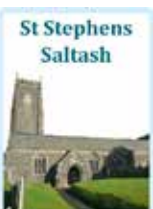
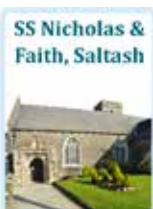
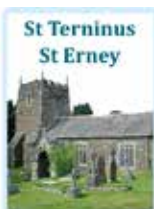
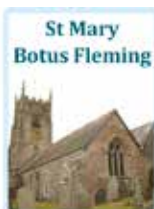


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February Regular Events

**Monday
3, 17 February**
2-3.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Craft and Conversation

**Monday
10 February**
7pm. The Ploughboy
M.O.S.S.A.F
Meeting of Men Of
St Stephens And Friends

**Tuesday
11 February**
2pm
St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

**Thursdays
13, 27 February**
7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Mixed Blessings

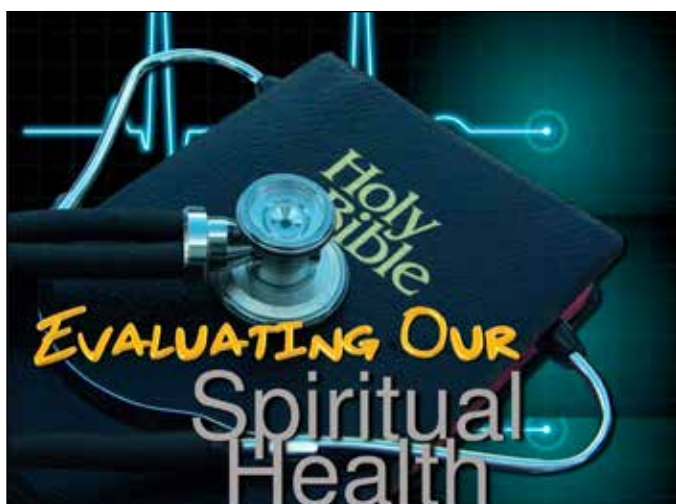
**Saturday
15 February**
3pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

**Tuesday
18 February**
9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

**Thursday
20 February**
7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Ladies Group

**Friday
21 February**
Noon
S.T.A.R.T Group

A Spiritual Healthcheck to start the New Year



Dear Friends,

I am currently reading a book called *Spiritual Healthcheck* which looks at the question, 'How are you doing in your faith?'

So how would you answer that question? How are you doing in your Christian life? Some may be worried when there is no need whilst others are confident when they have no reason to be. Most of us realise that we should be growing as Christians, but aren't always sure what that means exactly, or how to go about it.

Physically, many go to their GP or consultant for some kind of healthcheck where an expert assesses them against several criteria, such as blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, and recommendations may be made in order to become healthy or stay healthy.

The Christian life is the same. We are called to make progress and grow up and stay spiritually healthy. The Apostle John wrote to one of his Christian friends, *Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.* (3 John 1: 2).

But, what is a spiritually healthy Christian? Romans 8: 28-31 says, *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of*

Diary Dates Coming Up

Wednesday, 5 Feb
10am to Noon
St Mary's Church Hall
Coffee Morning

Saturday, 8 Feb
9-11.30am
St Stephen's Church
Food Market &
Table Top Sale

Wednesday, 19 Feb
Noon to 1.30pm
St Mary's Church Hall
Jackets & Pud Lunch

Sunday, 23 Feb
12.30-2.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Potato & Pud Lunch

**Shrove Tuesday
25 February**
3-5pm
St Stephen's Church
Pancakes

Saturday, 29 Feb
Noon to 2pm
St Stephen's Church
Spuds & Puds Lunch

**Mondays
2 March to 30 March**
Noon to 2pm
St Stephen's Church
Lent Lunch & Reflection

Wednesday, 4 Mar
10am to Noon
St Mary's Church Hall
Coffee Morning

Saturday, 14 Mar
7.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Beetle Drive

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday 2 February

St Stephen-by-Saltash

8am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Service

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

Sunday 9 February

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

Sunday 16 February

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Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

To be perfectly spiritually healthy is to be just like Jesus Christ. And to be growing more spiritually healthy is to be growing more like Christ Jesus.

Think about what Jesus was like during his time on earth:

Kind. Compassionate. Courageous. Brave. Loyal. Wise.

Thoughtful. How do you think you would measure up to these criteria? Is there room for improvement?

1 John 3: 1-2 says, *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.* Being spiritually healthy is being just like Christ – but none of us are completely Christ-like and, until Christ returns, we won't be in full spiritual health. The good news is that God is at work to make us more Christ-like – if we are open to change and growth.

If you feel that there are things in your life that you would like to change you may like to pray the following prayer which is adapted from a prayer written by John Newton. John Newton started his career at sea at a young age, and became a Captain of slave ships for several years. After experiencing a period of Christian conversion, Newton eventually renounced his trade, became a prominent supporter of abolitionism, and was ordained as an Anglican cleric, living to see the UK's abolition of the African slave trade in 1807, just before his death. He wrote *Amazing Grace* and *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*.

Let us pray:

Lord, I know I am not who I one day will be, but I thank you that I am not who I used to be. Please make me more like Christ today than I was yesterday – and please answer that prayer each day until the day I stand before him. Amen.

In February I will be arranging a new Bible Study course to explore how we can all take steps to live a more spiritually healthy and thriving Christian Life. This will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please look out for further details.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy

Samaritan's Purse

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this Appeal. Six hundred and fifty seven boxes were collected in Saltash, forty from our churches. These now have been distributed to children in Serbia, Belarus and Liberia.



Recent Events

Messy Church

In January, we welcomed around 50 people into St Stephen's Church for Messy Church. Some new families joined us for the first time.

Our theme was David and Goliath and we celebrated how God protects us when we put our trust in him.

The children made sweets to represent David's stones for his sling and they made a bag to store them. Shields of protection were also made and decorated.

Great fun was had when we played a game of hitting Goliath on the forehead with a softball. Special thanks are due to John West for his great model of Goliath.

Some beautiful crowns were made and worn to remind us that David eventually became king of Israel.



The noticeboard was decorated with the children's artwork of the Philistine soldiers and David's company of sheep.

A Short service was followed by refreshments. On Saturday, the 15 February we shall explore the love of God and our love for our neighbour.

Mothers' Union

At our Mothers' Union Advent service in December, we welcomed members from Menheniot as well as members from the church. The service was led by our members with the theme 'A Mothers' Love'. This was followed by tea, mince pies and cake with plenty of chatting and laughter.

On a very wet and stormy afternoon in January, members braved the elements to attend our meeting.

Chairman Sandra opened the meeting with prayers and reported on the progress of a couple of members who have been in hospital.

We all received a copy of the report of the 'Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council Meeting' held last November.

Sandra introduced the guest speaker Jane Higgins who had come to talk on 'Decluttering'.

Jane said that decluttering all started with her mother's house after her death. On attempting to clear the house and the garage with her brother, every room was a problem and gradually working their way through the rooms, was a mammoth task. After the experience, she decided to write a book on 'Decluttering', hoping that it would help others.

Sandra thanked Jane for her talk and hoped we shall all be able to declutter in the future.

Tea and cake were enjoyed, made by member Pauline, before the members again braved the elements for home.

In February we will be having a meal out together.



Wanted for St Stephen's Please

Did you receive a gift this Christmas that just wasn't you? If so we would love to make use of it for our fundraising events this year. We have a collection box in our church titled *New Gifts*. Please place any suitable item in there or contact a member of the social committee to arrange collection/delivery of any items or email ststephenssaltash@hotmail.co.uk

We are also seeking bric à brac for our Table Top Sale on Saturday 8 Feb. If you can help then items can either be left in the Social Area of our Church or contact John: ☎ 01752 847573; email jlissenden@talktalk.net us to arrange collection/delivery of any items.



Recent Events continued

Men of St Stephens and Friends



Our first meeting of 2020 will be on Monday 10th February at 7pm. We will meet for an evening of social togetherness in the Sports Bar of the Ploughboy Inn.

Here we can enjoy each other's company over a drink and also have a game of pool and / or darts if we wish.

St Stephen's Fundraising Stalls

Towards the end of last year our team had two very successful events at St Lalluwly Church Menheniot and at St Michael's Christmas Bazaar at Sir Robert Gefferys Hall Landrake. We also ran our stall at the performance of Lowena and at other concerts and carol services.



Roger Rowse and Steve Hookway running the stall at St Lalluwly Church

The fundraising team of Arland Burns, Steve Hookway, Mike McKee, Andy Richardson, Roger Rowse, John West, Ray Wills, Claude Fourte, as and when he can, and then recently Dave Coot, have raised a fantastic £1,061.25 in 2019 some of which has already been spent providing St Stephen's Church with a new Sound System.



Steve Hookway presenting a cheque for the new sound system to our treasurer Ray Wills

Ladies Fellowship



The Ladies Fellowship was started by Linda Anderson, when her husband the Reverend Brian Anderson was Vicar of St Nicholas and St Faith Church.

The first meeting was in November 1990, held in the Church Rooms, with Linda as Chairman, Mrs R Fisher as secretary and Mrs Angela Payne Hanlon as treasurer. It was agreed to meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

In 1996 the group began meeting in members' houses and this has continued. The group has enjoyed various talks, discussions on various topics, slide shows, visits out and about including the Theatre Royal, celebration meals out and supporting Church events over the years.

The group was sad when Linda died in February 2012. We agreed to continue meetings as Linda would have wanted. Angela Payne Hanlon is now the Chairperson and the group still meets each month in members' houses. For further information: ☎ 01752 842419.

Thank You for the Pew Cushions



On Sunday 1 Dec Rev'd Cathy, on behalf of the congregation presented Ray and Mary Wills with a card and basket of plants to say thank you for the new pew cushions at St Stephen's that they have made. Rev'd Cathy had to go to St Nicholas before a photo was able to be taken so Rev'd Di Burrows is pictured.

A Date For Your Diary

The Archdeacon's Visitation will take place on 14 May for our Deanery. Further information to follow.

Letter from St George's Chapel



Every week in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, prayers are said for one of the Dean and Canon's patronages. Please let the parishioners of Saltash, St Stephen by Saltash, Landrake with St Erney and Botus Fleming know that prayers will be said for them, particularly on 2 February 2020, and convey to them the good wishes of all at St George's.

Heating System Leak

A leak in the heating system in St Michael's's Church means that it cannot be used – services are currently being held in our parish room. Hopefully, this will just be for a short time.



Our latest needs are toilet rolls and dog food.

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

St Nicholas and St Faith

It has come to my attention that there are some rumours circulating to the effect that services at St Nicholas and St Faith will no longer be taking place.

Let me make it absolutely clear that St Nicholas and St Faith is, and will continue to be, open for business!

Rev'd Cathy

Recent Events continued

Loveny Male Voice Choir

On Friday 6 December we welcomed back the Loveny Male Voice Choir for a Christmas Fundraising Concert in aid of Church Funds. It was a lovely evening, especially when eight-year old Tristan joined his Grandad to sing with the Choir. £282.81 was raised.



Christmas Tree Festival



We would like to say thanks to all those who helped in any way with the 13th Christmas Tree Festival in St Nicholas and St Faith Church, without their help we would not be able to continue in the way that we do.



This year there were 80 exhibits (more than ever before), and we already have enquiries for four new entries this year.

Recent Events continued

Christmas Shopping Evening



Our Christmas Shopping Evening at the end of November was another extremely busy event, so much so that we had to close the doors and operate a one-in-one-out policy for a while. Yet again a terrific amount of £1,154.81 was raised from the evening.



A big thank you to Ocean City Sound who once again entertained us during the evening with Christmas Carols and songs. Thanks to all who helped and supported us to make the evening an amazing success.

Christmas Big Sing

December saw our first Christmas Big Sing which was a huge success (see photos on the right). We don't run out of hymn books very often! The evening featured the top five carols, voted for earlier on in the year, together with performances from Brunel Primary Academy Choir and Claire Fry and Darren Jane. Mixed Blessings and SSNF Choir also took part.

If you missed the evening, the top five carols were:

- 1 In The Bleak Mid-Winter
- 2 Silent Night
- 3 Away in a Manager
- 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem
- 5 Once in Royal David's City

A collection was taken for The St. Petroc's Society which raised an impressive £360.44.

We have since had a lot of positive feedback and plans are in place to repeat the evening this Christmas.



What's On

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Hall
Wednesdays 5 Feb & 4 Mar
10am to Noon



Just £2 for coffee, biscuits and conversation.

Food Market and Table Top Sale

St Stephen's Church
Sat 8 Feb, 9am to 11.30am



Local food traders will be bringing along their produce for you to try and buy. Find a bargain or unearth a new treasure from our table toppers.

Many local charities and our Church Fundraising Stalls will be present so please come and support us. Refreshments will be available including Bacon Rolls and Toasted Tea Cakes.

Food stalls attending are:

- Al's Taste of Home
- Cornish Gouda Co
- Eat Me Treats
- Hobbs Chocolates
- Polmarkyn Dairy Goats
- Polnoon Pasties
- Saltash Bakery
- Tamar Valley Honey
- The Cornish Pudding Co
- Trehill Farm Produce

Free Entry.

Potatoes & Puds Lunch

St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms
Sun 23 Feb, 12.30-2.30pm



£5. The perfect way to spend lunchtime – eating with friends.

Jacket Potato and Pud Lunch

St Mary's Church Hall
Wednesday 19 February
Noon to 1.30pm



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

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St Stephen's Church
Tuesday 25 Feb, 3-5pm



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

Spuds & Puds Lunch

St Stephen's Church
Sat 29 Feb, Noon to 2pm



£5 per person – Extra toppings 50p each. Choose from Baked Beans, Cheese, Chilli or Tuna.

Sign up lists in your Church soon.

Lent Lunches & Reflection

St Stephen's Church
Mondays from
2 March to 30 March
12.30-2pm



Lent Lunches will be held again this Lent. They will be soup and bread/roll followed by cheese. Following the lunch there will be a short reflection and time for discussion over a cup of tea or coffee. We are asking for a minimum donation of £3.00. All profits will be donated to Saltash Foodbank. If you would like to attend, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Beetle Drive

SSNF Church Rooms
Sat 14 March, 7.30pm

Information to follow . . .

Revd Hugh Nelson named as the next Bishop of St Germans

Downing Street has announced that the next Bishop of St Germans is to be the Revd Hugh Nelson.

Hugh is currently the parish priest of St Mary's, Goudhurst and Christ Church, Kilndown (known as GK Church), in the Canterbury Diocese.

Prior to his ordination in 2009, Hugh was Director of L'Arche London, a Christian community in which people with and without learning disabilities live together and support one another.

Overseeing growth; pioneering initiatives

As well as overseeing significant growth in his parish churches, Hugh has pioneered new initiatives in Kent, including a school of theology and a ground-breaking partnership between schools, local churches and a Christian charity to provide counselling to children and support to families.

Hugh chaired the team that developed Canterbury Diocese's strategy, and works on the national Church of England initiatives, *Setting God's People Free and Growing Faith*.

Passionate concern

Hugh brings to the Diocese of Truro and the College of Bishops a passionate concern for people with learning disabilities; for children, young people and families, particularly those struggling with mental health issues; a deep commitment to ecumenism; first-hand knowledge of the joys and challenges of growing the rural church; and a deep passion to see all people, young and old, in every community, know the life-changing impact of knowing the love of God in Jesus.

He is married to Lizzie, UK director of international peace-building NGO Search for Common Ground, and they have four children.

Hugh said, 'I am honoured and delighted to have

been appointed as the new Bishop of St Germans.'

My joy and privilege

He continued, 'The Christian faith has deep roots in Cornwall, and it will be my joy and privilege as bishop to enable those strong roots to continue to bear fruit today and in the future.'

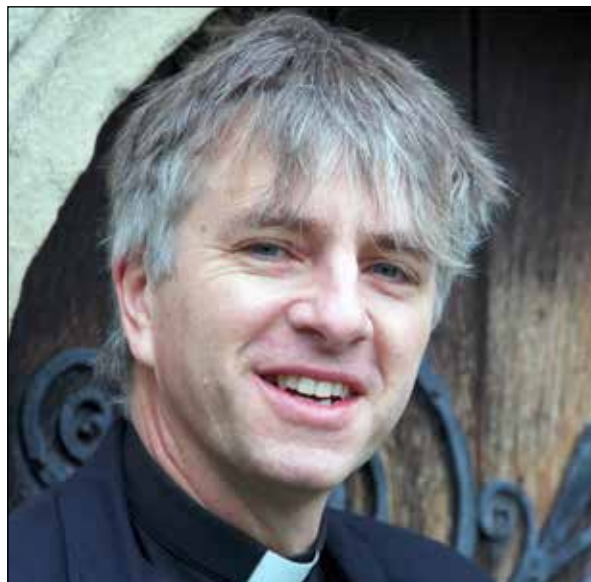
'I look forward to working with all my brothers and sisters in Christ, lay and ordained, in church communities across the diocese, as we live out the hope and love that Jesus has for Cornwall and all its people.'

Welcoming his appointment, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen said, 'I'm delighted to welcome Hugh here as bishop-designate of St Germans

and we greatly look forward to Hugh, Lizzie and their family joining us later this year.'

'Hugh has a significant track record of church growth in a rural context; of launching fresh initiatives in mission and ministry, as well as experience of developing strategy at a diocesan level.'

'Additionally, he has been deeply shaped by several years working at L'Arche, an intentional Christian community centred around people with profound learning disabilities.'



Deep and joyful call to Cornwall

He continued, 'He speaks of a deep and joyful sense of call to join us in Cornwall. I'm just delighted by his appointment and look forward so much to him joining us here in our adventure of Discovering God's Kingdom; Growing the Church.'

Hugh and his family will move to live in the Diocese of Truro in April. He will be consecrated as a bishop in June, after which he will be formally welcomed to the diocese and will take up his seat in Truro Cathedral.

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