

Saltash Area Newsletter

October 2021

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Landrake



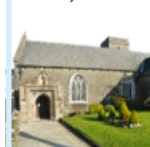
St Mary
Botus Fleming



St Terninus
St Erney



SS Nicholas &
Faith, Saltash



St Stephens
Saltash



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Merely a 'slip'

A friend of mine keeps a daily diary in the form of a 'Newsletter'. Each day it begins with a hymn, which the other day was 'King of glory, King of peace'. Due to a misprint the penultimate line, on this occasion, read 'Small it is, in this poor sort to control thee..'. Of course, it should have said 'enrol'.

Such a minor misprint probably passed unnoticed by those who read it, but it struck me that perhaps the misprinted version was the more correct! On the previous Sunday in the Gospel passage, Jesus is recorded as asking the disciples, 'Who do you say that I am?'

In spite of reading the scriptures and discovering who

God is, we have a tendency to try and make God what we would have him be. Perhaps this makes it easier for us to have a feeling that we are in a sense controlling God. We seek to attempt to make the divine into the kind of person which suits our convenience. We attempt to create a being that can be adjusted to fit in with our own particular idea and who can be manipulated according to our needs or someone who makes us feel comfortable and at ease; who ceases to challenge the manner in which we live our lives or even someone who is easily adapted to

whatever we feel is most convenient for us. As Richard Carter (Associate Vicar for Mission at Saint Martins-in-the-Field, London) states there is 'no God greater than self'.

It is tempting to think that God is created in our image rather than the other way round. So we close our ears to the quiet voice which seeks to enable us to live after his example and we decide

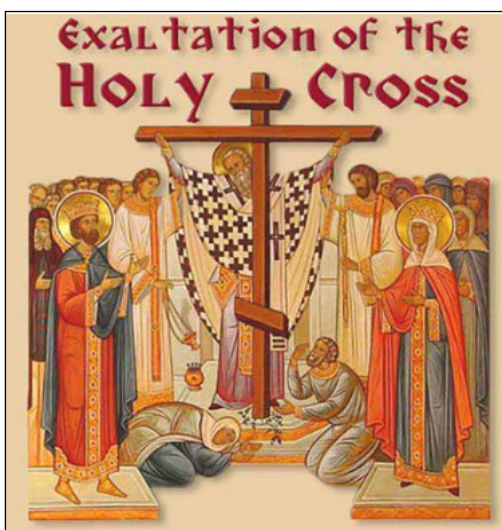
to follow our own craggy paths of self-deception.

This makes life easier and less demanding. We can excuse the demand to think about those who are suffering (for whatever reason), those who are living in conditions unimaginable to us

or those who have little hope of experiencing life in all its fullness.

As I write this the Church is keeping 'Holy Cross Day'. The Collect for the day reads, 'who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace.' This is a stark reminder of the cost met by God in order that we may live our lives in the assurance that God loves us and such love should encourage us to reflect that we are his, we are made in his image and we are called to be his in the world.

Fr Brian



DIARY DATES

Saturday 2 October
10am to Noon
St Stephen's Church



Church Fair

Sunday 3 October
12.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms



Harvest Lunch

Saturday 20 November
Noon to 4pm
St Michael's, Landrake
Christmas Bazaar

**2021 provisional dates
at St Stephen's Church**

Sat 13 November
November Fair

Fri 3 December
Christmas Concert
with Tamar Valley
Male Voice Choir

Fri 10 December
Christmas Big Sing

More details of all the
above on page 6

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 3 October Harvest Festival

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Harvest Praise

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Creationtide Service
includes Harvest Festival

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins (Harvest 17 Oct)

Sunday 10 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion
with Baptism

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm 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 Harvest Festival

Sunday 24 October

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

Sunday 31 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am United Service

Recent Events

Mother's Union



Members gathered in church on the 14 September to pray together and then listen to our guest Mrs Dorothy Tucker, as she spoke about her holidays in Australia and showed us many souvenirs and photographs.

Many years ago Dorothy and family hoped to emigrate to Australia but her young son was taken ill and the doctor suggested delaying the move for a year. Soon after this Dorothy's husband was relocated to Gibraltar with his job and the Australian dream was abandoned. That same young son grew up to become a scientist and eventually his work took him and his family to live near Melbourne; life takes some strange turns! Dorothy has visited Australia five times, once with her husband and then solo – and she had some fascinating stories to tell and we thank her for giving us her time.

As usual, the meeting finished with tea and biscuits, and we look forward to our next meeting on 12 October.

Mother's Union Cream Tea



Thanks to all those who supported the mothers union cream tea in September.

It was so good to see people sitting together and chatting, so like the 'old days'. We managed to raise £314 which will enable many Mothers' Union projects to flourish in Britain and around the world.

Annual Skittles Challenge

The annual skittles match between two Saltash Churches, St Nicholas and St Faith and St Stephen's was held at St Nicholas Church Rooms on Saturday evening. The two teams played a series of matches and the winners were St Nicholas – payback for last year when St Stephen's won the match.

Best individual scores: Men – Len Maddock. Ladies – Margaret Evans. Refreshments were served during the interval and a total of just over £66 was made for church funds.

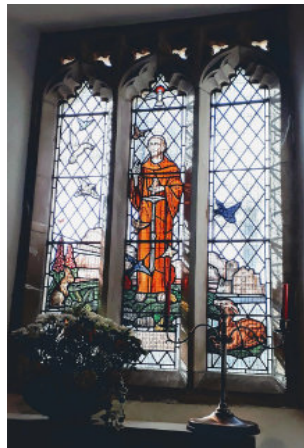
Prayers for October

From Year 1, Bishop Cornish School

Thank you God for looking after all of us, Sorry if we sometimes forget to be like you, Please help us to be loving, caring and forgiving just like you. Amen

From Di Burrows

We find ourselves in these current times being constantly reminded of all that is amiss in this world; of the suffering that is beyond our control other than the offer of aid or assistance when and where possible. Through the news agencies we hear of those places affected by fire or flood, of places where there is sickness with no health facilities available or, where those facilities are only available to those with the ability to pay.



St Erney Window

Father God, while mindful always of the needs of others, help us to focus not only on those things painful to hear about but to also be grateful for those things that we take for granted in our own lives; be it as simple as being able to go out and enjoy the fresh air and warm sunshine.

We thank you for family and friends; for the tireless work of all the agencies who work to relieve suffering both at home and around the world. Thanks for our own NHS who, while struggling to cope with the COVID epidemic, is still there for those needing regular medicine or emergency treatment. Let this Harvest Time be a time for not only the traditional thanks for those who produce and deliver the abundance of food that we are fortunate enough to enjoy but also, a gathering in of those many things that we enjoy on a personal basis (what we used to call 'counting our blessings').

A time to remember so much that is good and to give you thanks. Amen

Recent Events continued

Men of St Stephen's and Friends (MOSSAF)

There was a good turnout of our members to greet our guest speaker Bob Munro. Steve welcomed everyone and with our mugs of tea, courtesy of Roger, we settled down to listen to Bob's story.



Bob explained that his life could be seen in three parts: 13 years of compulsory Christianity, 40 years of militant agnosticism, and 27 years (so far) of Christian witness. There had been high points, and also low, but Bob looking back, would not have had his life any other way.

Born in Manchester at the end of 1940, he was raised in a tiny two up two down terrace in Moss Side. On Sundays, Bob was obliged by his parents to attend the local Anglican church, to become a cub, then a scout, and to be confirmed. He hated all of it. One morning in church, he saw a chap in the choir checking his football pools, heard a churchwarden having a loud argument with someone, and struggled with understanding an incomprehensible sermon. Bob was now 13 and wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury to tell him that he was resigning his membership of a church which was 'full of hypocrites'. A response from the Archbishop's chaplain did not impress him, hence the start of forty years in the wilderness of agnosticism.

Bob was the first Munro in the family to go to a grammar school, and he went on to Leeds and Bristol Universities. He met his future wife Fran in November 1959, they married in September 1963 and five children and six grandchildren later are looking forward to whatever a post-Covid future might bring.

Previously, all eldest Munro sons had become firemen, but Bob opted for teaching. Central France, Bristol, Blackpool, Coventry and Saltash have been his bases so far. Churches continued to be places into which Bob only ventured at the request of family and friends. →

Recent Events continued

Saltash saw Bob increasingly committed to a variety of community activities – almost certainly too many of them – and it was in his late forties, working at Saltash Comprehensive School as one of its Deputy Heads, that Bob began to realise that all was not well. To cut a long story short, he had a mental breakdown. Were it not for the love and support of family, and friends such as Burraton butcher Ted Hackett, plus the wise guidance of Dr Newhouse and a wonderful nurse called John, who introduced him to cognitive behavioural therapy, he doubts that he would be here today. Eventually, Bob was able to work again – but not in teaching. At fifty he also learned to drive – 89 lessons and three goes at the test – but he did it!

40 years in the wilderness ended towards the end of November 1993, when the Munros were in France for their second daughter's wedding. The morning after the wedding, Bob was lying on a bed listening to Purcell's Indian Queen when out of the blue he was sandbagged by The Holy Spirit. There was a feeling of warmth, calm, peace, joy and acceptance, swiftly followed by panic. He knew that there was no point in resisting, but what was the way forward?

The way forward turned out to be the rocky road of Christian witness. Bob first sought advice from Fr Brian Anderson, who suggested that he should wait and see – which he did. Little by little he became more involved in the life of the church. Folk began to suggest that he might consider the possibility of seeking ordination, an idea which Bob resisted for a long time. However, talks with Rev Canon Richard Maynard, Rural Dean Rev Gordon Smythe, the Bishop of St Germans the Rt Rev Graham James and someone who became his closest friend – Rev Andrew Wilson, led to selection. In September 1995, he joined the South West Ministry Training college. He gave up paid employment when he was ordained as a non-stipendiary curate at Truro Cathedral in 1998, and was thrilled to be 'priested' the following year, by Bishop Graham James in SS Nicholas & Faith. Initially, he worked in the Saltash area, but after a stress-related issue in 2002, Bishop Bill Ind sent him to the Calstock area to assist his friend Andrew. Later, he worked in Pillaton, St Mellion, St Dominick and Landulph and retired last year.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11 October at 7pm when we will shall be going Tenpin Bowling. New members always welcome please contact Steve Hookway 07855 600241 for further details.

Bishop Hugh Announced as Bishop to the Armed Forces



Lambeth Palace has announced that the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson will take over the role of Bishop to the Armed Forces in September.

Bishop Hugh will be formally licensed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, during a meeting of the College of Bishops in Oxford on 20 September.

Bishop Hugh is taking over from Bishop Tim Thornton, Bishop at Lambeth, who is retiring after four years in the post.

Extra Role

This new post will be in addition to Bishop Hugh's role as Bishop of St Germans in the Diocese of Truro.

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said, 'I am very pleased indeed that Hugh has agreed to take on this essential ministry. The work of military chaplains is crucial, and is widely recognised as such within the Armed Forces. They need our support and prayers, led by the Bishop to the Forces. Military personnel are confronted daily with deep and vital questions about being human, our relationships, our values and morals. There are no tidy answers to these, but chaplains can offer compassion – being alongside and resolutely with those asking these questions, and those experiencing pain or grief – and they can offer hope. Indeed, chaplains to the Forces embody something of the love of Jesus Christ, offered in every place and to all people. I know that Hugh will ensure he gets to know these chaplains and will work alongside them, as well as being a representative for the church in wider issues relating to the Forces.'

ON THE WAY

The Launch

On the Way for East Wivelshire formally launched at the open Deanery Synod on the 23 September. Further to last month's introductory article, we are still looking for a couple more people to join the Working Group for this venture – contact Richard Margetts if interested.

Community Survey

An important part of the process is to get as wide a range of views as possible regarding what the church in our area should be doing and how it should be serving our community, from both within and outside the church fellowship.

Please complete the online survey (details below) and encourage family, friends and neighbours to do so as well! It should only take 5-10 minutes. A limited number of paper copies will also be made available.

Use the QR code on the right or the link below to find the survey.

<https://tinyurl.com/EastWiv>



Capitals Quiz

What are the capitals of ...

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| 1. Australia? | 6. Ethiopia? |
| 2. Brazil? | 7. Canada? |
| 3. The Bahamas? | 8. El Salvador? |
| 4. Columbia? | 9. Hungary? |
| 5. Cuba? | 10. Iceland? |

Answers on p6

Recent Events continued

St Michael's Afternoon Tea Party with Prosecco

St Michaels with St Erney fundraisers created a lovely afternoon and it was great to see everyone attend dressed to impress in their finery.



We would like to thank: our sponsors, Landrake Stores and The Bullers Arms for their wonderful donations; Jude Whitlock for exceptional music; Simon Norris for creating all of our cake stands (for which he used nothing but recycled materials, which fits into our Green Church Kernow Award application) and all our volunteer helpers.



We managed to raise £300 for the Window Fund whilst having fun!



What's On

Church Fair

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 2 Oct, 10am to Noon



Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Hoopla, Cards, Stationery, Books, Raffle, Refreshments and much more! The wearing of Facemasks will be appreciated.

Harvest Lunch

SSNF Church Rooms

Sunday 3 October, 12.30pm



A ham or cheese Ploughman's with numerous salads – £6 a head.

If you would like to join us, please call Leslie Stevens on 01752 842521 or Margaret Evans on 01752 844141, and we will add you to our list.

2021 Provisional dates at St Stephen's Church

November Fair

Saturday 13 November, time tba

Christmas Concert with Tamar Valley MVC

Fri 3 December, 7.30pm

Christmas Big Sing

Fri 10 December, time tba

Watch this space!

Transition News

Encouraging progress! Following publication of the Team Profile, it is good to report that six applications have been received for the Saltash Incumbent vacancy. Parish Representatives (two from each parish, selected by the PCCs) were involved in shortlisting candidates on the 22 September. Parish Visits (if requested) will be on 6 October and formal interviews on 7 October.

Richard Margetts

It all Started at General Synod....

It all started when I was called to speak in a housing debate at the Church of England's General Synod.

I wasn't expecting to be called, but I took the opportunity to look at the issue from Cornwall's particular perspective. The next thing I knew the press and TV got interested and I did a number of interviews, and it became something of an issue on social media too. But like many media storms – even minor ones – attention quickly flagged and moved on to other things.



However Cornwall's housing crisis isn't going to go away so quickly, sadly. In many ways we face a perfect storm.

We've known for years there's been a problem, with Cornish towns and villages hollowed out at the centre by second homes and holiday homes. But it's got much worse recently. Now I'm hearing stories of people being given notice to quit their homes by landlords wanting to turn their properties into holiday lets, and command much higher prices as a result. That's really distressing for the families concerned as they potentially face homelessness. It's a real problem for the NHS too: people employed to work in Cornwall can't find anywhere to live leading to staff shortages at Treliske and elsewhere: small wonder they've declared a major incident. And of course house prices are rocketing too, making even the most basic homes unaffordable for many people.

Much of the problem, as some of our MPs have recognised, is that we have a largely unregulated housing market. There are things that can be done to damp it down, especially as far as second home purchase is concerned: there are levers to pull such as Stamp Duty and Council Tax rates – and I hope the Government will pull them.

But meanwhile Cornwall Council are having to house homeless single people in 'pods': small single temporary containers. It's much better than nothing, but no one sees that as a long term solution.

That General Synod debate I spoke in was discussing a Church of England report that called for housing to be 'sustainable, safe, stable, sociable and satisfying'. That's what I long to see in housing in Cornwall. Sadly we seem to be a long way from that goal at the moment.

Bishop Philip

Answers to Capitals Quiz on page 5: 1. Canberra 2. Brasilia 3. Nassau 4. Bogota 5. Havana 6. Addis Ababa 7. Ottawa 8. San Salvador 9. Budapest 10. Reykjavik

Obituaries

Catherine April Blandford

22 Feb 1939 to 29 Aug 2021



Catherine was born in London in February 1939. When World War II was declared, Catherine and her mother moved first to Romford, Essex, then to Bristol and later to Somerset. When the war ended, they moved to Charlton, London. It was during this time that Catherine learnt her father had been killed during the North African campaign in August 1942.

In the early 1970s, Catherine became a landlady of a house in Catford, where I was staying. It was during that time that I started bringing her roses, a tradition that I have carried on to this day.

In 1972 Catherine and I moved to New Zealand where our son, Guy, was born. We returned to the UK in 1984, staying first in Somerset and then in Norfolk, where Catherine worked as a legal secretary with a big firm of solicitors then as a legal medical secretary. In 2004 we moved to Saltash and Catherine worked at Derriford Hospital as a legal medical secretary until she retired in 2013.

Catherine had a kind, patient and generous character. She liked singing in the choir, china painting, reading, cooking and dancing. Catherine,

which in Greek means light, will be at rest and guided by a heavenly light to be with her Saviour and God.

I would like to thank all who came to celebrate and remember Catherine and also those who contributed towards the tea, coffee and cake in the Church Hall and those who cleared up afterwards.

Brenton Blandford

Isabelle Ann Chenery



15 Dec 1933 to 18 Aug 2021

Isabelle was born, with her twin sister Peggy, in Saltash. They were Christened and confirmed at St Stephen's and both attended Saltash Grammar School. Isabelle worked in the offices of British Rail and also taught in St Stephen's Sunday school. Later, she moved to St Nicholas and St Faith Church and taught in the Sunday school there. She joined the Church Guild of Youth, and here she met James (Jim) Chenery. They were married in 1959 at St Nicholas and St Faith Church, and later had three children and fostered two Nigerian children.

Isabelle and Jim were both interested in drama and musicals, Jim on the acting side and Isabelle on the production side. She produced many plays and musicals for Saltash Operatic and Dramatic Society. As the years progressed,

Isabelle produced Nativity and passion plays and pantomimes for the churches.

After returning from three years in Gibraltar, Isabelle worked part-time at Scott Hospital as a Nursing Auxillary, and also resumed Sunday School teaching at St Nicholas.

Jim died in 2011 and Isabelle continued to live in Saltash being an active member of many societies including the Mothers' Union. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's six years ago and eventually moved into Tamar House for residential care.

At the funeral Rev Pam Sellix said, 'Isabelle had a life filled with love and she had been hard working and a caring and talented person with many gifts and interests, all used in the service of others, family, friends, the community and the Church.'

Also from SSNF

The last few months have been a sad time for St Nicholas and St Faith Church, when several of our Church friends have died. First David Warren a bell ringer at St Nicholas, then later his wife, Janet Warren who was also a bell ringer, she was also well known as a former teacher at Longstone School, Saltash. Then Joyce Rundle, a Church member all her life and member of the Mothers' Union. Michael Beer, bell ringer for over 45 years, and organiser of Christian Aid collections, and John Bowden who did much behind the scenes helping out at the Church. Recently Isabelle Chenery.

May they rest in peace.

Audrey Miller

Simon and Jude Thaddeus, Apostles

Brenton Blandford

Feast Day: October 28

We don't know much about SS Simon and Jude who were Apostles of Jesus Christ. Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus to teach others about God's love and to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus.

Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called 'the Zealot'. A zealot is a person who is strongly committed to something. In Simon's case, he firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and his teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had

a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter.

Jude was also known as 'Jude Thaddeus.' People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes.



Because Jude had great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord. Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate

causes, the 'saint of last resort,' the one you ask for help when all else fails.

Simon and Jude travelled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptised.

Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St Peter's Basilica.

Some ancient Christian writers say that Simon and Jude went together as missionaries to Persia, and were martyred there. If this is true, it explains, to some extent, our lack of historical information about

them and also why they are usually bracketed together.

These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

Gathering Leaves

Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons.

I make a great noise
Of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer
Running away.

But the mountains I raise
Elude my embrace,
Flowing over my arms
And into my face.

I may load and unload
Again and again
Till I fill the whole shed,
And what have I then?

Next to nothing for weight,
And since they grew duller
From contact with earth,
Next to nothing for colour.

Next to nothing for use.
But a crop is a crop,
And who's to say where
The harvest shall stop?

Robert Frost

The Christmas Tree
Festival launch is
looming: Thursday
30 September,
SSNF Church Rooms
at 7pm

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