

# Saltash Area Newsletter

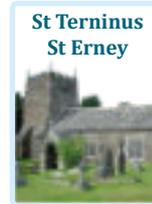
March 2022



St Michael Landrake



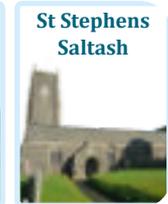
St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM – GROWING THE CHURCH  
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## “How are you?”

Over the past thirty or so months we have been much taken with issues of health. It has been on most people's minds at some time or another. Even those who would consider themselves to be 'healthy' have been unable to avoid it. There has been much information brought to our attention by the media, coupled with knowledge from those with medical expertise to provide a background to the effects of Covid19. Until these recent events I suspect that the majority of us rarely gave any conscious attention or great thought to health, unless we found ourselves 'under the weather' and having

Lent allows us that time when we can pause and give some thought to our 'spiritual health'; to do so before life becomes so tangled and twisted that our emotions draw us into a state of discontent so that our pain becomes unbearable.

'Seek ye the Lord while he may be found.' *Isaiah 55:6*

So before the next six weeks slip away, let's determine to take a new look and find out now how we can strengthen our 'spiritual health' so that we are brought to an acceptable state which cements our union with the living God. As we journey



to visit the surgery.

The latter could well be said of our 'spiritual health'. We potter along life's road in our own way, quite happy to play lip service to the presence of God but not really giving it any thought until something goes wrong and we find ourselves in some form of trouble.

Then our thoughts turn to God. Of course, it is 'his' fault. Why did he not stop it from happening? Why did it happen to me? Why, why, why?

towards Holy Week and Easter, let's spend some time during the day so that by worship, prayer and study we may enrich our 'spiritual health' and enter into a relationship with the healer of nations, communities and, yes, ME.

*Father Brian*

PS It has been great being able to share with you during the 'Transition', now it's back to retirement!

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 1 March**  
3-5pm, St Stephen's Church  
Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

**Tuesday 8 March**  
2pm, St Stephen's Church  
Mothers' Union

**Monday 14 March**  
7pm Ploughboy Inn  
MOSSAF

**Friday 18 March**  
10am, S.T.A.R.T  
Crownhill Fort and lunch

**Saturday 19 March**  
10am to Noon  
SSNF Church Rooms  
Coffee & Cake Morning

**Saturday 19 March**  
3-5pm, St Stephen's Church  
Messy Church

**Thursday 24 March**  
10am, St Stephen's Church  
Children's Society  
Box Opening

*More details on page 4*

Licensing of Richard Magrath, 7pm on Tuesday 8 March at St Mary's in Botus Fleming.

This will be live streamed and can be watched on YouTube or on the website.

## MARCH SERVICES

### Ash Wednesday 2 March

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

7pm Holy Communion

### Sunday 6 March

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am All Age Service

#### St Michael, Landrake

9.30am All Age Service

#### St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

#### St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

### Tuesday 8 March

#### St Mary, Botus Fleming

7pm Licensing of  
Richard Magrath

### Wednesday 9 March

#### St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 13 March

#### 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 20 March

#### 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 Holy Communion

### Mothering Sunday 27 March

#### 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

# Prayer for March

Lent isn't an obvious time for a new beginning.

January makes more sense, as the turning of the year opens up new possibilities. September is also an obvious time for a new start, as summer ends, schools go back and autumn arrives. Easter makes sense too, as we celebrate the new life of the risen Christ. But Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent are not an obvious time for a new beginning.



But this year, just a week after Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, we will be celebrating the start of Revd Richard Magrath's new ministry amongst you. This year, Lent marks a new beginning for you all. And actually, on reflection, maybe the forty days that lead to Easter day are a very good time for something new.

After all, Jesus public ministry began with the forty days spent in the wilderness. And Lent is a time when we are invited to notice the things that we have come to depend on which keep us from God, to strip them away and to start again. In Lent we have the chance to go back to the essentials and to start over.

And so perhaps, you welcome Revd Richard, Kayleigh and baby Elowen at the perfect moment; as Lent begins and you receive its invitation to get back to the essentials and to remember again who you are – God's people in Saltash, Landrake, St Erney and Botus Fleming, called to love Him, to love one another and to love those amongst whom you live and serve.

And so, as Lent starts and this new season in the life of your churches begins, perhaps you'd like to pray this with me:

**Lord of life and love,**

**thank you that you have loved us since the very beginning.**

**As we set out into a new season as God's people in these towns and villages,**

**we pray for Revd Richard and his family,**

**for one another and for those we are called to serve.**

**Grant us the grace to love one another as You love us,**

**the courage to lay aside everything that keeps us from You,**

**and the faith to keep our eyes on You as we step out in faith.**

**This we pray through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

God bless,  
Bishop Hugh



# Lent Quiz

1. How many days are counted in lent?
2. In churches what colour is traditionally associated with the lent season?
3. Which day of the week is NOT included in the lent season?
4. Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday commemorates what?
5. What food is often traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?
6. What is traditionally done on Ash Wednesday?
  - a: Cricket match between Australia and England
  - b: Clean out the chimney
  - c: Put an ash cross on your forehead
7. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on what?
8. What word is not meant to be said or sung during Lent?
9. The Wednesday before Easter is called Holy Wednesday, but is also sometimes called:
  - a: Easter Wednesday
  - b: Spy Wednesday
  - c: It doesn't have another name



Answers on p4

## Recent Events

### Mother's Union

The Mothers' Union members met in February at Carkeel Garden Centre to enjoy our annual winter meal. Good food and good conversation made the time pass convivially.



### Messy Church



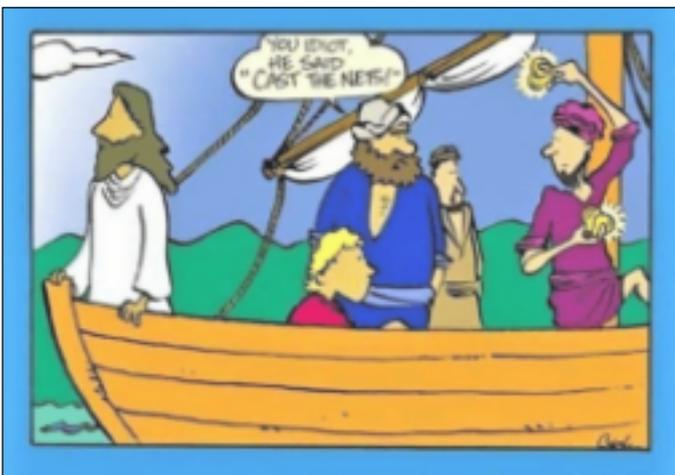
In spite of the wind and the rain, children and their parents came to St Stephen's Church to celebrate the love of God and love for each other. A short film showed the story of the good Samaritan and we joined in songs to remind us that we are all one world and should love our neighbour.

Crafts included a wall hanging to remind us to use our kind hands, decorated hearts to grow on the love tree, and many super models were made to show some of the things that we love personally. The afternoon concluded with a delicious spread – for which we thank Sylvia and Carol. Thanks also go to Pauline, Mary, John and Len and to Darren for his technical services.

### Church Fair Success



A big thank you to all who helped and supported our Church Fair at the end of January. We raised a fantastic £1,332.72 in just two hours for Church Funds.



# What's On

## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St Stephen's Church  
Tuesday 1 March, 3-5pm



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

## Mothers' Union

St Stephen's Church  
Tuesday 8 March, 2pm



We will welcome Lizzie Aspery to  
our meeting. She will talk to us  
about Saltash Heritage.

## MOSSAF



Ploughboy Inn  
Function Room  
Mon 14 March, 7pm

Our Men of St Stephens and Friends  
group returns after a winter break  
when our guest speaker will be our  
new Priest In Charge Rev'd Richard  
Magrath.

New members always welcome.  
For further information please  
contact Steve Hookway  
([stevenhookway@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenhookway@hotmail.com))  
07855 600241. Subs £1 please.

## START

Meet at Wesley  
Friday 18 March, 10am

Visit to Crownhill Fort followed by  
lunch.

## Coffee & Cake Morning

St Nicholas & St Faith  
Church Rooms  
Saturday 19 March,  
10am to Noon



Why not come along and have a cup  
of coffee and piece of cake? There  
will also be cakes for sale.

## Messy Church

St Stephen's Church  
Saturday 19 March, 3-5pm



We shall be celebrating mothers all  
over the world.

## Children's Society Box Opening

St Stephen's Church  
Thursday 24 March, 10am



If you don't have a box, please come  
along for coffee and cake. All money  
raised will go to the Children's  
Society.



Our latest needs:

- Jam
- Sugar
- Disposable razors
- Washing up liquid
- Deodorants (men & women)

## Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl  
or the Co-op and/or donate money  
via the Saltash Foodbank website:

[saltash.foodbank.org.uk](http://saltash.foodbank.org.uk)

## Donations, Please



Can you help support St Stephen's  
Church forthcoming Easter Fair on  
Saturday 9 April, by kindly donating  
an Easter Egg for their Bumper  
Easter Egg Raffle?

If so, then please leave them in the  
box in our social area marked Raffle  
Prizes or contact Steve Hookway  
([stevenhookway@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenhookway@hotmail.com)) to  
arrange collection or delivery.  
Your support as ever is very much  
appreciated.

## Answers to Lent Quiz on page 3:

1. 40
2. Purple because it symbolises both sorrow and royalty.
3. Sunday, because the Lord's day cannot be a day of fasting.
4. The Last Supper
5. Pancakes
6. c: Put an ash cross on your forehead
7. A donkey
8. Alleluia or Halleluiah (This exclamation of praise was not said so it would remain special and used to celebrate and praise God on Easter Sunday.)
9. Spy Wednesday, because Judas spied on Jesus and his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane.

# ON THE WAY

## The Deanery's On the Way has taken a big step forward

A Proposal Document for a way forward for the Deanery, developed by the Steering Group, was circulated to the churches for information and then presented at a Deanery Synod on the 17 February. There was a lively discussion and it became clear that further review and refinement would be needed before we had a version that could be the basis for a formal Deanery Plan that would be widely accepted. A number of direct representations had also been received.

The Proposal was never intended to be seen as the final word, but taking on board the full range of concerns expressed will take more time than had been anticipated. A short extension to the original schedule is therefore being requested before the revised proposals are discussed with the Episcopal College – the Bishops and their advisers.

Please continue to pray for the outcome, and for those of us involved in the process.

The Proposal can be found here:

<https://saltashteamministry.org/assets/docs/on-the-way-proposal.pdf>

and an article about the proposal by Rev Joe Lannon from Callington here:

<https://saltashteamministry.org/assets/docs/on-the-way-proposal-pray.pdf>

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## What's On

### Hot Cross Buns and Easter Fun

St Stephen's Church  
Saturday 9 April, 10am-1pm



Something for everyone. Details to follow.

### Plymouth Area Police Choir

Friday 22 April, 7pm



Not to be missed. Details to follow.

### Saltash May Fair Refreshments

SSNF Church Rooms  
Saturday 7 May

Pop in for bacon butties plus much more.

### Prosecco Afternoon Tea

SSNF Church Rooms  
Saturday 11 June

Tickets £10. Queen's Platinum awards to be presented. Details to follow.



## Indifference

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged Him on a tree,  
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;  
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,  
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by.  
They would not hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;  
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,  
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do,'  
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through;  
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,  
And Jesus crouched against a wall, and cried for Calvary.

**GA Studdert Kennedy**

*In his poem, Kennedy compares the behaviour of Christ's contemporaries with our behaviour today towards the stranger and the outcast, and challenges us in Lent to consider whether we are following Christ to Golgotha. Patrick Comerford*

Please email articles for the March issue to: [newsletter@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:newsletter@saltashteamministry.org) by 20 March.