

Saltash Area Newsletter

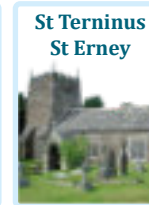
July / August 2023



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terninus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

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Who has terrible tusks and terrible claws?

Before my daughter was born, I thought that one of the benefits of having a child would be getting the inspiration to write a timeless classic children's book. After all *The Hobbit*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* – all first started life as just attempts to entertain a nearby child, if I remember rightly.

But, though the baby came, inspiration did not. Perhaps it was for the best: reading the old *Thomas the Tank Engine* stories by the Rev'd W Awdry, I can't help but wonder how much the trains and their dramas reflect the Reverend's own parishioners. (The original Thomas stories are also unbelievably boring.)

On the plus side, this did open up a new world to me of modern (ie later than my own childhood) children's literature: the sort of books that are printed, not on paper, but on boards, so you cannot eat them.

Julia Donaldson (*The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom*, etc) is obviously the queen here. Her books are so fun to recite aloud, it feels more like performing than reading: from the catchy rhythm of *The*

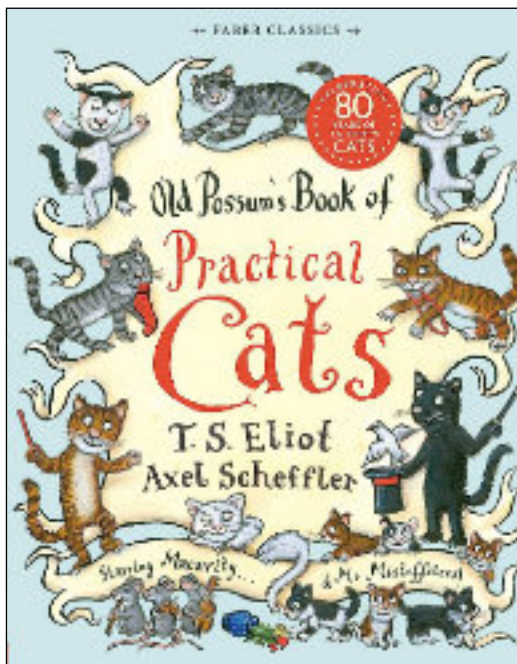
Gruffalo to the primitive beats of the *Tales from Acorn Woods* series, specially for little children, "Poor old fox / has lost his socks / he looks in a chest / and finds his vest". The only criticism I have is that the lift-the-flap flaps can sometimes be hard to flip.

Even in the land of baby's board books,

there can be a certain, unexpected darkness; even deeper the momentary peril of being threatened by a dragon or Gruffalo. In Jon Klassen's award winning *I Want My Hat Back* and sequels, the theft of a hat is punished severely. In *Not Now, Bernard*, a small

boy who is regularly ignored by his parents ("not now, Bernard"), is eaten by a monster, who then tries to menace Bernard's parents, only to be ignored in turn. It's like something out of Kafka.

Of course, darkness in children's literature is one of those things that 'twas ever thus, "Don't go into Mr McGregor's garden," warned old Mrs Rabbit, "your Father had an accident there; he was put in a pie by Mrs McGregor." What repressed trauma indeed!



Diary Dates

Monday 10 July
6.30pm, Weary Friar
MOSSAF

Tuesday 11 July
2pm, SSNF Church
Mothers' Union

Saturday 15 July
Noon to 2pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 15 July
2pm to 4pm
St Michael's Church
Nature Afternoon
with Cream Tea

Saturday 15 July
3pm to 5pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

Friday 21 July
11am Saltram House
S.T.A.R.T.

Saturdays 5 & 19 August
10am to 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Bacon Butties

Saturday 5 August
3pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union Cream Tea

Monday 14 August
7pm, St Stephen's Church
MOSSAF – with Canon
Chancellor of Truro
Cathedral, Alan Bashforth

Friday 18 August
Noon, Community Kitchen
S.T.A.R.T

Thursday 24 August
6.30pm, St Stephen's
Church – Italian Evening

JULY / AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 2 July / 6 August

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Family Service

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 9 July / 13 August

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 16 July / 20 August

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

Sunday 23 July / 27 August

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 30 July

St Mary, Botus Fleming

10am United Holy Communion

Every Tuesday

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

4pm Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

G K Chesterton (1874-1936) famously defended darkness in children's stories, the child would have made the dragon in his imagination anyway; the story tells him that St George can slay the dragon. Or at least – looking back to some of the stories above – we can suggest that the dragon is something one can at least cope with, even with a wry smile.

This is something I think about at baptisms. Baptism is a good thing and nice: a “washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3.5). But it is also being united with Christ in his death (Romans 6.3-4). Dipping someone into the font is the image is of washing, but also of drowning, or burial – and resurrection. In ancient icons of the baptism of Jesus, the waters of baptism look dark and murky indeed – sometimes the painter even adds dragons!

This isn't something we talk about much at baptisms. But maybe we should. Baptism is not just a nice thing to do, but a real gift for a real, sometimes dark and dangerous world. The same world that Christ came into, and which literally buried him; but which he also overcame.

Meanwhile I see from the news that some American schools have banned the Bible, as a book not suitable for younger readers. But the darkness still is there, whether you dare to look at it or not. And darkness is something that the Bible never fails to engage with – in many, sometimes complicated, ways, admittedly. But the Bible is clear that darkness, in the end, is never able to overcome the light of the world, the light of the Word, which is a lantern to our feet and a light to our path.(Psalm 119.105).

Someone once told me a story about a local school who wanted a talk on Easter – ‘but could you try not to mention the crucifixion?’ Yet even Elowen's little lift-the-flap Bible does not shy away from this:

*“Jesus knew he would die. It was all right. God planned it long ago. Jesus would take the blame for every wrong thing anyone had ever done. The soldiers killed Jesus on a cross. They put his body in a tomb and rolled a stone in front. But God's special plan hadn't ended...”**

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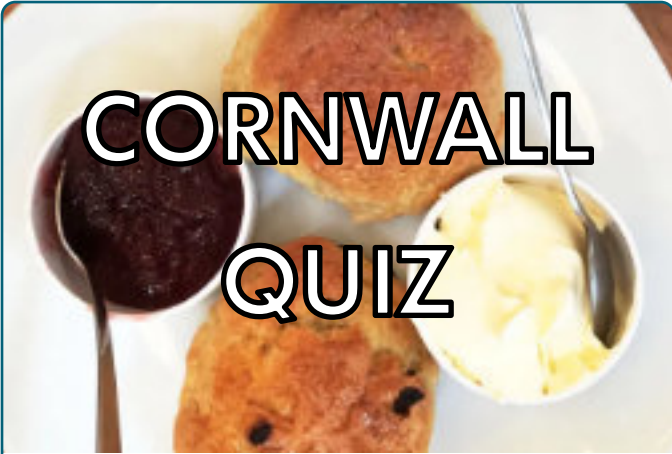
*from *Lift the Flap Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones and Trace Moroney – highly recommended by me as a good children's bible for under 7s.

Rev'd Richard will be leaving us in September



Bishop Philip has received the Revd Magrath's resignation as priest in charge of the benefice of Saltash (St Nicholas & St Faith and St Stephen) and priest in charge of the benefice of Landrake (St Michael) with St Erney and Botus Fleming. This takes place with effect from 3 September 2023.

Bishop Philip thanks the Revd Magrath for his ministry in these parishes and wishes him God's blessing on him for all the future holds. Rev'd Magrath wishes the deanery well with implementing their deanery plan, but believes it is not a ministry to which he himself is called.



CORNWALL QUIZ

1. Traditionally, what goes on a scone in a Cornish cream tea first?
a) Jam b) Cream
2. Which of these ingredients does not belong in a traditional Cornish pasty?
a) Onion b) Swede c) Carrot d) Potato
3. Stargazy pie is a...
a) Fish Pie b) Cornish Dessert c) Bakery in Cornwall d) Cornish Food Magazine
4. Which Cornish village was the ITV show Doc Martin filmed?
a) The Lizard b) Mousehole c) Port Isaac d) St Buryan
5. Which one of these ingredients can be found in Hevva Cake?
a) Chocolate chips b) Cherries c) Apples d) Raisins
6. Which James Bond film was partially filmed in Cornwall??
a) Casino Royale b) Die Another Day c) Tomorrow Never Dies d) Spectre
7. What is the national bird of Cornwall?
a) Kestrel b) Starling c) Seagull d) Chough
8. According to British folklore, the Beast of Bodmin Moor is what type of animal?
a) Dog b) Bear c) Wolf d) Cat
9. Which of the following words means 'fish' in Cornish?
a) Edhen b) Oggy c) Pysk d) Sarf
10. In what year did Dame Ellen MacArthur break the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, starting and ending from Falmouth?
a) 2007 b) 2008 c) 2009 d) 2010

Answers on p4

Recent Events

Messy Church



50 people came into St Stephens Church on 17 June to hear the story of Noah's Ark and take part in crafts to celebrate the story. Paper boats were made (and floated), a mobile with Noah's family under the rainbow was created and biscuits were decorated with rainbows. Many animals were crafted and placed in the Ark (see above). The children even found time to make a card for a special person on Father's Day.

Our worship reflected on the story and one brave child took on the role of the dove and searched the Church for an olive branch! As well as having fun, I hope that, in common with Noah, we all learnt at least three things from the story: (i) take no notice of people who ridicule you for following God's will (ii) Prepare well to fulfil God's wishes and (iii) remember that God is always with us.

Of course the afternoon finished with a spread provided by Sylvia and Carol. We are so grateful for all our helpers at Messy Church.

If there is anyone out there who could play the music for our worship once a month, I'd love to hear from you!

Sandra McKee



The vegetable plot at St Michael's is coming along well

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Hugh to our Church for our June meeting

Bishop Hugh is currently the Bishop of St Germans and the Armed Forces Bishop. He comes from a Christian family and many of his family were members of the clergy. He had no thoughts of becoming a priest although he has been a Christian all his life. One day he went into a second-hand bookshop that had a book on the shelf about Community work, thought that God had led him there and decided to go to a community in L'Arche (people with and without learning disability, on a mission to build a world where everyone belongs) and was amazed by it. When he returned to London he went to the L'Arche centre where he stayed for 15 years. He said that he had learned about the 'beauty' of people whilst there.

After leaving L'Arche, Hugh became a priest and served in Kent for several years. He was consecrated as a Bishop in Lambeth Palace during the time of Covid and moved to Cornwall with his wife and children to be installed as Bishop of St Germans and later as the Armed Forces Bishop.

We had a very interesting Q&A session after which the members responded with a round of rapturous applause and thanked him for giving his time to talk to us.

In July our members will be visiting the Weary Friar to enjoy a meal together and then in August we are delighted to welcome guest speaker Canon Chancellor of Truro Cathedral, Alan Bashforth.

If you wish to join MOSSAF please get in touch with Steve Hookway, Roger Rowse or Dave Coot.

Answers to Quiz on p 3:

1. a) Jam 2. c) Carrot 3. a) Fish pie 4. c) Port Isaac
5. d) Raisins 6.b) Die Another Day 7. d) Chough 8. d) Cat
9. c) Pysk 10. a) 2007

A Boat Beneath a Sunny Sky

A boat beneath a sunny sky,
Lingering onward dreamily
In an evening of July –

Children three that nestle near,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Pleased a simple tale to hear –

Long has faded that sunny sky:
Echoes fade and memories die:
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,
Alice moving under skies
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,
Eager eye and willing ear,
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,
Dreaming as the days go by,
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream –
Lingering in the golden gleam –
Life, what is it but a dream?

By Lewis Carroll

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who support the Children's Society with the house boxes. This year, you raised £576.89. This amount includes a donation and money raised from the sale of coffee and cake. This is an amazing amount especially when we are all struggling with the rising cost of living.

A big thank you to Len, Ray and Roger who open the boxes and count money. Also Sylvia for her support serving tea and cake.

Lesley Batham



Prayer for International Unrest

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son,
the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in
authority, and bring the families of the
nations, divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin, to be subject to his just
and gentle rule.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Recent Events continued

Mother's Union

In June, Mothers' Union held their afternoon meeting in St Stephens. After prayers and notices, we welcomed Rev Lynn Parker. Lynn came to tell us "Her Story" beginning with a happy childhood in the 50s, in the Midlands and Somerset. Lynn was adopted into a Christian family where she gained two brothers and two sisters. Regular Sunday worship was normal to the family and Lynn became involved in the Church family. She heard God speaking to her when she was 14 years old. He assured her that He had a job for her and Lynn aimed to fulfil that promise. Throughout a career in Boots, sales executive, wife to Tony, mother to two children, teacher and having survived a serious illness, Lynn has kept her faith in God. Later, after many church roles and much training, Lynn became the Priest for Torpoint, Maryfield, Anthony and Shevioc, upon the retirement of Brian Anderson. When Lynn retired, she and her husband came to live in Saltash and she is a regular at the Wednesday morning service. Although retired, Lynn was recently commissioned as Rural Dean of East Wivelshire. As Lynn said, "only God knows the rest of her story."



We thank Lynn for her story and for her company.

Next month Mothers' Union will be visiting St Nicholas Church for a talk from Richard Margetts.

Floral Art and Craft Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who entered and supported our Floral Art and Craft Exhibition in any way. especially all who supplied exhibits and donated the floral arrangements which were magnificent.

The Church was open from Thursday to Sunday with Bacon Butties being served on the Saturday. Just over £500 was raised for Church funds.

Thank you for your continuing support for Ukraine with donations of items and cash to

be sent out there, with a special thanks to Hilary Green for all the bargains she keeps finding and donating.

Darren's Cars in Callington are really appreciative of all the help we give and will continue to give.



What's on over the Summer

Ploughman's Lunch

SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 15 July, Noon to 2pm



Ham or Cheese Ploughmans with various salads plus a pudding. £6.

Please feel free to bring your own drinks if you should wish anything stronger than tea or coffee.

Nature Afternoon with Cream Tea

St Michael's Church
Saturday 15 July, 2-4pm



No entry fee – come to see how the churchyard is getting greener, how the vegetable plot is coming on and enjoy a classic cream tea. A warm welcome awaits!

Bacon Buttie Mornings

SSNF Church Rooms
Saturdays 5 & 19 August
10am to 1pm



Come and enjoy breakfast with friends – not to be missed!

Italian Evening

St Stephen's Church
Thursday 24 August, 6.30pm



MENU

To Welcome You

Dips and Crudités

Main Courses

(served with tomato, mozzarella, onion and basil salad
OR garlic bread)

Chicken Pasta in pesto, tomatoes, white wine, finished with cream

Beef Lasagne

Vegetable Lasagne

Desserts

Tiramisu

Panna Cotta

Please bring your own choice of drink

£12 per person.

To book your place please sign the list in the west end of St Stephen's Church or contact Dave Coot

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d.coot@btinternet.com

Payments please to Dave Coot asap (very latest 13 August) – cash or cheque only. Please make cheques payable to PCC St Stephen.

Catering by Julie Turner
Cakes and Catering

☎ 07816 599027

julieturnercakes@hotmail.com

Choir Concert at Landulph Church



Thank you to everyone who came to the concert at Landulph Church on the 20 May with the Pelynt and Burraton Male Voice Choirs and Claire Fry on the flute. The concert raised the fantastic sum of £912 for the church, from which donations will also be made to our chosen charity, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and another donation will be made in aid of Pancreatic Cancer.



Our latest needs are:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Jam
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Meat (not pies)
- Packet Puddings (eg Jelly, Angel Delight)
- Toiletries (especially razors, shaving foam, deodorants)

Make a difference!

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

saltash.foodbank.org.uk

St Mary's Flower Festival



The Churches in the Saltash Team, with the addition of Landulph, were together again for the festival. The weather was kind and visitors included both old families returning and couples new to the area.

Messrs Pengelleys generously supported the day which raised £600. Many thanks to the organisers for their support and hard work and to George Roberts, the Landulph/ St Dominic organist, for his one-hour recital and the St Stephens bell ringers and friends including two Botus learners.

Thanks to Di Burrows for the photos.



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