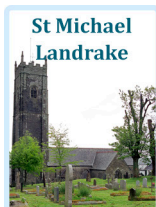
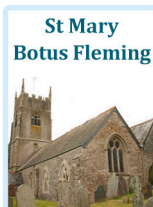


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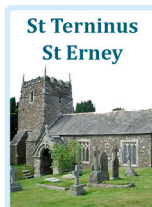
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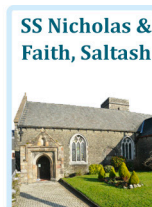
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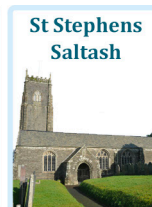
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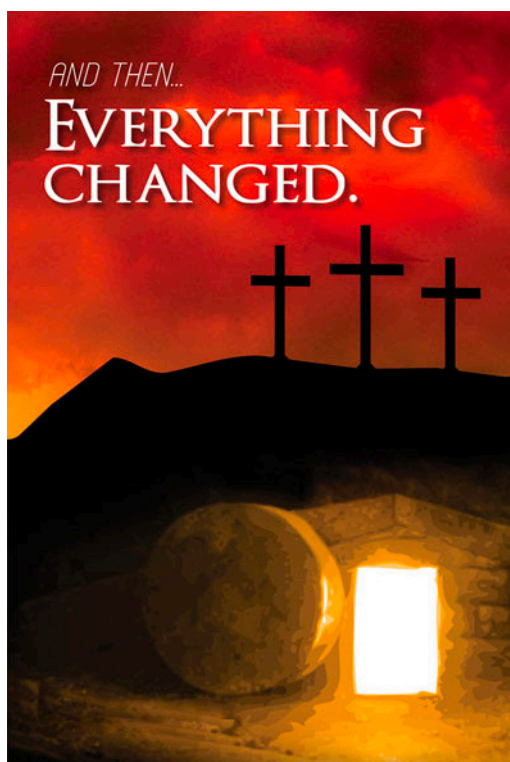
Britain's Biggest Cosmetic Surgical Group Transforming Your Body and Looks

Just what I need! The chance to be transformed and to look better! There's no mention of cost, but I am sure it will be well worth the expense. Like Raquel in 'Mother Goose' I shall be 'youthanised'.

A few days prior to observing this advertisement headline, I was in a 'waiting room' glancing through the periodicals provided, reading one particular article which stated that nearly everyone suffers from a psychological block about the appearance of their body. Especially how they think it looks to other people. Noses are perceived to be too long or too short, arms are thought to be too flabby or too skinny, legs viewed as too spindly or knees too knobby and many other parts of the anatomy simply not up to expectations.

So to counteract nature's gift, thousands of pounds are spent each year trying to improve the basic

model. Dieting exercises, surgical operations, and many other kinds



of treatment are undertaken. In some cases the cure appears to be

more painful (physically) than the problem. The advertisement from which the headline appears concerns 'cosmetic surgery'. Now which shall I have? Nose or Chin re-shaping... Ear Correction... Eye bag Removal... Facelift... Stomach Depleted... Fat removal... or Calf Implants? (No, please don't write – suggestions have already been made.)

'Vanity, vanity, all is vanity says the preacher.'

This does not prevent us from being consciously or unconsciously concerned about how we look; we can amend, adapt, improve the physical body with which nature has endowed us, or the trappings with which we cover it. We are concerned with how we are seen by those near and dear to us, as well as by humanity in general; and we become hurt, even offended if the world has a much less kindly

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

Churches will be open for communal worship from Easter Day. See page 7 for the full list of services.

Singing is not allowed yet.

Any updates will be posted on the website and on Facebook.



GOOD FRIDAY - 2 April

11.00am St Stephen's

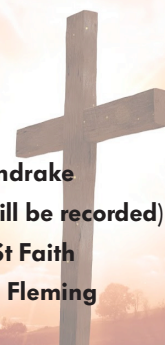
EASTER DAY - 4 April

9.30am Holy Communion, St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion, St Stephen's (will be recorded)

11.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas & St Faith

11.15am Holy Communion, St Mary, Botus Fleming



view of us than we would hope.

So to change this – to relieve our fears we are prepared to undergo much physical and psychological stress to overcome these real or imagined deficiencies of our body and looks. We give ourselves all this pain and discomfort to enable us to build up and achieve a sense of confidence and well-being, but by its very nature

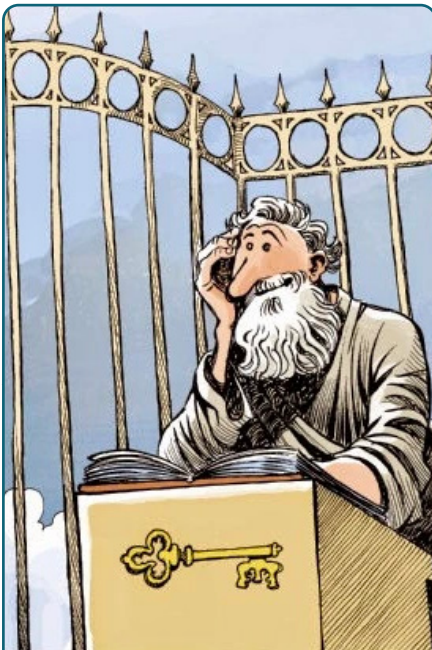
suffering in physical terms has already been met by someone like us.

Easter is about transformation of **Life**. Real life that does not end with the demise of the transitory body – however it may look. **Easter** is about the transformation of our bodies so that we may be like ‘unto his glorious body’. **Easter** is about being accepted as we are, not just for our external appearance (whether for

good or ill). **Easter** is about rejoicing in that love which loves us in spite of what we are or how we look.

Easter is no ‘cosmetic surgery’, an uplifting re-shaping of the cracks and disfigurement of a physical nature. **Easter** is a transformation of that very nature; changed ‘from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place.’

Father Brian



A lady spent many hours in church praying that she would have a long life.

One day she won a large sum on the lottery and went out and had the complete makeover – hair, body the works.

Three days later she was knocked down by a bus and was killed.

Reaching heaven she was very upset with Peter and demanded to know why she was there and her prayers not answered. Peter apologised and said, ‘There had been a mistake – they had not recognised her.’

Congratulations to Len Maddock Citizen of the Year 2021-2022

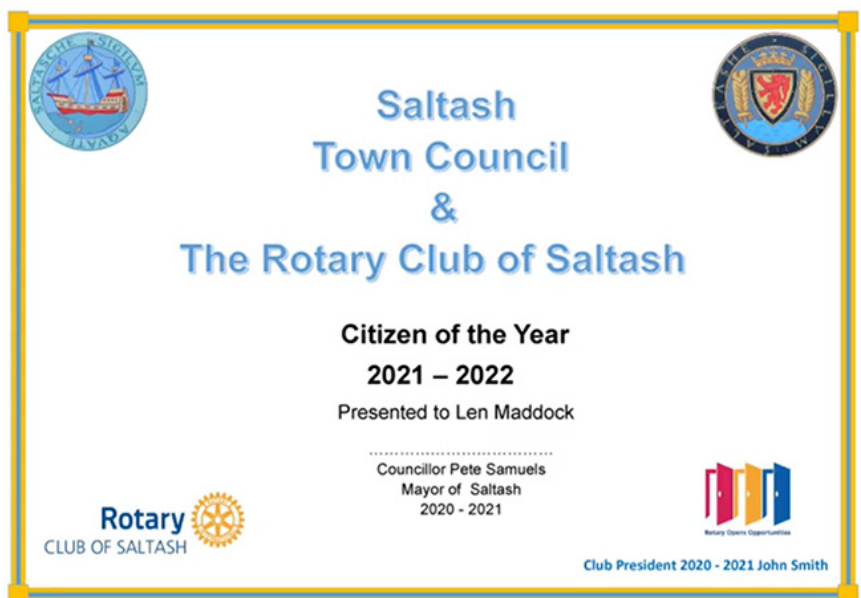


Our Mayor, Councillor Pete Samuels, announced the Citizen of the Year at the Civic Service on Sunday. The award is presented by the Mayor, Freeman of the Town and Rotary Club President John Smith.

Len was awarded the honour for a lifetime working in Scouting and has achieved the highest award in Leadership. He is also a founder member of the Saltash Town Youth Council and has helped support the Youth of

Saltash for 29 years. Len has also been serving the community as a Church Warden of St Stephen's and now as a member of the Mabbott Trust.

Len says, “I am very humble to be picked out for this award. I am not going to put my feet up just yet as there is loads of work to do with the Youth of Saltash, beginning with restarting the scouts and cubs in their premises.”



Bird Themed Quiz

Now that Spring is in the air, I'm testing your bird knowledge. All the answers are birds. *Answers on p5.*

1. One sat in a pear tree?
2. Can you fly it?
3. A famous wizard?
4. A solitary one for sorrow?
5. Dark headgear?
6. Rise early with this one?
7. A royal angler?
8. A good one deserves another?
9. Out of breath?
10. 24 are needed in this recipe?
11. A letter in the alphabet?
12. This one might be in your tool kit?



Children's Society Box Opening



**The
Children's
Society**

**St Stephen's Church
Saturday 10 April,
10am to 11.30am**

This year due to Covid I would ask that you drop the box off during this time and either sit and wait – socially distancing – in a pew or collect at the end of the session. If you prefer not to come along please contact me (01752 841174) and I will collect and return. I am aware that a lot of us have not had the opportunity to have cash and possibly not put our pennies in the box but every little helps.

Many thanks for your support. *Lesley Batham*

Hope for After Covid

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine check-up
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelley Fanucci



Easter Dawn

Roger Bush, Dean of Truro



I am very grateful to be asked to contribute the monthly prayer to your newsletter. I thought long and hard about what to submit, but in the end I thought I would share a poem I wrote last year, which reflected, for me, the great mystery of Easter. It seems to me that, as we emerge from a Covid-cocoon we are left with as many questions and answers, and that Easter, whilst in one sense resolving all our questions into one great affirmation of faith, underlines the fact that we still have to live with mystery and ambiguity: who

is this Jesus risen from the dead? As the greatest religious poet of the 20th century, T S Eliot, puts it in *Little Gidding*, the last of his Four Quartets, 'we shall not cease from exploration...', and this, I think, encapsulates the reality of our experiences of the resurrection. We are very much like, and with, the disciples sharing that breakfast on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, almost not daring to ask who the risen Jesus is. Hope is only hope because it operates in circumstances where the fulfilment of our hope can sometimes appear to be remote or absent. That may well be the experience of many of us as a result of the pandemic. But hope is never extinguished, even in the bleakest moments, and this poem tries to give some expression to that.

Happy Easter to you all.

**This is why I climb the hill,
To remind myself that in the shadow
Of distorted dreams there is
An indication of a different story,
A refusal to recognise the end
For what it tries to be, suggesting
A finality that can never quite make the summit.
For in the absence there is a presence,
In the darkness there is another shadow,
In the hollow there is an echo,
Of an insistent whisper which calms the silence.
And on another hill, you are standing,
Unfocussed yet free, setting loose
The turmoil that makes of that incomplete disaster
A reluctant victory.
In the dawning light I see you,
Nailed and hailed to an equal degree.
As, indeed, it has to be.**



Allen Digital Organ Update

In early February we received notification from the Diocesan Registrar that the application for a Faculty to allow us to sell the Digital Organ at SSNicholas and Faith had been approved, after due consideration by the Chancellor. The proceeds may be applied to the general purposes of the PCC.

As mentioned before, once there are formal objections to an application (which we gather is quite unusual) this incurs legal costs for the PCC. These start at around £600. Unfortunately, as the two individuals who objected chose to follow a formal route (ie one involving several stages of written submissions and responses, rather than relying on their objections as raised by letter), these charges have increased and we have had to pay £2,698 (including VAT). This will significantly reduce any benefit from the eventual sale, and would have been enough to carry out the next stage of the planned refurbishment to the pipe organ, as well as pay for several years of annual servicing.

Richard Margetts



Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: <https://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Hello from West Yorkshire

Reverend John and Denise Jukes

It has been five long years now since John and I left Cornwall for the green fields of Shropshire and a post as team Vicar in the Central Telford Team Ministry. Five years since we left our Saltash Church family and we were full of the spirit of God. John had enjoyed his curacy and learned such a lot from working and living among you, we were full of hope and passion to do God's work and take His message of love far and wide.

Things just didn't work out for us, not through want of trying, so it was onwards and upwards via a brief period in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire to Todmorden West Yorkshire.

John became Vicar of the market town of Todmorden in

September 2019 and the people here made us feel very welcome.

Todmorden is a market town around the same size as Saltash and stands in the Calder Valley at the foothills of the Pennines. The weather is mostly

months into the post Covid 19 struck and everything stopped.

John's IT expertise stood us in good stead as we promptly moved every service, meeting and course on line. Things have progressed as well as

van a few months after leaving Cornwall when we were still in Telford. We have spent many relaxing times in her with our three dogs. Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire are a few of the counties we have

been able to explore and this year, fingers crossed, we will add Cumbria, the Yorkshire Dales and the East Coast of Yorkshire, around the Scarborough area, to the list. Last year we upgraded to our dream caravan which is our home from home. We are planning to

visit Saltash in 2022 where we hope to catch up with as many of you as possible.

You are all always in our hearts and prayers and we pray that God's blessings be always upon you and you keep safe and well.



damp but it is a very green and pleasant place to live.

Things were really looking good this time and we were making great headway with the three churches John was in charge of when six

we could have hoped for but it has been a strange time for the Church community, as I am sure you have all discovered.

John and I love caravanning and we bought our first touring

Answers to Bird Quiz on page 3.

1. Partridge 2. Kite 3. Merlin 4. Magpie 5. Black cap 6. Lark 7. King fisher 8. Tern 9. Puffin 10. Blackbird 11. Jay 12. Yellow Hammer

Outstretched Arms, Easter Day

Brenton Blandford

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This pandemic has been long and hard but the end is in sight, a light shining ahead in a tunnel of darkness. Many years ago, Catherine and I were among a group of people from our Church in Norfolk who went to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage. It was just after Easter and one of the places we visited was the Church of the Resurrection in the Old City in Jerusalem, also

from which Jesus rose from the dead. The embroidered cloth proclaims 'Christ is Risen!'

Easter is both about Jesus and about us. First of all, the Resurrection is about Jesus. As an historical event, it's both a powerful sign of who Jesus is, and also a vindication of Jesus' life, his teachings, and his death. Easter shows the life of Jesus to

When we look at the resurrection we need to fix our eyes on Jesus as if we are going on our pilgrim journey, in the same way the disciples did in the early Church, especially on that first Easter Day. If our attention is on ourselves, or other distractions, or on the scenery around us, then more than likely we'll stay right where we are. If we look for life and direction and meaning anywhere but at the



known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which houses the shrine of the Tomb of Christ. The original Church was built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century and has been rebuilt and added to throughout the centuries.

Christians from around the world travel there to offer their prayers and feel the eternal presence of the Risen Christ.

Each day, thousands of pilgrims come to kneel in the small dark room that is the Holy Sepulchre to venerate the stone cover beneath which lies the stone

be the way of life for all creation, and it proclaims that nothing is more powerful than that life. At the same time, Easter is about us. It's about what Jesus is doing right now, and right here, for each and every one of us.

This is who we are and where we stand this Easter morning. Christ is risen, and he has reached out with wounded hands, and grasped you by the hand. Jesus is, at this moment, drawing you toward himself, and toward new life with him. This is what's happening now. This is why we're here today.

risen Lord – then our hearts will be divided, and our energy scattered – our rising will be slow indeed.

Somehow, the face of Jesus needs to fill our vision and capture our will, else we will be stuck. That's the first thing. The second is that Jesus needs us to help. The Lord has grasped us – that is a gift. He is drawing us to him, and to his life – that is fact. We can join our efforts to his effort. We can say 'yes' to the hand that holds us and the arm that draws us forward.

Remember, Jesus will live for us and he will die for us; he will call us, and he will grasp us; he will lead us

away from the familiar and toward new possibilities. He will make all manner of things possible and rich with joy. But he will not coerce us or force us. Real love, mature love, never coerces, it never forces. It invites. So, we can consent. We can cooperate. we can both focus our attention and direct our behaviour towards accepting the offer being made, the hand being extended.

There are all sorts of reasons to

resist the resurrection grasp and the upward tug of the risen Lord. We may be complacent, we may be afraid, we may be content, we may be so self-absorbed, or so absorbed with other things, that we can see no farther than that; we may be resisting. And while that may be where we are, it isn't where Jesus is. Jesus is here. Jesus is – this instant – standing on the broken gates of death and hell and wrapping his

hands around you and beginning to lift you away from the old life of brokenness and into new life with him. That's where Jesus is right now. That's what Easter is about this very instant. That's what this day is about. That's what is most important. That's the vision that we are here to comprehend, and to celebrate, and to make our own. The rest will follow. But this comes first. He is drawing us to himself.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



A local painter won the contract to paint the rendered outside walls of a church. No-one knew that he made his money by thinning the paint.

He was not long into the contract when there was a sudden huge rainstorm, which resulted in paint running down the walls, together with an enormous clap of thunder. It knocked the painter off the scaffolding.

As he lay on the ground, he was sure he heard a voice through the thunder saying, "Repaint, repaint and thin no more!"

Search for a New Priest in Charge

Where are we now?

The Transition Group of representatives from each church has continued to meet by Zoom and the Parish Profile is now almost complete. This document is our 'prospectus' – setting out who we are, where we live, and what our vision is for the future – so has necessarily taken some time to prepare. It has been important to make sure that it accurately reflects the four parishes, and the interactions between them, while also being interesting and even exciting to potential applicants.

Once it has been reviewed by the PCCs and finalised we will soon be able to move on to advertising the vacancy.

Richard Margetts

Please email articles for the next newsletter to:
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@saltashteamministry.org
by 20 April 2021.

APRIL SERVICES

Easter

See page 1

Sunday 11 April

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 18 April

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am HC (may not take place)

Sunday 25 April

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion