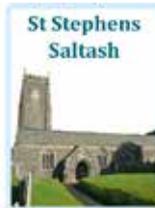
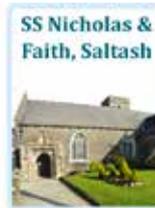
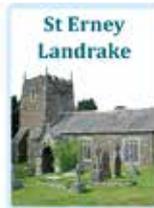
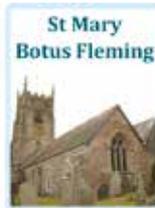
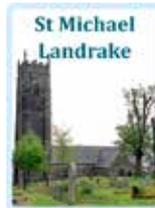


# Saltash Area Newsletter

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## SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

#### St Stephen's

9.30am All Age Service  
1 September  
Holy Communion  
8, 15, 22 September

6.30pm Evensong  
8, 15, 22 September

#### St Nicholas & St Faith

8am Holy Communion  
15 September

11am Holy Communion  
1, 8, 15, 22 September

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service  
1 September  
Holy Communion  
8, 15, 22 September

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service  
1 September  
Holy Communion  
8, 22 September  
Morning Prayer  
15 September  
United Service  
29 September

#### St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Morning Prayer  
1 September  
Holy Communion  
15 September

### WEDNESDAYS

#### St Stephen's

10.30am Holy Communion

## Service Time Changes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and feel fully refreshed before we move into a 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' and as someone said to me today – it won't be long before Christmas!

I wanted to bring everyone up-to-date with some changes to the service times at St Stephen's and St Nicholas & St Faith. As from 1 September, St Stephen's Sunday service will begin at 9.30am and St Nicholas & St Faith at 11am. The St Stephen's service will be followed by refreshments as usual, but at S. Nicholas, refreshments will be served before the service – from 10am to 10.45am. By having the refreshments first, it should mean that everyone will still be home in time for lunch. We will review this in due course and ask for everyone's views.

The change of times will also have an impact on the times that Baptisms take place at these churches. At St Stephen's they will now take place at 11.30am and at 1pm at St Nicholas.

The change of service times also allows more flexibility in putting the service rota together as the service times are now in line with Landrake and Botus Fleming. When there is a United Service the service time will be 10am.

I, and the church wardens, realise that change can be a concern, but please bear with us as we try to work through any glitches during this changeover period.

Thank you for your understanding.

Every blessing to you all.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy

## Please Help St Stephen's Church Fair Saturday 9 November, 10am to 1.30pm

A sign up list for volunteers to run stalls on the day is now at the back of our Church. If you have a new idea you would like to run then also please write it down. We can then see what we can and can't run at the event and work out what stalls will go where. A sign up list for refreshments will follow closer to the event.

Any questions or queries then please speak to Steve Hookway or Sandra McKee.

## September Regular Events

**Monday  
2, 16 September**  
2-3.30pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Craft and Conversation

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

**Tuesday  
10 September**  
2pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union

**Tuesday  
17 September**  
9.30am  
St Stephen's Church  
Tea and Toast

**Thursday  
19 September**  
7.30pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Ladies Group

**Friday  
20 September**  
Noon  
S.T.A.R.T Group

**Saturday  
21 September**  
3pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Messy Church  
Harvest



## Recent Events

### Messy Church

After a short worship inside church, thanks to the glorious weather we experienced in July, Messy Church families enjoyed a great time in the church garden. There were water games to play with plenty of bubbles and fish to catch. Some competitive natures rose to the challenge of the egg and spoon race and the tug-of-war competition. There was also javelin throwing, using safety versions, of course. The finale of the parachute games gave the last chance to let off steam and made us all ready to sit and enjoy our tea in the sunshine. Thanks to all who attended and to all the helpers.

We meet again on the 21 September at 3pm when we will celebrate Harvest.

### Mothers' Union



#### Outing Tuesday 9 July 2019

On a sunny day in July, 24 Mothers' Union members and guests went out to lunch at the Elliot House Hotel in Liskeard. This was followed by our visit to St Martin's Church Liskeard, where we had a guided tour of both

the outside and inside of the church and its long history. We all admired a very old Mothers' Union banner in a glass frame in a side chapel. Although the main body of the church has been reorganised, it has kept its religious atmosphere. Everybody returned home after a very informative afternoon.

We are now looking forward to the 'Cream Tea' afternoon on Saturday, 7 September at 2pm, the tickets are available from Mothers' Union members (£5 each).

The September meeting starts our autumn programme with a variety of interesting speakers.

### Coach Trip 2020

I'm seeking your suggestions for a coach trip for next year. If you have somewhere you would like to go to then please let me know or email me at:

[jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)

John Lissenden

## Diary Dates

**Saturday  
7 September**  
2-4pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union  
Cream Tea

**Tuesday  
24 September**  
2-3pm  
St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union  
Wave of Prayer

**Saturday  
5 October**  
7pm  
SSNF Church  
Burraton Boys Concert

**Sunday  
6 October**  
12.30pm for 1pm  
SSNF Church Rooms  
Benefice Harvest Lunch

**Sunday  
6 October**  
St Mary's Church Hall  
Buffet Lunch following  
the 11.15am Harvest  
Family Service

**Thursday  
10 October**  
Rising Sun,  
Botus Fleming  
Auction of Produce  
following the 6.30pm  
Harvest Evensong

**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

## Recent Events continued

### St Stephen's Summer Fair

We were blessed with another glorious day for our Annual Summer Fair. Big thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

We ran the fair in a slightly different way this year. Traders on our church grounds and the majority of our fundraising stalls inside, making set up easier and less stalls to erect and tables to move around, after all, none of us are getting any younger! This also allowed us to have an entertainments tent with chairs kindly borrowed from St Nicks. All seemed to work out really well.

The BBQ ran by Mark Fox and friends went down very well with a sell out on burgers very early. Thanks Mark for your support and in helping to set up and clear away.



We also had a fantastic line up of musical entertainment throughout from Burraton Boys, Just Voices of Looe, Saltash Town Band (pictured below), Halfway Harmony and fantastic Brunel School Choir (pictured above). All gave their time for free and we hope their collection buckets were well supported.



The event yet again was well supported by the local community and raised over £2,000, fantastic.

### The Pelynt Male Choir & Millpool Chorale Choir

In July we held a fundraising concert featuring Pelynt Male Choir, Millpool Chorale and Soloist Samantha Rowe.

The ladies from Millpool kicked off the night in fine style with their first set that included covers of Cher's *Shoop Shoop Song* and Abba's *Thank You For The Music*.



We were then introduced to guest soloist, Samantha Rowe, who wowed us with not only her flute playing, but her fantastic vocals which she highlighted in her superb cover of Snow Patrol's *Run*.

It was then time for the Gents from Pelynt to show us what they had and they didn't let us down, opening with *Let There Be Light* and a fantastic performance of *Memory* from musical *Cats* in their set to end the first half.

After the interval it was time for the ladies to return, performing another four songs including *It Don't Mean A Thing If You Aint Got That Swing* and Louis Armstrong's smash hit *Wonderful World*. Charming Samantha then hit us with a brace including Ella Fitzgerald's *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*, which was amazing. Not to be outdone, the men from Pelynt returned and opened their second set with a lovely version of *With Cat Like Tread* from *Pirates of Penzance*, followed by Phantom's *Music of the Night*. They had a surprise in store with an amazing solo from one of their tenors, 'Where did that come from?' we asked ourselves.

The evening ended with the performers joining together, with the audience now on their feet, to sing the Cornish National Anthem, *Trelawny*.

All in all a fantastic evening which raised £356.

# Recent Events continued

## St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls



In July, St Stephen's Fundraising Team were invited to attend Brunel School Summer Fayre. It was a lovely event, well attended with lots going on, including a magic show, Junior Field Gun crew and parents v teachers tug of war.

Our stall was very popular and took sales of just over £180. Thanks to those who helped and supported us and to Brunel School for having us.

## Spotlight on Youth Exhibition at SSNF



A very big thank you to the small band of people who have acted as Stewards for us for our Spotlight on Youth Exhibition, as without their help we would not have been able to keep the Church open.

Also to those organisations who took part, without their support we would not have been able to go ahead.

## All Day Breakfasts at SSNF

As usual, the all day breakfasts went extremely well, most people came in and make it brunch.

Breakfasts were freshly cooked to order giving time for people to chat during busy periods. A massive thank you to all who have supported us in every way, especially behind the scenes, cooking, waitressing, acting as cashiers, and of course looking after the teas and coffees, as well as those who helped to set the room up in readiness for the Saturday mornings.

## Men of St Stephens and Friends

In July, we visited St Martin's Church, Liskeard where Church Warden, Tony Piper, gave us a talk and tour of the church where most of the pews have been removed and replaced by interlocking cushioned chairs. A new tiled floor with underfloor heating has been laid and a presentation screen has been fitted with TV monitors, allowing services without books. A debit/credit card machine has also been installed where people can make donations. It gave our group some food for thought.



Our August meeting in church was a visit from Rev Chris Painter, Rural Dean from Gunnislake who runs The Tamar Valley Benefice. He told us about his life before becoming a minister, which included working as a technical writer whilst pursuing a life in ministry, which he eventually attained. Sadly, personal reasons required him to stand down from his position and after a period like a lost sheep, God called Rev Chris back into ministry and, seven years later, together with his wife, they went around the country seeking the area for them to settle in and start up his role in the Ministry again.

A discussion followed over where the church is going in the future and how we, as active members, can help with the current generation and the future. All members agreed how much they enjoyed listening to what Rev Chris had to say.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in St. Stephen's Church. Our next meeting on 9 September will be a Games Evening. Please feel free to bring along a board and or card game we can enjoy. New members are always welcome to join us.

# What's On

## M.U. Cream Tea

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 7 September, 2pm



Tickets are available from Mothers' Union members at £5 each.

## M.U. Wave of Prayer

St Stephen's Church

Tuesday 24 September, 2pm

Mothers' Union welcome everyone to their service to support members throughout the world.

## 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 – see page 6 for details.

## 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

St Nicholas & St Faith 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.

## Wesley Craft Fair

Wesley Methodist Church

Saturday 19 October,  
10am to 3pm



Come along and support St Stephen's fundraising team.



Many thanks for your continued support and thanks to all who supported the coffee morning where just over £200 was raised.

Our latest needs are:

- Tinned Meat of all kinds eg corned beef, stewing steak, ham, mince and chicken
- Shaving foam or gel

I have just been camping at Camping Marco de Bignac, France and former members of St Stephen's, Rob & Mary Furse, would like to be remembered to all that remember them. They are both well and are still enjoying life in France.  
*Helen Reid*

# Harvest Lunch



You are invited to join us for  
our **Benefice Harvest Lunch**  
on **Sunday 6th October**

**12.30 for 1.00pm,**  
**SS Nicholas & Faith Church Hall**

Please put your name on a sign-up  
sheet as we need to know  
numbers for catering.

There is a choice of ham  
or cheese ploughmans, with  
a choice of salads and dessert,  
followed by tea or coffee. Cost £5.

Please put your name on the list if  
you are willing to provide a pudding.

Bring your own drinks  
to have with lunch.



## St Barnabas Community Hospital



NHS Kernow is undertaking a review of community services in the Saltash area, including services at St Barnabas Community Hospital. They have so far conducted three workshops, where they have talked with stakeholders about the community's needs, and what the local service options may be. You can read more about what has been discussed at <https://www.kernowccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/engagement/integrated-community-servicesplans/st-barnabas-community-hospital/>

As part of their ongoing engagement they are hosting two drop-in sessions for anyone who has not had the opportunity to attend one of their previous sessions, and would like to find out more about the work, and to offer their thoughts in an informal way with a member from the project team. Please note confirmation of attendance is not required. The sessions will take place from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and you are welcome to drop in at any time during those hours at:

**Tuesday 8 October – The Guildhall, Saltash**  
**Thursday 17 October – Saltash Library, Saltash**

# Love, Tragedy and Triumph

Something unique and exciting is about to happen in Saltash! This autumn a musical/theatrical event will bring together performers from the local community and beyond

'Lowena' will tell a story of love, tragedy and triumph against an all-but forgotten backdrop – Wearde Camp. This was a training facility for troops preparing for battle in the First World War and was situated on the outskirts of the town. After the war it focussed on convalescence for injured troops returning to face a hopeful yet uncertain future.

There are many stories to tell but ours will be amazing and as unforgettable as this extraordinary period in the history we now share.

In 2018 'Blood Red Rose' was created and staged in Saltash. This was a musical commemoration of the Suffragette Movement and the end of the First World War. Composed by Julian Barnicoat, commissioned by the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation and performed by the people of Saltash and beyond, the final performance was staged before a delighted, capacity audience in the town. That energy is now driving a new, adventurous and very different work, this time, commissioned by the Saltash Great War Committee. Children and adults regardless of age or ability can take part. It doesn't matter whether you consider yourself, 'a good singer' or whether you have ever had this kind of experience before – your enthusiasm is what we need; and is open to all as a community project. Don't let this pass by and then think, 'that was great, I wish I'd done it now,' ...

**Don't miss out, get involved, be inspired and enjoy it!**

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, 1.15-2.45pm, at Burraton Community Centre in Grenfell Avenue, (starting 4 September) and Mondays, 6.45-8pm, at the Burraton Chapel in Liskeard Road (starting 9 September).

## We want your stories...

The Saltash Great War Commemorative Events/Projects Committee are urgently looking for local people who had family or friends that were in residence at Wearde Camp from 1914.

We are aware that there are families still living in Saltash whose parents, grandparents and great/great grandparents were part of the training/convalescence camp at Wearde. We so much want to hear your stories so that we can entwine them into our musical theatre.

We will arrange some meet and greet occasions as soon as possible to listen and record your stories for our amazing musical theatre performances.

For more information on being part of this great and historic musical/theatre please contact: Julian Barnicoat email: [info@stillvoices.co.uk](mailto:info@stillvoices.co.uk)  
or Sue Hooper ☎ 01752 843073 email: [suehcf@msn.com](mailto:suehcf@msn.com)  
or Lynn Marsh ☎ 01752 844255



**Lowena will be staged at  
St Stephen's Church on  
Friday and Saturday  
22-23 November  
at 6.30pm**



*This Musical theatre project has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of the heritage lottery fund*

# Leading Prayer Through Intercessions

Often in our worship, we are led in prayer by others. In practice, this is often in the gathered community of Christians who are asked to join their prayers together in petition for the needs of the Church and the world, and for all who are in need. All Christians are called to share in the ministry of Christ's intercession for the whole world.

We have many individuals who volunteer each week to lead our intercessions, but it would be great to have a few more, so if you are interested, please let me know.

## Guidelines

For those who have been leading intercessions for some time and those who are considering this ministry, here are a few guidelines:

It is important to prepare for the task of leading the intercessions with care because in every case the intercessor is not just offering prayers independently, but also helping to encourage others in their own.

## Structure

It is helpful to retain a basic structure for the intercessions, since familiarity will help people to join in, and will help the intercessor plan what is to be said.

There are a number of different structures, but the typical pattern for intercessions in *Common Worship* services is this:

1. The Church of Christ;
2. Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority;
3. The local community;

4. Those who suffer;
5. The communion of saints.

It is sometimes appropriate to deviate from the pattern, especially on a significant occasion or in time of catastrophe.



## Responses

Some intercessions include a response from the congregation, we often use the response:

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer. (All)**

or

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us. (All)**

If using an unfamiliar response don't just tell the congregation what it is, always ask the congregation to repeat it before the intercessions begin.

Responses can help to break up the prayers to help people concentrate. They also help people to join in, just as we say 'Amen' at the end of prayers.

We often use the pattern above, or the equivalent in several different ways. For example, by using an invitation to prayer, sometimes called a 'bidding':

Let us pray for the sick and for those who suffer, for all in the nursing homes and hospices of our parish, and for those who are housebound. We remember all who are sick, among them ... (a list of names follows).

*NB. We should only use Christian names and no details of the person's ailment or treatment!*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes we Integrate the 'bidding' into the prayer:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially ... (a list of names follows) ... and all those being cared for in this parish. Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Again, we should only use Christian names and no details of the person's ailment or treatment!*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes it is appropriate to pray more freely, using different words: (continued on next page)

We hold in your presence all who are being cared for in this parish, and thank you for the care and dedication of the staff. We name before you all those with particular needs who have asked for our prayers, especially ... (a list of names follows – but not their particular needs). May they know your presence with them, and that you are their strength, their healing, and their salvation.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

### Further Guidance

Like other forms of ministry, leading the intercessions in a service is both a privilege and a responsibility.

- Remember that you are helping to lead others in prayer, not simply praying in public;
- the language of your intercessions should broadly match the style and vocabulary normally used in our church’s worship;
- the intercessions are not a ‘shopping list’ of concerns, nor are they a news report or an opportunity to express a

personal opinion which might not be shared by others; they are appeals to God who already knows the prayers on our hearts.

If you would like further guidance on leading intercessions then you may wish to read: *Leading Common Worship Intercessions: a Simple Guide*, by Doug Chaplin, which provides a more comprehensive introduction.

Every blessing and thank you to all who lead our intercessions.

Yours in Christ, Cathy

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

## 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 [ststephenssaltash@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ststephenssaltash@hotmail.co.uk) or putting your entries in the box on the side near the main entrance of St Stephen’s Church.

# Eight things you never knew about Harvest Festival

*It's one of the oldest and most traditional British festivals taking place at the time of the Harvest Moon, but other than gathering up tinned goods and taking them to church, what is harvest festival all about?*

**Celebrating the harvest was once a pagan affair.** Today's church celebrations only began in earnest in Victorian times, when the Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker invited his parishioners to a special harvest thanksgiving service at the church in Morwenstow, Cornwall in 1843.

**In centuries past, farmers would lay on a harvest feast and a corn dolly might be given place of honour** and hung

up in hope of a good harvest the following year. Long ago Anglo Saxon farmers believed the last sheaf of corn contained its spirit, and it would be sacrificed along with a hare usually found hiding in the field. A model of the hare was then made up using corn – and evolved to the dolly, said to represent the goddess or spirit of the grain.



**The old West Country tradition of 'Crying the Neck' was revived in Cornwall in the early Twenties.**

Dating back from times when crops would be hand harvested, a reaper would hold the last bundle of corn – sometimes known as the 'neck' – aloft and cry out to the other harvesters. The corn was tied and kept in the parish church until the following spring.

**Some harvesters felt it was bad luck to cut the last corn standing** and farms would race to finish first and shout when they'd done it. Sometimes reapers would throw their sickles at the last corn until it was cut. Or they'd take turns to be blindfolded and sweep a scythe to and fro to finish.

**Early English settlers took the idea of harvest thanksgiving to North America.** 'First Thanksgiving' was celebrated by the religious refugees from England known as the 'Pilgrims' in 1621. They invited native Americans to a harvest feast at the Plymouth Plantation to celebrate a successful crop. Turkey wasn't on the menu initially – instead the feast included goose, lobster, fish and deer.

**Britain also celebrates the bounty of the sea as well as the land.** Whitstable holds ceremonies to bless the seas during the town's annual July oyster festival. Dozens of fish festivals are held around the UK's coastal towns and villages, from Anglesey to Dorset to Rye Bay in East Sussex, where local scallops are on offer.

**Michaelmas Day – also known as the feast of Saint Michael – celebrates the end of the harvest on 29 September.** Historians say this originated in the fifth century when the cult of St Michael spread to Christianity in the West. During the Middle Ages Michaelmas became a religious feast, and people ate geese, which they believed would bring financial protection for the coming year.

**Harvest festivals are held around the world from Australia to Sweden to India.** In China the mid autumn festival is also known as the Moon festival. This custom is thought to hark back to ancient times when Chinese offered a sacrifice to the moon, a symbol of harmony and abundance. Families gather to eat traditional moon cakes and many folk tales centre around a moon maiden.

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