are directly involved with trying to help and support Christians; *Open Doors* and *Release International* are two such organisations.

Release International is an inter-denominational Christian ministry working through local church partners in more than 25 countries, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically.

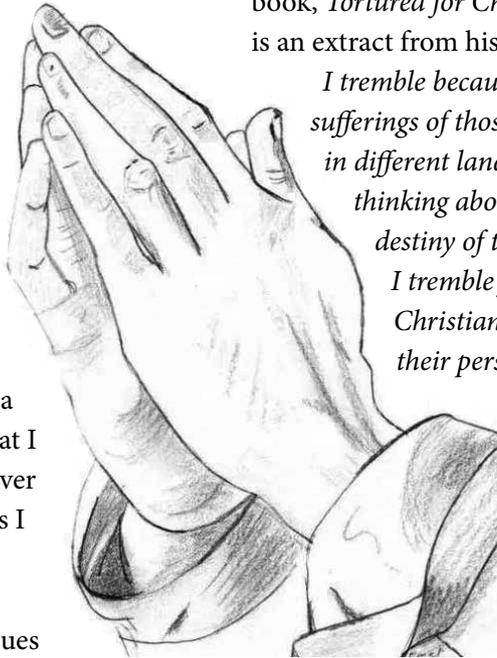
Their ministry is based on

Hebrews 13 v 3: *Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.*

They were founded in 1968, inspired by the testimony and ministry of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned for his faith for 14 years in communist Romania.

Be inspired by reading his book, *Tortured for Christ*. Here is an extract from his book:

I tremble because of the sufferings of those persecuted in different lands. I tremble thinking about the eternal destiny of their torturers. I tremble for Western Christians who don't help their persecuted brethren.



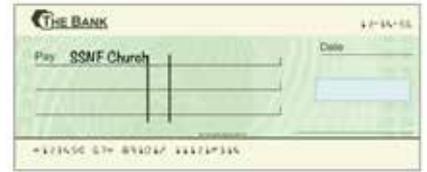
In the depth of my heart, I would like to keep the beauty of my own vineyard and not be involved

in such a huge fight. I would like so much to be somewhere in quietness and rest. But it is not possible... The quietness and rest for which I long would be an escape from reality and dangerous for my soul... The West sleeps and must be awakened to see the plight of the captive nations.

Please do remember to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ, many of whom suffer on a daily basis for their faith and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Cathy

Thank you to all who have contributed to SS Nicholas & Faith by cheque



I've been advised that the bank's new processes now require the exact account name. So in future please could you write **SSNF CHURCH** as the payee for any money going into the general account and **SS NICHOLAS & FAITH PARISH CHURCH** as the payee for any money going into the restricted account (where money is earmarked for a particular purpose).

I assure you this is the bank's request/order not mine!

Lesley Margetts

Samaritan's Purse

Help make a child's Christmas



As in previous years, we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to take part, leaflets giving details of how to pack your box will be available in the Saltash churches.

There will also be a deposit box for donations of single items that will be used to fill additional boxes.

Margaret Dell

☎ 01752 846945

Bishop Cornish CE Primary School

Congratulations to Bishop Cornish CE Primary School who were chosen for their 'best practice' to be included in a recent Parliamentary Review article

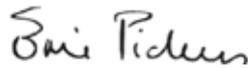


A Message from Lord Pickles and Lord Blunkett

The ability to listen and learn from one another has always been vital in parliament, in business and in most aspects of daily life. But at this particular moment in time, as national and global events continue to reiterate, it is uncommonly crucial that we forge new channels of communication and reinforce existing ones. The article from Bishop Cornish CE Primary School is an attempt to do just that.



Rt Hon The Lord David Blunkett, MP



Rt Hon The Lord Eric Pickles, MP

Article from Bishop Cornish CE Primary School

Based in Saltash, Cornwall, Bishop Cornish Primary offers a Christian-based education for children aged between four and 11 years old. The school's motto is 'Esteem and Educate Every Child', which is the embodiment of the holistic approach it takes in order to create a dynamic school family. Headteacher Sue Green tells The Parliamentary Review more about how the team has managed to build a community with a strong culture and sense of pride.

We believe there is something intrinsically unique and extraordinarily special about our school, which is felt by all who cross the threshold. Pupils are immersed in a loving and caring Christian environment, where our stimulating surroundings, whether within the building or in the school's extensive grounds,

demonstrate that the children are at the heart of everything we do.

This is something reflected in our recent reports. In 2017, SIAMS explained, 'Leadership is visionary and passionate about the work of a church school and Christian distinctiveness stands out in all they do.' A year earlier, Ofsted stated 'Together, school staff and governors have ensured that Bishop Cornish School is a rich learning environment. Pupils are immersed in stimulating surroundings which help them to think, provide resources for their learning and develop their creativity.'

All staff strongly agree that they are proud to work at the school and feel that leaders trust teachers to take risks and to innovate in ways that help pupils to learn.

Read the full article at:
<https://bit.ly/2kMrQo5>

From the Mailbox

I come to the beautiful Church of Saints Nicholas and Faith to pray and join others for worship. I sometimes attend other churches in the Saltash area including, when possible, the Churches Together services held a few times each year. The Churches Together Services are to end and I find this very sad and a backwards step, especially after all the work put in to bring about this positive venture.

I recently attended an evening service of acceptance for a lay preacher friend into the Baptist/Methodist ministry and the hymn singing raised the roof. Different branches of Christianity were present, we took communion together and bingo: a wonderfully uplifting time!

You don't have to agree with everything that goes on during these different services but surely the end result is the same: our faith in God? Don't let's lose sight of our core belief which is to care about each other!

Bev Nickson

Many thanks for your letter and your comments regarding the value and joy of worshipping with brothers and sisters from different denominations – views that I certainly agree with.

At this time, no decision has been taken regarding the SCT services that take place on the first Sunday of the month. This is one of the items for discussion at the SCT AGM that is taking place at 6pm on Sunday 6 October at the Wesley Methodist Church. I would encourage as many as possible to attend the meeting to make their views known before any final decision has been taken.

Yours in Christ, Cathy

Helping Local People in Crisis

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



Our latest needs are:

- Milk powder
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned tomatoes
- Sweets
- Deodorant (for men & women)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

WW1 Commemorative Events

Community WW1 Poetry Anthology

This will be launched on Friday October 4, 6pm for 6.30pm at Ashtorre Rock (Saltash Waterside). An Anthology of Poetry & Prose is a collaboration of budding and talented, mainly young writers who attend various schools in and around Saltash and Plymouth, with further contributions from other writers within the local community.

Lowena, a musical story of love, tragedy and triumph

The community will stage Lowena at St Stephen's Church, Saltash, on Friday and Saturday, November 22nd/23rd at 6.30pm.

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



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

What Are Your Favourite Christmas Carols?

On Friday 13 December at 7pm, St Stephens Church will be holding a **Christmas Big Sing** which will include the top five voted for Christmas Carols within the evening. More details of the evening will follow later on as a small group work together to make the evening a success.

In the meantime, we need your three favourite Christmas Carols, by 15 October please.

Your Name:

Favourite three carols in order of preference:

- 1
- 2
- 3



Please vote by emailing the information above to ststephenschurchsaltash@hotmail.co.uk or putting your entries in the box on the side near the main entrance of St Stephen's Church