

# Saltash Area Newsletter

February 2024

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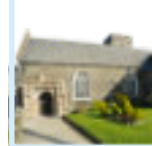
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St Terninus  
St Erney



SS Nicholas &  
Faith, Saltash



St Stephens  
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## The Changing Seasons

As I put pen to paper with these thoughts for the February Newsletter, we are just a few days into the Season of Epiphany, but by the time this newsletter appears in our churches, the crib sets are once again being packed away because Candlemas has come and gone – then in a very short space of time we will observe Ash Wednesday and launch into Lent!

Hardly time to draw breath as the Seasons of the Church year can change very rapidly at this time of year when Easter falls in the month of March.

We hear much talk and comment on our changing seasons in

association with climate and climate change and the effect on the environment. Warmer winters and hotter summers, though not always, but a situation none the less that we all have a duty to play our part in to prevent further climate damage for the future.

Being a country girl at heart I like the seasonal changes of the year and the way it impacts upon my life and lifestyle. The things I observe in nature around me in the village of Landrake never cease to fill me with wonder and amazement. The flora and fauna of my ever-changing garden landscape is beautiful. These currently short dark days of winter that gently expand into the longer and brighter days of spring before summer



warmth fills our bodies and then the autumn colours that saturate our countryside with such vibrancy delights us with all that nature offers. Yes, you've guessed I love living in the countryside and exploring all that it has to offer.

Back in the 1970s and 1980s, the then Vicar of Landrake and surrounding area was The Rev Donald Richards and, for

many years, he would contribute to the monthly East Wivelshire Deanery Magazine by writing about nature, God's creation, the changing seasons and what he observed from his clergy dwelling in St Erney.

Donald was keenly observant of all the changes that took place month by month within the countryside and in the farming world, which was then a big part of rural ministry. He wrote eloquently and encouraged a huge appreciation from those who read the magazine of the great bounty and wonder of God's creation and in particular the changing seasons not just environmentally, but also the changing seasons within the Church year.

The seasons observed by the Church are a very useful and necessary way to keep us on our toes and up to speed with Christ's life. The Lectionary (though not always obvious at times) with its daily readings and Sunday reading cycles take us through sections of the Old Testament

### Coming Up

**Saturday 3 February**

**9.30 to Noon**

**St Stephen's Church**

Food Market & Table Top Sale

**Tuesday 13 February**

**Noon**

Mothers' Union Lunch

**Tuesday 13 February**

**3pm to 5pm**

**St Stephen's Church**

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

**Friday 16 February**

**12.30pm**

S.T.A.R.T.

**Saturday 17 February**

**3pm to 5pm**

**St Stephen's Church**

Messy Church

**Saturday 17 February**

**6pm, Sir Robert Geffery**

**Memorial Hall, Landrake**

Beetle Drive

**Saturday 24 February**

**St Nicholas & St Faith**

**Church Rooms**

Australian Evening

### Father Christmas arriving at Forder Carol Service



## FEBRUARY SERVICES

### Sunday 4 February

**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 Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Matins

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am All Age Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

### Sunday 11 February

**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

### Ash Wednesday 14 February

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Ash Wednesday Service

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

### Sunday 18 February

**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 All Age Service

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Sunday 25 February

**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

### Every Wednesday

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Morning Service

and the New Testament and give us structure, teaching and a handle to grasp in observing the changes of the Church seasons.

The vestment colours and altar frontals remind us of the seasons and their relevance and by the time you read this we will have changed our vesture from gold/white to green and in a very short time to purple or lent array as we reach Ash Wednesday and our observance of Lent.

As we observe and travel through the changes in nature around us, so we also must walk through the Church year observing the seasonal changes that give us opportunity to fully participate in worship, prayer and learning and to become that more grounded and active in our journey of faith.

Lent is a great opportunity to do just that in order to appreciate the relevance of the season and to deepen our commitment to our Lord on his journey to the cross and all that it means for us and for the world (if the world would only listen).

My prayer for one and all is that you will journey well through the changing seasons, with senses fully alert to be able to appreciate not only the beauty and wonder of God's creation around you, but also the wonderful seasons of the Church year as they change and illustrate to us our Lord's journey here on earth that gives us so much more for our lives.

Malcolm Guite, in his poem *Ash Wednesday*, gives us a timely reminder of what is important to consider for this season of Lent.

## Ash Wednesday

Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,  
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross;  
The forests of the world are burning now  
And you make late repentance for the loss.  
But all the tress of God would clap their hands,  
The very stones themselves would shout and sing,  
If you would covenant to love these lands  
And recognise in Christ their Lord and King.  
He sees the slow destruction of those tress,  
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,  
And still you make what purchases you please  
And still to dust and ashes you return.  
But hope could rise from ashes even now,  
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.

I wish you a Holy, prayerful and meaningful Lent 2024.

With my blessing,  
Rev'd Jo

# Welcome to Michael, Our New Rural Dean



The Revd Michael Johnson was commissioned by the Bishop of St Germans as the new Rural Dean and Strategic Lead of East Wivelshire Deanery at a service at St Germans Priory Church, St Germans on Wednesday 10 January. At the service Michael was also licensed as Assistant Curate of the Benefices of The Callington Cluster, The Tamar Valley, Landrake with St Erney & Botus Fleming, Saltash, St Germans with Antony & Sheviock, and Maker with Rame, Millbrook, St John & Torpoint.

Michael trained in business management, theology and theatre, and has applied all three to his work with the Church. His wife, Yulia and their daughters Polina (7) and Milana (5), have moved to St Germans, but look forward to joining all 19 parishes as we journey together on The Saints Way.

Michael was most recently involved leading a team of churches in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. He was previously Creative Mission Enabler for the Sonning Deanery (Oxford diocese). Michael said, 'I was inspired to accept this role in East Wivelshire because of this deanery's commitment to change, to reorganise, to connect, to serve, to welcome and to grow together. I really look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months. I've already met so many warmhearted and faith-filled people.'

## A Rocha Easy Eco-Tips for February

Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living? Explore some of these changes at [arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/](http://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/)



Thank You to St Stephen's Church for having a lovely Christmas tree at the back of the church in time for the school visits. It was lovely to see when entering, and made the church feel Christmassy at this special time of year.



Our latest needs:

- Sugar
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Squash
- Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Deodorant
- Laundry Powder

### Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, Food Warehouse, the Co-op or in the boxes at the back of the Saltash Churches and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: [saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)

## Priest-in-charge – Update

Two local candidates for priest-in-charge visited Saltash in January and were interviewed by representatives of our churches. See the [website](#) and pew sheets for updates.

# Lent Quiz

1. How many days are there in Lent?  
a) 42 b) 40 c) 39
2. What was the original meaning of Lent?  
a) Spring b) Sacrifice c) Giving
3. What's the first day of Lent called?  
a) Good Friday b) Ash Wednesday c) Palm Sunday
4. What colour vestments do priest wear during Lent?  
a) Purple b) White c) Gold
5. What prayer of the mass is omitted during Lent?  
a) Our Father b) The Nicene Creed c) The Gloria
6. What snack originated in Lent as it contained only flour, salt and water?  
a) Pretzels b) Crisps c) Nachos
7. What event in Jesus' life do the palms recall for us?  
a) Jesus' birth b) The entrance into Jerusalem c) The crucifixion
8. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?  
a) Judas Iscariot b) Simon of Cyrene c) Paul of Tarsus
9. When does the liturgical season of Lent end?  
a) Maundy Thursday b) Easter Day c) Palm Sunday

Answers on p6



## Recent Events

### S.T.A.R.T.



Our final talk for this year was in November at Wesley given by Jade Beavan, Community Liaison Manager for MVV Environment Devonport Ltd.

The theme was *How did Plymouth, Torquay and West Devon solve their Landfill Problem?*

The solution was provided by the Combined Heat and Power from Waste facility, completed in 2015 by German Energy company MVV and visible just across the river.

The unit burns about a hundred lorry loads (265,000 tonnes) of non-recyclable waste per day at 1,000°C, at a rate of 32 tonnes per hour giving some 25% ash. The steam produced drives a 25 MW turbine with 23.4 MW of the load supplying the adjacent Dockyard together with some of the usable heat; the surplus heat can not be used at present which reduces the efficiency of the plant to 28%.

The owners of the Incinerator were surprised that our system for the reclaim of valuable metals from waste prior to delivery at the plant is such that the 'incinerator bottom ash' has a high percent of metals. This has supported another industry being set up in 2006 with a depot in Exeter, called *Rock Solid Processing Ltd.* This new company takes all the ash / clinker and processes it to recover the ferrous and non-ferrous metals and grade the remaining aggregate for the construction industry.

This was an interesting talk with a video and samples and stimulated many questions.

The group closed the year with a Christmas Lunch at The China Fleet Club together with Saltash Probus Club and our ladies.

The group met on 19 January 2024 with Lunch at The Community Kitchen, then gathered at Wesley to agree a draft programme for the New Year.

We would be pleased to welcome prospective new members.

## Recent Events continued

### Christmas Tree Festival at SSNF

This year's festival was extended by one week due to popular demand. It was very well attended and we even made *Spotlight* this year, not bad, it being our 17th Festival.

Special thanks must go to the organisers, not forgetting the stewards who gave up their time to make sure that the trees were all switched on and were always on hand to



answer any questions that arose from people who came to see the trees. Thanks also to everybody who supported the festival.

We had 77 exhibits this year, and every year it takes on a different ambience. So far we have had enquiries from six other prospective entrants for the coming year.

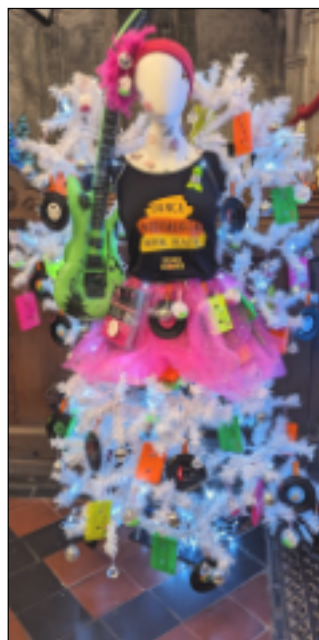
We start planning at the



end of August when all the invite letters and emails go out.

Bacon Butties were served on the Saturday mornings, with tea and cake in the afternoon.

Once again, thank you to all those who helped in any way, however small, to help us reach the total of just over £5,000.



## Margaret Dolan



With sadness we report the death of Mrs Margaret Dolan, who was a member of the Saltash Team Ministry Lay team for many years and a regular member of St Nicholas and St Faith congregation. She often attended St Stephen's Church Wednesday services although she had lived in Devonport, Plymouth for several years.

Margaret was born in North East of England into a coal mining family on the 27 July 1939. After leaving school, she worked for Lord Lambton as a secretary on his estate.

She married John Dolan, a colliery fitter and they had two sons. John and Steve. Later, when the children were older Margaret returned to work for Lord Lambton at Lion Park, near Chester-Le-Street. When her marriage ended Margaret moved to East Sussex as a live-in housekeeper, then moved to Plymouth, but for a while lodged at Saltash where she attended St Nicholas and St Faith Church.

She lived in Devonport for forty years, where she died in her sleep in November 2023. Margaret kept contact with St Nicholas and St Faith Church, attending services there and at St Stephen by Saltash Church and was on the Lay team of the joint Churches. She was also a member of the Saltash Churches Ladies' Fellowship. She also attended services at St Michael and St Barnabas with St Aubyn's Devonport.

Margaret was always ready to help anyone and at St Nicholas Church she helped at the Christmas tree festival each year. She also built and exhibited a model village in the Church. Margaret regularly visited patients in Derriford hospital. She was a compassionate life carer, humble, kind and patient person and her Christian faith was the central part of her life.

While living in Plymouth, Margaret met her long term partner John Randall who died six years ago. They both loved travelling and visited North and Central America, Europe and the far East, but she never lost touch with her North East roots and almost every year attended the Durham Miners' Gala. Her family was very important to her.

Margaret will be very much missed. May she rest in peace.

## Recent Events continued

### Mother's Union



We began our January meeting with prayers, remembering Elaine Smith and Jill Berry, who passed away over Christmas and Dorothy Tucker who was still in hospital.

We then welcomed Martin Lister who told us the story of Joseph Antonio Emidy, whose name he had seen on the

tombstone in Kenwynne churchyard. His talk was entitled *From Slavery to Symphony*.



Joseph was born in 1775 in Guinea West Africa. When he was 12, he was captured by slave traders and taken to Brazil to be sold. His owner was an enlightened man who gave his slaves an education. The Jesuits taught Joseph music and his owner gave him a violin. He converted to Christianity and became a virtuoso on the violin. He was so accomplished he was sent to Lisbon to study and there he became a star in the Opera House. His talent was noted by an English captain who arranged to have him kidnapped and brought to England, so that he could listen to him playing.

At the age of 24, Joseph arrived in Falmouth, a free man, and supported himself by teaching others the violin and writing music. He married a local girl in 1802 and went on to have eight children. When he died, the town of Falmouth held a benefit concert for his family.

This was a story of man overcoming adversity and finding fame. It was a good to think that the people of Falmouth saw through the colour of his skin and accepted him as an equal and a great musician.

We were all grateful for Martin giving us his time, and hope that he will visit us again in the future.

### Messy Church

At our Messy party in December we had a great time with games and party food. Some of the children dressed up to act out the nativity and everyone sang out the carols. Happy families went home with chocolate in pretty boxes that they had crafted.

We met in January to celebrate *Christ the Light of the World*. The children crafted decorated light bulbs for the display board in St Stephens, painted lighthouse pictures and made suncatchers and lanterns.



In our worship we thought about the Light of Christ Jesus coming into our hearts and then beaming out to others. God had promised to send a light to the world, not a candle or a lighthouse or a lantern, but a small baby who grew up to be a beacon of love. With the church lights turned off and our handmade lanterns held high, we sang *This Little Light of Mine*. Such a wonderful atmospheric moment – all ages, from babes in arms to grandparents, praising God through music and craft.



We look forward to the third Saturday in February when we will consider the story of Jonah and the Whale.

**Answers to Quiz on p4:** 1. b) 40 2. a) Spring 3. b) Ash Wednesday 4. a) Purple 5. c) The Gloria 6. a) Pretzels 7. b) The entrance into Jerusalem 8. b) Simon of Cyrene 9. a) Maundy Thursday at sundown.

# One Home

The world is dying  
People are crying  
And help is nowhere  
to be seen

Cos kindness and compassion,  
Can act as our bastion  
When we step up and  
work as a team

This is our home  
That's turning to stone  
As we jump around with glee

Because new power plants  
And electrical systems  
Take priority over trees

As she gives us trees  
And birds and bees  
And flowers that bloom  
as we see

She feeds us and houses us  
Puts up with rowdiness  
Yet no thanks appear to be.

As we ruin her rivers  
And her beautiful seas  
For selfish greed needs.

A poem from Ella, a young person  
helped by The Children's Society

## What's On

### Food Market & Table Top Sale

St Stephen's Church  
Saturday 3 February  
9.30am to Noon



We have yet another fantastic selection of food traders for our first fundraising event of 2024, including many attending for the very first time, such as The Blondie Bar, Cornish Garlic Co, Liskeard Hive, Moors Edge Chocolate, North Cornwall Chilli Farm and The Original Cornish Pasties.

Regular Favourites will be there too including Trehill Farm Produce, The Ladybird Bakery and Home Farm Cornwall plus many more.

Refreshments will be available including Bacon Rolls, Cheese Scones and Toasted Tea Cakes.

Why not pop along? It would be great to see you. Free entry.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St Stephen's Church  
Tuesday 13 February  
3pm to 5pm



No need to scrape pancakes off your ceiling – enjoy pancakes and tea or coffee with friends at St Stephen's.

### Beetle Drive

in aid of Landrake and St Erney  
church window fund

Sir Robert Geffery  
Memorial Hall

Saturday 17 February, 6pm



£3 includes soup and a roll supper starter. Bring a pudding to share.

Sign-up sheet at Landrake Stores.

### Australian Evening SSNF Church Rooms Saturday 24 February



Why not come along and join our beach party, perhaps dress for a day on the beach with sun cream, sunglasses swimsuits! and hats. Oh and don't forget your 'esky', full of cold beers etc.

Tickets will be £6.50, watch the pew sheets for more details.

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