Saltash Area Newsletter

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Vision Day Update

Dear brothers and sisters,

On 28 July, more than 40 of us gathered at Ashtorre Rock to begin our journey in trying to discern God's plan for us here in the Saltash Area Churches.

Topics Covered

- What do you value about your Christian journey?
- What do you value about your church/parish/benefice?
- What's happening in the world regarding the C of E?
- Growing Churches and what's happening in Cornwall?
- What are we called to?
- Working smarter not harder through:
  - Hospitality
  - Social engagement and
  - Authentic living
- Discipleship and measurement
- Disciples and the churches
  - What are we called to be and
  - What are we called to do to match what we are called to be?
  - What do we need to stop doing?
- The final point was– what are the next three steps/ actions we need to take?

(If you would like a copy of the full notes from our vision day on 28 July please let me know.)

The First Action

The first action is that smaller groups are meeting to begin to work on what is called a Mission Action Plan (MAP). A MAP is a document which outlines the mission activities that a Church is going to do in the coming months and years. It is built on a clear sense of God's 'vision' for the church – what God is calling the church to be and to do. So a MAP provides exactly what it says on the tin – an action plan for mission.

Churches have been doing this for years, but many have found that the work involved is not as easy as it sounds. For a start, what is meant by 'mission' and 'vision'? Put simply – 'Mission' is our purpose – what are we here to do and 'Vision' is our desired future for our parishes. Also how does a busy church decide on priorities? How does a traditional church prepare its people for doing new things? How does a church PCC agree and engage the many actions that may ensue?

I certainly don't want to put anyone off – but it is not something that can just happen overnight! It is an on-going process that will develop gradually and which is considered, measured, assessed and revised and reviewed each year.

So what will a Mission Action Plan do?

A MAP makes sure that the life and work of our churches is:

- **Purposeful** – doing what we are convinced is needed in our respective communities
- **Developing** – always improving how we do these things and ▸

COMING UP

Regular Events

Mondays 3, 17 September
2pm – 3.30pm
St Stephen's Church
Craft & Conversation

Saturday 15 September
3pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church – Harvest

Tuesday 18 September
9.30am
St Stephen's Church
Tea and Toast

Friday 21 September
Noon
S.T.A.R.T Group Meeting
D Lambourne Film Show

Special Events

Saturday 1 September
2pm
Rectory Garden
MU Cream Tea

Friday 7 September
8am from St Stephen's
Coach Trip to Gloucester

Tuesday 25 September
2pm
St Stephen's Church
MU Wave of Prayer Service

Saturday 29 September
10am – 2.30pm
Craft and Gift Fair

Saturday 29 September
10am – Noon
St Nicholas and St Faith Church Rooms
MacMillan Coffee Morning

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

St Stephen's

8am Holy Communion (not 30 September)

10am Family Service (1st Sunday)
Holy Communion (2nd to 4th Sundays)

6.30pm Evensong (2nd to 4th Sundays)

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion (not 30 September)

St Nicholas & St Faith

10am Holy Communion (not 30 September)

St Mary, Botus Fleming

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

10.00am United Service (30 September)

St Erney, Landrake

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

Saltash Churches Together

6.30pm Combined Service 2 September at St Stephen's

WEDNESDAYS

St Stephen's

10.30am Holy Communion

- **Focussed** – not distracted by less important things. I don't know about you but I find that I can be easily distracted!

Having purpose and meaning are crucial to our future – because 'Where there is no vision the people perish' (Proverbs 29:18). If you would like to be a member of one of the working parties please let me know – you will be very welcome.

The Second Action

The second action is to note that the Deanery is running a Discipleship Course called 'Freedom in Christ'. The course begins on Tuesday 2 October for 11 weeks and will be held at Bishop Cornish School. 6.30pm for a 7pm start – to finish at 9pm followed by coffee until 9.30pm if you wish. Please do come along if you can. You may not think that it's for you but please do give it a try. Those who have already followed the course speak of the amazing changes that have taken place in their parishes.

The Third Action

The third action is for some members of the working parties to meet with Bishop Chris on Tuesday 16 October at 1pm in St Stephen's Church, to present to him some of our thoughts and vision for the future of our parishes and to discuss what resources we may need to achieve them.

Even if you are not a member of one of the working parties, please do let me have your thoughts, hopes and wishes for the future of our parishes here in the Saltash area so that they can be included in our discussions.

This is only the beginning of our journey – but Lewis Carroll said, 'If you don't know where you are going any road can take you there' So let's make sure that we do know where we are going and how we are going to get there!

Every blessing,
Yours in Christ,
Cathy

Administrator for Saltash Area Churches

We are seeking someone who will work with the Priest-in-Charge of the Saltash Area Churches, Rev Cathy Sigrist as the Saltash Area Churches Administrator. The person will have an ability to communicate with people, work to deadlines, be used to working alone, be computer literate, and have a willingness to work within a Christian ethos.

The post will be based in the Saltash Area Office, next to St. Stephens-by-Saltash Church, initially for three or four mornings a week, a maximum of 12 hours per week; the hours of work will be flexible. There will be a 6 months' probationary period (when the hours will be reviewed), and the pay will be in the range of £9 to £11 per hour, depending on experience.

For further details and a job description either ring Revd. Cathy Sigrist on 01752 842323; write to The Rectory, St. Stephens, Saltash, PL12 4AP; e-mail Rev.cathysigrist@gmail.com or download the job description and application form from the website: http://www.saltashteamministry.org/

Closing date for applications is 21 September 2018.

This post is subject to DBS enhanced disclosure.

Recent Events

Mothers' Union

On the second Tuesday in July, members of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Maryfield Church at Torpoint where we were met by the Rev Linda Parker who outlined the history of this beautiful church. It stands next to Anthony Estate down a very narrow country lane. The church has a thriving congregation and is popular for weddings. The inside walls are painted in the style of the older churches and we were astounded to hear that it was only built 150 years ago. The Carew Pole family have their own pew and the family's exploits are recorded on a finely carved screen.

If you can travel – then it would be well worth paying a visit to this interesting place.

Messy Church

Messy Church rounded off the year with our sports picnic day in July. Around 60 people attended and thankfully it was not too hot. We had water games and races and the children (and some adults) ran around the Bishop Cornish school playing field enjoying the play equipment and football, before settling down to a picnic tea.

At a social evening at the end of July, the committee planned the programme for the coming year, beginning on 15 Sept at St Stephen's Church. We would like to thank all those who have helped us during the past, and look forward to all that is to come. Please come along and enjoy the sessions which are displayed on the notice board.

Open the Book

Our OTB Team was set up by Rev. John Jukes and his wife and when they moved we joined up with the Wesley Team and others to form two SCT teams run by Chris Clark, the Wesley Children`s and Families Worker.

The summer term started with 'Prayer Spaces' at Bishop Cornish School. This event, was the third we have presented here. The theme was Pentecost and Ascension. The teams have presented the story of the 'Stoning of Stephen / The Road to Damascus' at four schools: Bishop Cornish, St Stephens, Brunel, and St Mellion.

If you would like to join us, Please contact John West (cw41@taktalk.net). We would appreciate some new blood as our church currently only has two members!

At St Stephen's Church

Back in July our Annual Summer Fair had the usual weather concerns, however this time it was the heat not the rain! It was another very busy event until just after lunch, when it dramatically quietened down as people prepared for England's match in the World Cup.
A massive thank you to Carolann Pabst from the RBL-Saltash Branch and an amazing team from the Lions Club who helped out on the day and we really couldn't have got by without them. To raise over £2,000 at this event yet again is fantastic. So to all those who helped in anyway – a huge thank you.

Following on from this The Rock Choir returned for another fundraising concert. It was another very successful evening which raised over £600. Many thanks to retiring Rockie leader Jo Saville who has been such an enthusiastic part of the concerts that they have performed in the last three years.

Suffolk in Summer

With the background of a heatwave, 48 joyful travellers from East Cornwall, covering the parishes of Saint James the Great, Torpoint, Saint Mary the Virgin, Sheviock, both Saltash churches and two brave souls from Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux, set off to explore the sights of Constable country. Many had been on previous holidays with Fr Brian including Margaret from Portwrinkle who has been on every one of the twenty holidays. However, there were also some who took a risk and joined us for the first time. Our driver was David from Torquay who took care of us on last year's holiday to Ireland.

On the outward journey we stopped at the Colne Valley Railway (steam, of course).

This is still largely under construction so the length of actual rail journey was only just over a mile, but the ambiance was all that one would expect from times past.

The next five nights were spent at Orwell, a village just outside the town of Ipswich and we soon settled in for the duration.

Monday saw us exploring the city of Cambridge with the help of a tour guide. During the tour we stopped at the American Cemetery, the site of which was gifted to the United States as a resting place for those who died while on active service in the WWII and were stationed in the city. It was a stark reminder of those war grave cemeteries found in France – tranquil and peaceful.

The afternoon was spent by those with energy, the ability to face the heat (a recorded temperature of 36 degrees), and with a strong constitution, exploring the city on foot. Others found a place to abide a while and watch the punts travel up and down the river while clasping a refreshing and cooling beverage in their hand. The majority of punts, which were filled to overflowing, were punted by young people who could well be students staying up for the vacation in order to earn a few pounds to assist forthcoming overdrafts.

Our major tour took place on the Tuesday, still in extreme heat, as we visited the sights connected to the great artist, John Constable.

The tour began at Flatford Mill, owned by his father, famous for his painting of The Haywain. The buildings here have hardly changed in their appearance since Constable's day. There is now a lock there controlling the tidal river as well as keeping that part just right for a photographic capture.

Then on to East Bergholt where he was born and where there is a memorial stained glass window raised in his memory. It is also here that the bells are contained in a wooded frame in the churchyard and not in the tower. We concluded our tour in Dedham which holds one of his few religious paintings, The Ascension, and where Constable was educated at the local grammar school.

Ray, Lesley and Peter showing their certificates presented after their first bell ringing lesson in Dedham Church Tower (130 steps up!).

Wednesday saw the group at Lavenham, a fine and beautiful medieval village, where half-timbered crocked houses lean impossibly over the narrow street. There are more than 300 buildings listed as being of architectural and historic interest. One is left wondering in certain cases how they are still standing due the shape that they have taken on over the centuries.

From Lavenham we travelled the short distance to Melford Hall the home of the Parker family who still reside there today although the house and estate is now part of the National Trust.

Thursday saw an early start for home. There was, however, one final interesting place to visit and that was Swindon where we spent time at the Great Western Railway Museum. We were reminded of the engineering achievements which took place here and the hard working conditions faced by those who made such achievements possible.

Also at Swindon, just by the museum, is the newly created shopping area and refreshment facilities. Not often you can please most people most of the time!

Brian Anderson

What's On

Day Trip to Gloucester by Coach

Friday 7 September

(6 tickets left – £18 pp)

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

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.

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 from Steve Hookway ☎ 07855 600241. stevenhookway@hotmail.com

Wave of Prayer Service

St Stephen's Church

Tuesday 25 September, 2pm

All are welcome to join in this service to strengthen the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Food, Craft & Gift Fair

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 29 September

10am to 2pm

Another fantastic line up of traders and products from across Cornwall and Devon will be present, together with our own fundraising stalls. Traders attending include Cornish Gouda Co, John Worth Photography, Saltash Bakery, Luminosity Art, Trehill Farm Produce, Scatty Bun, Kerensa Aval and many many more.

Refreshments will be served including yummy bacon rolls, homemade cakes and filled rolls. As usual entry is free.

If you can help on the day, rotas will be at the back of our Church soon or see Steve Hookway. Raffle prize donations are also welcome and can be left in the box marked 'Raffle Prizes' is in our social area.

Saltash foodbank

Our latest needs are:

- Sponge puddings
- Packs of jelly cubes
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Deodorants
- Shaving foam
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned vegetables (not baked beans)

Songs of Praise & Harvest Faith Supper

St Stephen's Church

Friday 5 October, 7pm

All are very welcome to come along and join us as we sing some of our favourite hymns, during which a collection for The Royal British Legion (Saltash Branch) will take place.

A Harvest Faith Supper will then follow at around 8pm. So please bring along a plate of something sweet or savoury to share.

Food Market & Table Top Sale

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 13 October

9am to 11.30am

Come along and find a bargain or unearth a new treasure from our table toppers.

Local food traders will also be bringing along their produce for you to try and buy. Many local charities will be attending so please support them. Church Fundraising Stalls will also be present.

Refreshments will be available including bacon rolls and toasted tea cakes.

Sing we for Pleasure for One and All

St Stephen's Church
Saturday 13 October, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome the award winning Four Lanes Male Choir for a fundraising concert.

The choir was formed in the village near Redruth in 1944 to welcome home the troops from the Second World War. Recognised throughout Cornwall, and beyond, Four Lanes Male Choir is very well known for the quality of its singing. After 70 years, a marked feature is their commitment to community singing, comradeship and a love of the Cornish choral tradition.

Tickets costing £5 (accompanied Under 16s free) each will be available from Sunday 16 September from Piglets Fore Street, or by contacting Roger Rowse on 01752 843766. You can also purchase tickets following Wednesday and Sunday Morning services at St Stephen's Church.

St Stephen's Later in 2018

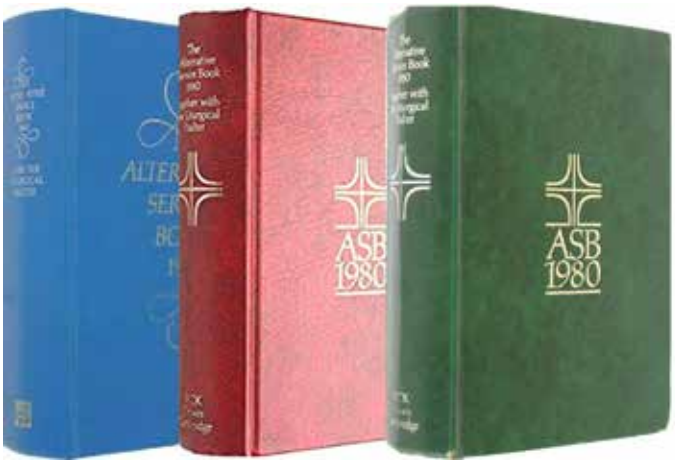
Saturday 20 October
Wesley Craft Fair
(Fundraising Stall Present)

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

The Alternative Service Book 1980



The Alternative Service Book 1980 (ASB) was the first complete prayer book produced by the Church of England since 1662. Its name derives from the fact that it was proposed not as a replacement for the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but merely as an alternative to it. In practice, it was so popular that the various printers had to produce several editions very quickly and churches which retained the BCP drew attention to this fact as something to note.

In 2000, the ASB was replaced by Common Worship.

We still have a number of ASB books – which are now redundant – and St Stephen's PCC has voted to remove them from the church. Some of the books, however, are to commemorate various individuals for their wedding or baptism. As such we would like to give these individuals the opportunity to take these books as keepsakes. Therefore, if you know any of these individuals/families, I would be grateful if you could let them know that unless we hear from them by the end of September, we will be removing the books from St Stephen's Church.

The names are:

G Beswetherick & Natalie Clark – 1986
T Shearman & S Haynes – 1986
Matthew Randall – 1986
Lee Forster – 1982
Kelly Foster – 1986
Stephen & Simon Watson – 1986
Katherine Ferries – 1986
Rebecca Charlotte Staples – 1986
B Juster & D Porch – 1986
Matthew Stansfield – 1986
Oliver Dyson – 1986
Jennifer Nicholson – 1986
P Ford & S Hoare – 1986
Michael Reynolds – 1986
Simon Nicholson – 1984

Please email your articles to ruth.l.edmondson@gmailcom or pop them in to the Team Office. The deadline is the 20 Sept.

Also

Charitable Foundation 100th Anniversary Workshops

Wednesdays
5 Sept – 14 Nov
10am – 11am
Burraton CC

Starts Friday 7 Sept
6pm – 7.15pm
Venue to be advised

Over the weeks the workshops will feature singing, drama, narration and poetry. There is an opportunity to perform in the final production at the Saltash Wesley Church on Saturday evening, 17 November.

Please email Sue Hooper (suehcf@msn.com) to advise if you will be attending the workshops.

More information can be found overleaf.

Day of Prayer

Newquay
8 September 2018
10.30am – 4.30pm

- Prayer Walk with Bishop Chris and Revd Canon Jem Thorold.
- Cornish Celtic Way Walk with Revd Canon Nigel Marns
- Workshops and prayer activities for all ages including Ignatian prayer, icons, Taize, praying with art & poetry.
- Stations of the Cross & Labyrinths

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Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary

St Stephen's Church
Fri 14 Sept, 7.30pm

St Stephens Congregation are invited to join John West when he will be enrolled as a full member of the 'Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary', Plymouth Chapter. The evening is a Quiet Evening; one of the Plymouth Clergy will give a short address and lead us in prayer before welcoming John into the Guild and presenting him with his medal. It would be appreciated if you can let John West (email: cw41@talktalk.net) know if you plan to attend and any food contributions for the 'Faith Supper' would be gratefully received. The evening should close with the short service of Compline and everyone leaving quietly for home.

Free To Be

Hope Baptist Church, Plymouth PL3 4QG
Wed 10 Oct, 7.30pm

'It is for freedom that Christ set us free.'

Free to Be is an event for Christian women to gather together for an evening of encouragement where you will 'come away with a renewed vision of your identity in Christ and with a fresh perspective of what freedom really looks like'.

To book cff.org.uk/freetobe or tickets on the night.

Deanery Teaching Evenings

Bishop Cornish School
Starts Tuesday 2 October from 7-9pm

There will be tefreshments from 6.15pm.

East Wivelshire Deanery is embarking on a new discipleship teaching initiative – one where we can gather from across the Deanery to journey and learn together. Our first offering is based on the Freedom in Christ course – a course that has been used in many churches to bring transformation into people's lives. The feedback from previous participants of this course show that it is both an enjoyable and effective form of teaching, allowing people to explore who they really are as a Christian.

The course has ten sessions (on consecutive Tuesdays) and covers areas such as the key truths of the Christian life, breaking the hold of the past and how we grow as disciples. There will also be a one-day session on a Saturday in November. Course materials will be provided.

Please pre-register for the course by Monday 24 September by calling Rev. Tony Stephens on 01579 371496 or emailing revtonystephens@icloud.com

Are You Sitting Comfortably?

Are you sitting comfortably at St. Stephens? – if not you soon will be. The felt runners currently on the pews are being replaced by the thicker, much more comfortable runners – as you can see in the photo. If you would like to sponsor one of the new runners so that we will all be able to be sitting comfortably, please give a donation of £20 to St. Stephens Treasurer – Ray Wills. Thank you to the members of the craft group who are sewing the new runners.

SUE HOOPER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

MAKE A DONATION

Votes for Women & The End of the Great War 1918

Dear Friends,

As promised, we are now delighted to advise you of the Performing Arts Workshops dates and times for our Commemoration and Celebration of the end of the Great War 1914-1918 and, at the same time, Women Winning the Vote 1918.

The Militants' March to Buckingham Palace Fully Illustrated.

The Daily Mirror

MRS. PANKHURST ARRESTED AT THE GATES OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE IN TRYING TO PRESENT A PETITION TO THE KING.

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We will be providing the Workshops every Wednesday morning from September 5th until November 14th from 10.00 until 11.00 (1 hour workshops) at the Burraton Community Centre, ground floor (Grenfell Avenue). (More news later regarding our Friday evenings workshops).

All the workshops are free of charge and our music and drama practitioner, Julian Barnicoat, will be there to put us through our celebratory paces.

This is a rare opportunity for us all to take part in a wonderful period theatre encounter. We don't need any performing arts experience, just a willingness to partake in what we believe to be a unique experience on reflecting and paying tribute to all those who, 100 years ago, fought for our today's freedom and equality.

Many thanks, kindest regards
Sue Hooper MBE

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