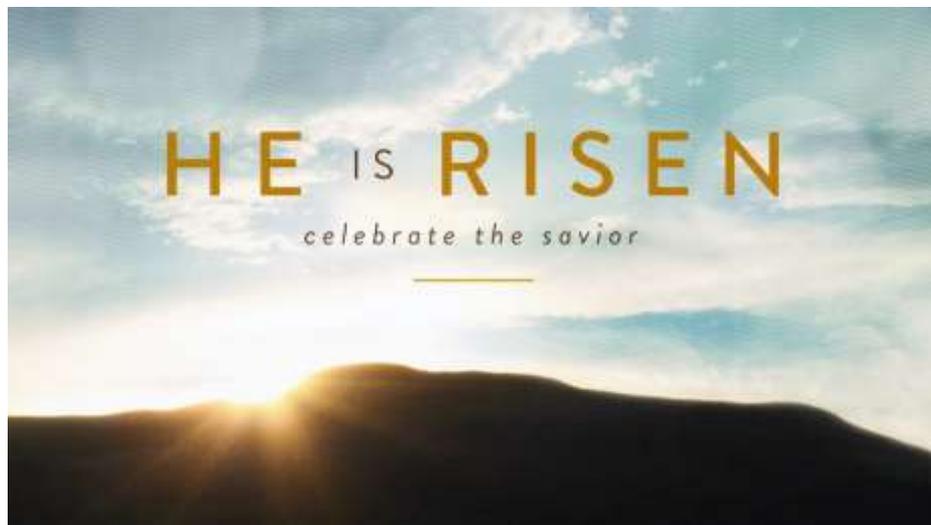


Saltash Area Newsletter

For our parishes in Saltash, Landrake and Botus Fleming

Easter April 2018



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

I have included a copy of a letter sent to all clergy earlier in the week and felt it appropriate to share with everyone regarding the Independent Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse in the Diocese of Chichester. Although Holy Week may well be over by the time the newsletter reaches you I would ask that you continue to pray into this situation.

We are fortunate to have excellent safeguarding co-ordinators – Jill Young and Len Maddock, Pam Piper and Kathy Polz – as well as many others who support us. Safeguarding is not something that any of us can or should take for granted and there is no room for complacency and would ask everyone to be vigilant.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy Sigrist



23 March 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“so, Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...” (John ch. 13 v. 4)

We are writing to you to ask for your prayers as Holy Week begins and as the Independent Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse has finished its hearing into matters in the Diocese of Chichester. Please will you pray this Holy Week especially for all those involved, and for all affected by safeguarding issues.

We want to emphasise the crucial importance for the Church of England to be a safe place for all who join in the worship of the living God, in God’s mission, and in ministry. Clearly, we need to hear what the Inquiry will say when they issue their report, but, we are convinced that there is much we are doing and much we can do better about safeguarding. Thank you for all that you do. As the Archbishop of Canterbury said last week at the hearing, the vast majority of our parishes are safe places and many thousands of people, mainly volunteers, are working hard to ensure church is safe and understand the need for training, good record keeping and are committed to having policies and practices in place and kept under review.

The heart of the Church is in the parishes and other local congregations and we are very grateful to all of you who are working so diligently, right across the Church of England. The work of clergy is very demanding. We give thanks and pray for all of you and for all you do, as we move through this week called Holy. At this season we will welcome many new people and occasional visitors. May we ask you all to consider how we ensure a safe and joyful welcome to all who enter our doors, in particular on Easter Day?

We take very seriously all that has been heard by the Inquiry. Archbishop Justin said when he gave evidence last week that he had learned again through listening and reading the evidence given to the Inquiry, that we must not simply say sorry, but that we must also take action that demonstrates clearly that we have learnt the lessons. It is a fact that Bishops and Archbishops are now rightly required to listen, learn and act in accordance with safeguarding legislation and good practice. We are thankful to our episcopal colleagues for all that they are doing in this area and we are grateful to Bishop Martin Warner (Bishop of Chichester) and all his team in Chichester for the particular work they have done and are doing.

There is, of course, absolutely no room for complacency. We need to learn the lessons from what has gone wrong and from the shocking abuse. There are more hearings to come which will focus on the Church of England as part of

the IICSA process. So, we do need to continue to listen carefully to all that IICSA has to say and, above all, to listen to the voices of the survivors.

Holy Week is about listening to God, the priority for all Christians. Judas betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him, and the rest deserted him. The crowds turned on him. As we go through these days together again let us affirm our commitment to listen to God and to build up the relationships between us as those who are disciples of Jesus Christ. The various signs and powerful actions of this week; the Renewal of Ordination vows and the Blessing of the Oils on Maundy Thursday; the foot washing and stripping of the altars on Maundy Thursday evening; the starkness of the bare church on Good Friday; the waiting and dead silence of Holy Saturday; and the sheer unalloyed joy on Easter Day; all of these give us the opportunity to renew our trust, ensure we are open and honest one with another and commit ourselves with renewed energy to respond to the good news.

Christ is alive and so we proclaim the gospel afresh and confidently in this generation. It is indeed the wisdom of God, the power of God for salvation.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Justin Welby:", positioned to the left of the printed name of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu
Archbishop of York

Acknowledgements and Grateful Thanks

Serving up good times...

Since the last newsletter, St Stephens' have held two very successful Soup and Pudding Lunch's. These were well attended from not only our Church Congregation but also the wider community as well. These occasions do much to bring friends together and, in addition, the February and March Lunches raised £174.04 and £182.00 respectively. So, please come along to enjoy the next lunches as your company is much welcomed and appreciated.



Meanwhile, at St Nicholas and St Faith's, on Sunday 25th February was held our first Parish Lunch, attended by some 60 people. It was very much enjoyed by all who came along, and at one stage given the demand, there were thoughts that the kitchen might run out of food, but as usual, there proved to be more than enough to go around. So successful that there are plans in place to have another Sunday Lunch in the not too distant future so please look out for this event.

In addition, the Bacon Buttie/Coffee Morning at St Nick's will have taken place. This is yet another event which proves to be very popular.

And indeed...It was a Beautiful Day - "Luke Does Buble".

On Friday 16th March, the slightly deferred fundraising concert by Michael Buble Tribute Act "Luke Does Buble" took place. It more than lived up to its hype and a fantastic evening was had with all the Michael Buble favourites such as, *Haven't Met You Yet*, *It's A Beautiful Day* and, closing the show, with the aptly named *Home* - a cover version of *Sweet Caroline* sent the audience into swaying arms across the filled pews. It was a truly entertaining evening and very much enjoyed so, a BIG Thanks to all who supported and helped in this event which, by the way, raised some £190.74



News & Events

A Request ...

from Roman Bloodworth, Choir Master SS Nicholas and Faith:

I am currently working as lead artist on a project with Effervescent Social Alchemy at Radiant Art Gallery, Plymouth. The project is call '**romanb's The Interviews**', and it's mission is to show how people, whether homeless or rich, black or white, Christian or Hindu, are first of all; all human beings. The show will open at Radiant Gallery, Derry's Cross, on 17th May. I would like to invite as many of you to be interviewed on Saturday 14th April from 11 am. until 3 pm. in the Church Hall, St. Nick's If you have any questions please call me 07852 244 532.

Thank You for your support - Roman

Events planned for SS NICHOLAS AND FAITH

Calendars and diaries out for the following dates! Something for everyone!

On Saturday 28th April, there will be a Beetle Drive in the Church Rooms, if you haven't attended one of these evenings do try and come along, they are great fun.

Saturday, the 5th May, is set for our May Fair Day with all the usual refreshments in the Church Rooms from 10 am. – 4 pm.

On May 31st, June 1st and 2nd there will be a Quilters Exhibition by The Riverside/Brunel Quilters. The doors open at 10 am and close at 4 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the three days.

On June 1st and 2nd we host the Saltash Team Play which is followed by a Pasty and Cider Supper - Music Hall entertainment in the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm.

Our Christian aid Event will also take place in June, more details at a later date.

(events list compiled by Margaret Evans)

Events planned for St. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Rame Male Voice Choir & Keltique - Friday 6th April – 7.30pm Start



We are delighted to welcome **Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir**, who have been in existence now for over 40 years, for a joint fundraising concert at our Church together with **Keltique** who are a thriving and passionate award-winning vocal group of women of all ages and musical abilities from Looe. They share one thing – a love and enthusiasm for the music they sing, from modern pop and songs from the shows to gospel and traditional classics.

A great nights entertainment is on offer with numbers such as Bohemian Rhapsody, You Raise Me Up, You'll Never Walk Alone, a Sister Act Medley, America (West Side Story), The Lord's Prayer and a combined choirs version of Do You Hear The People Sing from Les Miserables included within the set list.

Tickets are on sale now at £5 each from Roger Rowse (843766) following Sunday 10am Service or John Petherbridge following Wednesday 10.30am Services. You can also purchase from Piglets in Fore Street, Saltash or you can pay on the night. Accompanied Under 16's go free.

Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm Start.

Food Market and Table Top Sale - Saturday 14th April – 9am to 11.30am – Free

Come along and find a bargain or unearth a new treasure. Some of the items on offer include: Fresh Bread, Gouda Cheese, Sausages, Cornish Honey, Jams, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Handmade Chocolate Treats, Burgers, Chutneys, Cornish Fudge, Marmalades, Cornish Pasties, Home Reared Traditional Meat and much more!

Charity's present at this event include Saltash & District Royal British Legion, Children's Hospice South West, The Love To Live Organisation, Saltash Lions Club and Shekinah Mission

Church Fundraising Stalls will also be present. Refreshments available including Bacon Rolls and Toasted Tea Cakes

Poems and Puddings Evening - Friday 27th April – 7pm Start – Free

An evening of poems and puddings – what a great idea!. Bring your favourite poem(s) along for others to enjoy or just come along and listen. How about this one - "*In the Ning, Nang, Nong, where the cows go Bong...*"(yes, its our Spike Milligan at his best/worse – ha ha). What could be

better than to have a selection of puddings at £2 each available to enjoy as well during the evening of fun and imagery.

Saltash May Fair - Saturday 5th May –10am – 5pm

We will have our fundraising stalls present in Longstone Park. Please pop along and support us. If you would like to help on the day please contact Steve Hookway (07855 600241).

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Food-bank and poverty

St Stephens and St. Nicholas & St. Faith continue to gladly accept any donations of foodstuffs for the local ' Food Bank'.

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid Money Boxes, already distributed, need to be returned by the end of April.

St Stephens Ladies Group 3rd Thursday evening from 7:30pm

As a reminder, the Ladies Group continues to meet on the above dates and times. It would be lovely to see any new faces and is open to any lady who might like to join.

Sport in the Bible

Golf: I have finished the course (2 Timothy 4:7)

Cricket: Peter stood up with the Eleven (Acts 2:14)

Football Team: Solomon Supported: Queen of the South (1 Kings 10)

The Church Football Team Motto: So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at Home or Away (2 Corinthians 5:9)

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Remember - its your children's future

If a Child lives with criticism

he learns to Condemn;

if a child lives with hostility

he learns to fight;

with ridicule - to be shy;

with shame - to feel guilty.

But, if a child lives with tolerance-

he learns to be patient

with praise - to appreciate

with fairness - to show justice;

with security - to have faith;

with approval - to like himself;

with acceptance and friendship -

to find love in the world.

A concert was about to start in prison. The Governor was talking to a title lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks a tough customer," she whispered. "What has HE done?" The Governor smiles and said "Ah he is the Chaplain"

CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ
FRIDAY 18TH MAY, 2018 7 FOR 7.30 pm AT ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Please send your articles to: saltashparishnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk or pop it in to the Team Office. For articles, the **Deadline is the 20th** of each month.