

# Saltash Team Newsletter

"Discovering God's Kingdom, Growing the Church"

Message from Rev Cathy Sigrist, Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends

## **The Festival of Errors – or – It's ok to fail!**

Some of the most important medical discoveries of our time were the result of a mistake. Lifesavers like the smallpox vaccine and penicillin were unexpected results of people experimenting and looking for quite different results.

A group of people in Paris felt this principle was so important that a few years ago they made it the foundation of a festival. "The Festival of Errors" set out to teach children it was OK to fail. These people were concerned that the learning environment in which French children grow up doesn't allow them to make mistakes, and, by making mistakes, to cultivate flexibility of mind, problem-solving abilities and self-confidence. To create an environment where mistakes are not possible, they argued, is to make learning more difficult and to close down all kinds of possibilities that might emerge in a messier approach.

Jesus' disciples, would, I feel sure, have approved of such a festival and would have joined in whole heartedly as they were always making mistakes!

Even though they had spent, what today would be called "quality-time" with their Lord and Master, they so often just didn't get the point.

They just didn't understand who Jesus was – at least not at first. They didn't even get it when he calmed storms, walked on water, fed the 5,000 or brought the dead back to life. But Jesus remained calm and showed great patience with his motley crew and they for their part persevered to explore all possibilities and eventually, the penny dropped. This person that they had been travelling with, eating with and sharing stories with, was the Messiah. He was the Saviour of the world, come to be one of us here on this earth and come to save us.

Today, Christianity is the largest religion in the world with over 2 billion followers around the world – i.e. nearly a third of the global population. In Britain today, some 42 million people describe themselves as Christian, and there are 6 million who are actively practising.

But what would have happened if The Disciples had just given up and walked away the first time that they got things wrong? If they had just given up because they didn't understand? The disciples were a rather motley crew, but they – even though they made mistakes – continued to ask questions and to explore new possibilities and were the founders of the Christian faith, which we know today spread right across the globe.

So I hope that this is an encouragement to anyone who may be trying to achieve something, but hasn't quite got there yet. You may not even achieve what you set out to do, you may achieve even more! And like Jesus' 12 Disciples, you just never know what you can achieve if you don't give up and are not afraid to "have another go" if you don't get it right the first time.

In the New Year we will be launching a "Discipleship" course – to help us all explore what it really means to be a Disciple of Christ. I do know that the material has had a profound effect on those who are already following the course, so please do look out for further details – you never know – you could be the person who can literally change the world – but you need to take that first step. As John Ortberg said "If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat"!

Yours in Christ

*Cathy*

## **St. Stephen's Church Social Committee**



To John Lissenden for organising the coach trip to Salisbury last August. A pleasant day was had by all. Thanks John.

A Christmas Shopper to Bath is being now on sale, more details follow.

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - St. Stephen's Church**

**Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm Start**

We are delighted to welcome The Salvation Army Band for a fundraising concert at our Church. Tickets costing £5 each are on sale now from Roger Rowse ( 01752 843766) and other members of our social committee following Wednesday and Sunday morning Services also at Piglets (Fore Street) or you can pay on the night.

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Café Abundance**

**St. Stephen's Church - Mid-day to 1.30pm**

We are delighted to welcome Café Abundance for the first time and hopefully many more to follow. With approximately a third of all the food produced in the world ending up wasted and an increasing number of people suffering food poverty, Café Abundance, as part of the network of Real Junk Food Projects around the country, intercepts food that would be binned and turns it into lovely healthy meals. Tackling the environmental nightmare of putting food into landfill, or the nonsense (in terms of energy lost) of driving waste food to anaerobic digesters is crucial, as is educating the public about minimising food waste. Healthy eating is difficult for those in food poverty and social exclusion is a reality that comes from poverty. Café Abundance, through its Pop-Up lunches, provides social community eating crossing socio-economic boundaries allowing food to be valued and individuals to 'Pay As You Feel', either in money, time or skills.

Menu for the visit to our Church will be announced a few days before so watch your emails and social media sites for details. Go on give it a try and if it's a success we can make it a more regular event.

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Food Market and Table Top Sale**

**St. Stephen's Church - 9am to 11.30am**

Come along and find a bargain or unearth a new treasure.

Local Food traders will be here to selling Fresh Bread, Cheese, Jam, Brownies, Fresh Fruit n Vegetables, Belgian Chocolates, Olive Oil, Chutneys, Flavoured Vinegars, Retro & Traditional Sweets, Marmalades, Scotch Eggs, Olives, Cornish Pasties and much more.

Church Fundraising Stalls will also be present.

Refreshments available including Bacon Rolls

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**St. Stephen's Church Fundraising Stalls will be at:**

**Wesley Saltash Methodist Church Craft Fair**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 10am to 3pm**

Over 40 great stalls to browse and buy from.

Model Railway

Refreshments including light lunches

Entry 50p – All profits to charity

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**Body Shop & Pamper Evening**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - St. Stephen's Church**

**7pm Start**

Representatives from The Body Shop will be on hand to advise and take orders for your everyday toiletries and Christmas Gifts.

Hand Massages and Mini Facials will be on offer with all profits going to Church Funds.

Also Big Place By The Sea will be present with their wonderful selection of bags and scarves.

Church fundraising Stalls will be in attendance too.

Refreshments, Raffle and Lucky Dip. Free Entry.

## **BATH CHRISTMAS SHOPPER**

### **THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER - £16 per person**

We are running a coach trip to Bath, leaving from outside St. Stephen's Church at 8am and arriving in Bath at Mid-day approx. You then can do as you please before the coach leaves at 5pm returning back to Saltash at 8.30pm approx.

Comfort stops on both journeys.

To book your seat contact Steve Hookway on 07855 600241

Or email [stevenhookway@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenhookway@hotmail.com)

Payment up front please.

Bath has a wonderful range of shops, from high street stores, designer brands and independent boutiques, there is something for everybody.

#### **Perfect for some Christmas Shopping.**

Bath is also home to the historic roman baths and the Jane Austen Centre, as well as many other attractions suitable for all the family.

## **ITEMS WANTED PLEASE**

At our November Fair we will be running a Gift Stall.

If you have any new items received as Gifts that just aren't for you, then please pass them to Steve Hookway or Roger Rowse in the next few weeks.

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## **FINALLY**

Thanks to all who helped and supported another busy Craft and Gift Fair last month, which helped us raise a fantastic **£1152.79**.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> September we welcomed 30 children and 22 adults into St Stephen's to take part in activities designed to celebrate Harvest and say thank you to God for his many gifts. Rev'd Cathy led the service and encouraged the children to join in. We thank Darren for his accompaniment to "Cauliflowers fluffy" and "Thank you God".

The children decorated plates, made mustard and cress people, made badges, bird feeders and decorated the board with fruit and vegetables. This busy afternoon ended with a splendid feast which was catered by Phillipa and Janice and the ladies of the Church (ably supported by various husbands).

Thank you to all our helpers – especially those who help with the crafts and make the children and their carers feel welcome in our Church.

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

At our September meeting we were entertained by Ernie Reynolds who had many stories to tell about his 34 years as a policeman in the villages of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Ernie had everybody in fits of laughter at his many jokes and his descriptions of his duties brought home the changing face of policing and society over the last 20 or so years.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October we shall welcome Rev'd John Cotton who will speak about his long time membership of the Mothers' Union, rising to be President of the Truro Diocese MU.

## **UNIVERSAL CREDIT ROLL OUT**

You may wish to pass on the following information from Ellie Moseley at Inclusion Cornwall to friends and family.

The impending Universal Credit Roll out will roll out in Cornwall across three phases.

In the East it will roll out in December. Any new claims or people changing circumstances will go on UC and they will have to wait 5 weeks for their benefit. I am a really concerned that the added strain of this happening over Xmas will push people into hardship and debt....potentially to unregulated money lenders. The obvious solution would be for DWP to move the date – There is no leeway on this roll out date. It is projected that around 174 households across the east will be affected.

We are trying to get ahead of this to mitigate as much as we can. We've booked to spend time in each of the jobcentres to get a feel for their area and where we might be able to encourage groups and orgs to sign up as crisis fund holders and ACTS advocates. We are talking to Cornwall Council to see if/what they can offer in the way of a crisis and care award to these households. We are also going to talk to the foodbanks in the East to prepare them for a potentially increased demand – can we work with local supermarkets etc to get supplies up.

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If at all possible, please try and help to build up the Foodbank reserves to help those unfortunate families who will be affected during the Christmas period.  
Every blessing, Cathy

## MMF - WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO

I recently had a meeting with Esther Pollard – the Diocesan Secretary regarding MMF. The Diocese is currently working on a new formula moving towards a cost basis. Their aim is that the new way of allocating the MMF will be in place from 1 January, 2019. Towards the end of the year the Diocese plans to have consultation as well as explanation sessions throughout the diocese – so look out for the dates. In the meantime, these two charts show where the income comes from and how the MMF is spent.

Cathy

### Where does our income come from?

In every £10 we receive;

£6.00	comes from Mission and Ministry Fund
£2.76	comes from Investment income & Fees
£1.24	comes from Church Commissioners



Thank you for your support, and the time and money you have given. It is appreciated.



### Where does the budget go?

Of every £10 we spend, this is where it goes:

Authorised Ministry	£7.83
Mission/Education/Other	£1.29
Church House	£0.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10.00</b>





## **EVER THOUGHT OF A PERSONAL PILGRIMAGE TO A BENEDICTINE MONASTERY IN BRITTANY FRANCE?**

**DISCOVER THE 'ABBAYE' OF LANDEVENNEC ALONG WITH  
OTHER ECUMENICAL PILGRIMS AND  
CORNISH CHURCH LEADERS**

**Dates for next Pilgrimage**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Many have said that “had they known the dates of previous pilgrimages, they would have like to have gone.

Well, now is your chance. A “Discover Landevennec” Day  
has been arranged at

**Epiphany House, Truro on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
2017**

**from 11am till 3pm**

with a soup or pasty lunch.

This ‘Day’ is designed for you to experience (through audio and visual presentations) more about this special time together and to ask all the questions you may wish which might lead you to register to be one of 30 pilgrims.

Should the dates above not suit your schedule, the date for 2019 will be soon available.

If you would like to attend this “Discover Landevennec Day”, please register your attendance by phoning David H Smith on

01736 719432 or emailing me at [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk)



## **WARMER WORSHIP AT SS NICHOLAS AND FAITH**

The old boiler at SSNF has been failing for several years. The capacity should have been 101kw but because of a broken burner it was only running at 50kw, and was therefore down rated. We have replaced the boiler with three domestic ones connected in series. The capacity of these boilers is 115kw, and they are 'A' rated, and also carry a seven year warrantee.

A new commercial boiler would have cost double the price of these three domestic boilers. The total cost of the installation of the new boilers was £9,400 plus VAT. We are grateful for the donations received from our congregation and the Social committee for their fun raising work. Grants were received from Garfield Weston of £1000, and the All Churches Trust of £1150.

We hope that worship will be warmer at St. Nicholas this Winter.

**Dr. Bryan Moore, Project Manager**

## **ALL DAY BREAKFASTS**

Our All Day Breakfasts during August still proved to be very popular and were enjoyed by everyone who attended. The Hall continued to be full of customers, and on one Saturday we had 18 to 20 orders come in at once, so as one can imagine there was a bit of wait for some whilst their breakfasts were being cooked. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and hope it wasn't too long a wait. We look forward to seeing you all again next time. Fortunately we did not run out of too many supplies, but did have to send out for more baked beans!

## **HAVE YOU LOST A SMALL WOODEN CROSS?**

2 small wooden crosses have been discovered in the past month on the path between the SSNF church and the Church Rooms. Please contact Lesley Margetts (01752 847044) if you think one or both belong to you.

Please send your articles to: [saltashparishnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saltashparishnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk) or pop it in to the Team Office. **Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> October.**