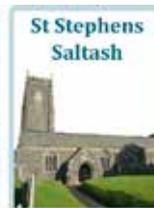
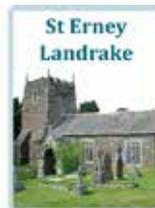
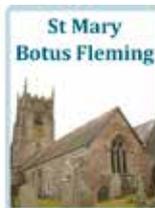
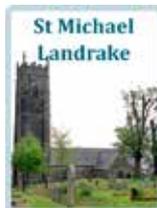


Saltash Area Newsletter

July and August 2018



DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM – GROWING THE CHURCH
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Discerning God's Vision and Mission for our Parishes

28 July 10am – 2.30pm

'Where there is no vision the people perish' Proverbs 29:18

Lewis Carroll said, 'If you don't know where you are going any road can take you there!' Earlier this year we were due to hold a 'Vision Day' to think about our vision for the future of our parish churches and our local communities.

Unfortunately, that day had to be cancelled, but we have another date for the diary – 28th July – so please put the date in your diaries if you haven't already done so and sign up on the sheets at the back of the church.

It has been said that, 'Church exists by mission, as fire exists by burning.' Mission is not an optional extra for particularly keen churches, it lies at the heart of why the church exists. However, unlike our other 'core activity' – worship – mission doesn't feature automatically on the agenda, meaning that instead of simply focusing on our own needs, we recognise the primacy of mission in all its forms and order our church life round reaching out in love to a world in need.

Why have a vision?

Churches that have a clear and communicable vision are more likely to be successful. They are working towards a shared goal and they are travelling on the journey together. It is essential that all they do is underpinned by prayer.

It is difficult to know where to focus efforts and resources without being able to articulate what it is we are trying to do. Imagine taking a holiday without first deciding where you are going or how you will get there! In church terms we need to clarify why the church exists and what we are doing now (mission) and what we would like to achieve (vision). The mission and vision is what determines our strategy, planning and budgeting.

If that all sounds too complicated; there are four simple questions we need to ask ourselves:

1. Where are we starting from?
2. Where are we going?

3. What is the best way to get there?
4. What do we need to do now?

In order to begin this exciting journey and discernment process, I have invited Revd. Tony Stephens to lead and facilitate a discussion to help us to discern God's vision and mission here in the Saltash area.

I would encourage you all to put the date in your diary and come along and be a part of this discernment process. Whether or not you can make the meeting please do begin praying for the meeting and its outcomes now.

So please remember, Saturday 28 July, 10am – 2.30pm – venue to be confirmed... and please put your name down on the sign-up sheet so that we know how many to cater for.

Every blessing.

Yours in Christ

Cathy

COMING UP

Regular Events

Mondays 2, 16 July & 6, 20 August
2pm – 3.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Craft & Conversation

Tuesdays 17 July & 21 August
9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

Saturday 21 July
3pm
Bishop Cornish School
Messy Church

Special Events

Saturday 7 July
10.30pm – 12 noon
St Stephen's Church
Summer Fair

Saturday 14 July
17 Higher Port View
Faith Picnic

Friday 20 July
7.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Rock Choir

Saturday 21 July
7.30pm
SSNF Church Rooms
An Evening with the
Burraton Boys

Saturday 28 July
10am – 2.30pm
Vision Day

Saturday 28 July
7pm
Botus Fleming
Church Hall grounds
BBQ

Saturdays
4, 11, 18, 25 August
10am – 2pm
SSNF Church Rooms
All Day Breakfast

Recent Events

Mothers Union

In June, 17 members had an interesting afternoon listening to and talking with Rev Peter Judson, who has been the Archdeaconry rep for the Mothers Union in Bodmin District for the past six years. He and his wife, Mary, are about to leave Cornwall to move to the Portsmouth area where their daughter lives.

Rev Judson spoke of memories and personalities in MU. He well remembered Bettine being the first to arrive at meetings and always putting the kettle on to boil.

There was much discussion about the future of MU and the new initiative Mothers Union, Listening, Observing, Acting – (MULOA). Social Media and web sites will be an important part of the MU future if we are to reach a younger generation.

Rev Judson pointed out that he could have spoken to us from a screen on the table, rather than travelling from Bude, but of course he couldn't have enjoyed a cup of tea and a piece of cake which is how the afternoon finished.

Sandra presented Peter and Mary with a plant to take to their new home, and wished them all happiness in the future.

Our annual outing will be in July and the next meeting in Church will be on the 11 September.

Messy Church

At our June session, we studied the story of the Prodigal Son, and thanked God for fathers who love and forgive us.

The children decorated biscuits with Pig Faces to remember how the Prodigal Son had to work on a pig farm when he had spent all his money.

They made binoculars to see the son returning home from far away, and also a welcome home flag. They made a card to give to someone.

On the noticeboard, the children placed their coloured animals onto the farmer's farm as he welcomed home his lost son.

Rev Cathy showed a short film of the story and led the prayers and singing. Once again we partook of a lovely spread before heading home.

Messy Church will be held at Bishop Cornish School on 21 July at 2pm. There will be games, worship and a picnic meal – please bring a blanket to sit on.

It brought the house down

The Saltash Players, although a small group of interested amateurs, managed to stage a full production at the beginning of June in SSNF Church Rooms.

To packed houses each night this small band brought to life *What's for Pudding* – a tale of romantic disharmony taking place on a summer's evening. In which, while the whisky flowed, the Churchwarden of SSNF gave an amazing display of how to lose one's trousers and break into various dance routines.



Following the delights of Pasty & Cider, the second part of the evening took the form of a Musical Hall which included a fine sketch showing the dangers of visiting a psychiatrist, a cleaning lady who knew how to use her mop, and various monologues.

The evening came to a close with a truly roof raising sing-along of well known songs from the past.

If you would like to join this happy excited band of performers contact Margaret on 01752 844141 or Fr Brian on 07710231219.

At St Stephen's Church

In May we held an Evening with Cornish Author Liz Fenwick and despite a low number in attendance it was a very enjoyable and enlightening evening which raised £92.33 for Church funds.

A few weeks back we had a fundraising stall at the sunny Saltash Regatta. Our stall was very busy taking record sales of £514.87 (Beating our previous best by over £100!). Thanks to all who helped during the day and in particular those involved with the 7am set up and clear up at the end. Despite the troublesome logistics and organisation which always accompanies this event, it was a fabulous amount raised.

What's On

St Stephen's Summer Fair and Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday 7 July 10.30am – 2.30pm



We have another great event planned for our annual Summer Fair.

As usual weather permitting the event will take place outside but will continue inside if raining. With a great selection of stalls including Bric A Brac, Cakes, Plants, Cards, Books, Hoopla, Bumper Tombola, Grand Raffle and lots more.

Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos this year will be available from *Cakey Faces*.

Entertainment will come from *Halfway Harmony* (Sea Shanty Group), *Just Voices* (a Capella group from Looe, who are part of *Keltique*) and *The Tamar Tuners* (Ladies hand bell trio from Saltash).

Refreshments (cakes and drinks) will be served in the outside marquee but also inside Church (Light Lunches also available).

Pay on the day. Meet and catch up with friends as all are welcome.

While our Summer Fair takes place outside, we have a great selection of traders inside our church waiting for you.

Sunningdale Nurseries will be back selling fresh strawberries and other soft fresh fruits. Making their first appearance in over a year is *Katoli* with a wide range of elegant ladies Italian Handbags, purses, men's trendy leather messenger bags and wallets.

Saltash Bakery will be selling their hand made Artisan breads.

Also present are *Kryisia's Glass* with a selection of handmade glass items and *Cornish Claytoncrafts* with Naturally filled therapeutic Pads to help ease many discomforts and conditions.

Also attending will be *Ange's Surplus Avon Stock*, *AromAware*, *Love To Taste* and *Scatty Bun Jewellery*.



**Saturday
28 July**
10am – 2.30pm
Vision Day



SERVICES

SUNDAYS

St Nicholas & St Faith

8am Holy Communion (August)
10am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am **United Service** (29 July)

St Stephen's

8am Holy Communion (July)
10am Family Service (1st Sunday)
Holy Communion (2nd to 4th Sundays)
6.30pm Evensong (2nd to 4th Sundays)

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service (1st Sunday)
Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)
Morning Prayer (3rd Sunday)

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Morning Prayer (1st Sunday)
Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)

Saltash Churches Together

6.30pm Combined Service
1 July at the Baptist Church
2 September at St Stephen's

WEDNESDAYS

St Stephen's

10.30am Holy Communion

Faith Picnic
17 Higher Port View
Saturday 14 July



Details to follow on the pew sheet.

Rock Choir
St Stephen's Church
Friday 20 July
6.45pm for 7.30pm start



After last year's fantastic concert we welcome back *The Rock Choir*. Over 40 voices will again fill our Church with some great toe-tapping tunes. They enjoyed themselves so much last year they can't wait to come back and we look forward very much to seeing them again too.

Tickets, £5 (accompanied under 16s go free) are available following Wednesday and Sunday morning Services, or at Piglets Fore Street or contact Roger Rowse on 01752 843766 (email: rogersaltash@gmail.com) or pay on the night.

The Burraton Boys
SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 21 July 7.30pm

Come and join us for a pasty and cider supper plus music. Tickets £5.

BBQ
St Mary's
Church Hall Grounds
Saturday 28 July 7pm



£5 includes a burger or hot dog with various side salads. Additional burgers and hot dogs can be purchased if available.

There will also be a raffle, and tea or coffee.

All Day Breakfast
St Nicholas & St Faith
Church Rooms
August Saturdays
10am – 2pm



What better way is there to spend a Saturday morning than having a fantastic breakfast cooked for you?

Every Saturday in August, last orders 1.30pm.

Day Trip to Gloucester
by Coach
Friday 7 September
(15 tickets left – £18 pp)

Leaving St. Stephen's Church at 8am and arriving at Gloucester Quays at 11am approx, then departing at 5pm and arriving back at St Stephen's at 8pm approx.

There is so much to see and do at Gloucester Quays. Close to the

historic city of Gloucester, you can enjoy an action-packed trip to the stunning new outlets. More than 50 stores are on offer including many high street favourites.



Gloucester Cathedral is only a five-minute walk away; there is a holy communion service at 12.30pm for those who are interested.

Tickets are on sale now from Steve Hookway ☎ 07855 600241. stevhookway@hotmail.com

St Stephen's
Later in 2018

Saturday 29 September
 10am – 2pm
 Craft and Gift Fair

Friday 5 October
 7pm
 Songs of Praise and
 Harvest Faith Supper

Saturday 13 October
 9am – 11.30am
 Food Market and Table Top Sale

Saturday 13 October
 7.30pm Start
 Four Lanes Male Voice Choir

Saturday 20 October
 Wesley Craft Fair
 (Fundraising Stall Present)

Saturday 10 November
 10am – 2pm
 November Fair

Friday 30 November
 6.30pm – 9pm
 Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 7 December
 7.30pm
 Polperro Fishermen's Choir
 A Christmas Concert

Further Afield

Awakening Prayer Conference with Prayer Storm

The Engine House, Redruth
Friday 20 July 7.30 – 9.30pm
Saturday 21 July 10am – 4pm

A weekend of awakening to God in prayer. Join Prayer Storm, Truro Baptist Church, The Engine House, and Elim Camborne as we gather people from across Cornwall to both seek and encounter God. James Aladiran will be speaking with worship lead by Rebecca Aladiran. Registration is free but there will be an opportunity to give an offering.

More information from
<https://bit.ly/2K0RIYJ>

Sclerder Family Festival

Sclerder Abbey, Looe
Saturday 18 August
11am – 8pm

Single tickets Adult (12+) £10 and Family* tickets £20 (* for all children under 12 years entering with their parents). It is highly recommended to register your interest on the web-site or by post, but payment will be taken 'on the door'.

Some of our congregations went to Sclerder Abbey Open Day and say, 'Many thanks to the Community at Sclerder Abbey, Looe for the interesting day held on Saturday 16 June – they had a most enlightening time and would recommend the Family Festival as they were so welcoming.'

More information from
<https://bit.ly/2vtvtj26>

Poem of the Month

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

*Max Ehrmann,
Desiderata, Copyright 1952*

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or pop them in to the Team Office. The deadline is the 20 August.