

Saltash Area Newsletter

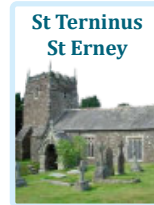
June 2022



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terninus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM – GROWING THE CHURCH
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Be lift up, ye everlasting doors!

At SS Nicholas & Faith, we've been thinking about how we can open up the church building for visitors.

Some places are special. They might be special because of our memories ('here's the puddle in which I knelt down and proposed!'). They might be special because of their history ('look—the phone box from the cover of David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust LP!') They might even just be somehow special in themselves, especially if they're a place of great beauty: I suspect there might be one or two such places in Cornwall.

And when we are in a special place – we feel something, and think something, and perhaps even feel the need to act something. Bob Dylan knelt down and kissed the ground at the spot where Elvis Presley recorded his first single.

But what about churches? Obviously churches can have personal memories ('there's the church where I got married!') and histories ('here's the pew where Archbishop Benson died') and beauty ('Betjeman really liked this one').

But is there more? The Diocese of Truro's official Vision is 'the Saints' Way' (not to be confused with 'On the Way'). Among other things, it calls us to be

“more attentive to holiness of prayer and place”. Church as a holy place: “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are

standing is holy ground.” (Ex. 3.5)

“Holy, holy, holy,” we say or sing in church almost every week; but I wonder how often we talk about 'holiness' (as something other than a synonym for 'good'). I know I have always found 'holiness' one of the most interesting things about religion. For me, the word represents all that is mysterious and

fascinating and thrilling about it all –from the numinous wooded groves of the Ancient Greeks, to the baddies being zapped by the Ark of the Covenant at the end of Indiana Jones. As one writer put it, 'holiness' is a sense of something wholly *other*; something divine. “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God.” (Gen 28.17).

And so holiness, in this sense, is not just 'some Christian thing', but a human thing, experience, want, need; and maybe even be something that people are looking for today. Being attentive to the holiness of our places might then mean thinking about this power and how we can use it and share it with others.



Diary Dates

Saturday 4 June

From noon, Hatt

The Big Event – St Mary's Bookstall will be there

Sunday 5 June

9am to 4pm

St Michael's Church Jubilee event

Noon to 3pm

Fore Street, Saltash Big Jubilee Lunch

Botus Fleming

Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 11 June

3-5pm, SSNF Church Rooms Prosecco Afternoon Tea

Sunday 12 June

7.30-8.30pm, St Nicholas & St Faith Church

Eliza is the Fairest Queen

Monday 13 June

7pm, St Stephen's Church MOSSAF

Tuesday 14 June

2pm, St Stephen's Church Mothers' Union

Friday 17 June

11am

S.T.A.R.T – Buckland Abbey

Saturday 18 June

2-5pm,

Menheniot Cherry Fayre St Stephen's fundraising stall will be there

3-5pm, St Stephen's Church Messy Church

Saturday 25 June

10am to 2pm, St Stephen's Church Summer Fair

Saturday 2 July

2.30-5.30pm

St Michael's Church Nature Afternoon with Cream Tea

JUNE SERVICES

Please note:

SSNF Sunday Service will start at 11.15am from 19 June onwards

Thursday 2 June

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Queen's Jubilee
Midweek Eucharist

Pentecost Sunday 5 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am All Age Service

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Platinum Jubilee Service –
part of village celebration
6.30pm Sung Evensong

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 June

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am All Age Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 26 June

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 Holy Communion

But there's another sense in which church is 'holy' – a sense which is very much 'some Christian thing'. Holiness draws our attention to God; but, as Christians, we know that God is not just some mysterious, enigmatic being: God is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whenever God's holiness is mentioned in the bible, it tends to refer, not just to a feeling, but to God's power to change a person's life. Holiness makes us think differently and act differently – to repent, believe the gospel, love our neighbour, rejoice in the Lord.

As an ex-ad man I am tempted to try and sum it all up in a slogan. So how about this:

**to be a holy place in Saltash, a holy place for Saltash,
and a place to encounter the holiness of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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St Stephen's Summer Fair



As usual cakes, raffle prizes and help with refreshments are required and sign-up lists will be appearing at the back of our Church very soon. We also need bric-à-brac – if you have any, please see John Lissenden or ring him (01752 847573) to arrange collection/delivery or, better still, bring to Church and leave in the social area.

Closer to the time we will be requesting help with set up and, don't forget, when all have gone home there is always tidying up and putting away and the more who help the quicker we can all get home, so please help if you can.

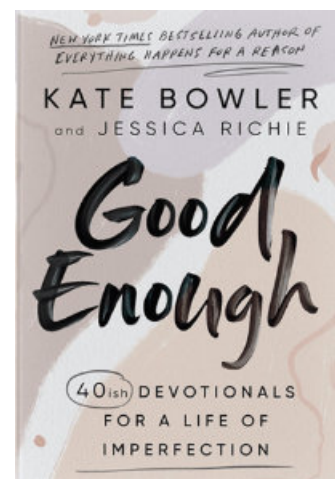
Steve Hookway

A blessing for a Joyful Mediocre Journey

Blessed are you
who realise there is simply not
enough
– time, money, resources.

Blessed are you
who are tired of pretending that raw
effort is the secret to perfection.
It's not. You know that now.

Blessed are you
who need a gentle reminder that
even now, even today,
God is here, and somehow
that is good enough.





1. How many horses does it take to pull the Gold Coach?
2. Who is the second-longest reigning monarch, after Elizabeth II?
3. In which country was the first ever 'Walkabout' by Queen Elizabeth?
4. How old was the Queen at her coronation?
5. What other language is Her Majesty fluent in?
6. Which British actress won an Oscar for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II?
a) Helen Mirren b) Olivia Coleman c) Judy Dench
7. In 1976, The Queen opened the Summer Olympics. In which Canadian city?
8. What breed of dogs is much loved by the Queen?
9. How many rounds are fired during a basic royal salute?
10. Where is The Royal Yacht Britannia now permanently berthed?

Answers on p4

Recent Events

Mother's Union

At our meeting we welcomed Kirsten Lewis, the archdeaconry representative for North Cornwall Mothers' Union. Kirsten is a trustee at the diocese and has a special interest in safeguarding. Along with her daughter, Elizabeth, Kirsten gave a talk and slideshow about modern slavery.

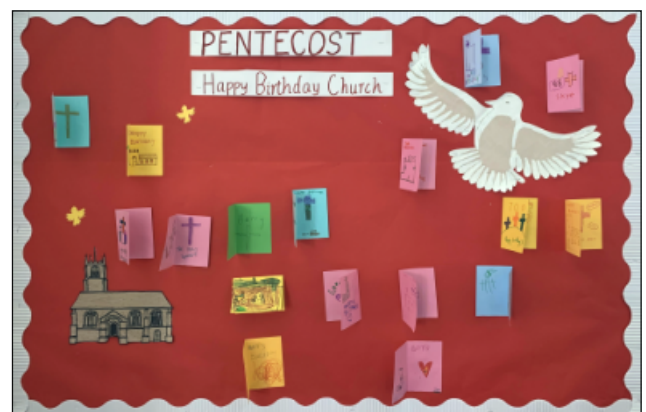
In 1852 the Anglican Order of Saint John the Baptist helped vulnerable women by giving them shelter and training for trades. The sisters lived in Clewer convent near Windsor and their work became known as the Clewer Initiative. Mothers' Union have been working with the order for many years to detect slavery, give training, provide publicity for awareness, and offer prayers to end modern slavery.

Congregations have an opportunity to help and the church's campaign, **We see you**, is endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. MU members are provided with cards showing contact numbers for help. Cornwall is not immune – modern slavery exists everywhere and we must report any suspicions.

Messy Church

Messy Church celebrated Pentecost and the birthday of the Christian Church – albeit a few weeks early, but such an important part of the Easter story.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, which had been promised by Jesus, came with a noisy wind and fiery flames. The children made wind socks, birds flying in with gifts, flame topped head dresses and then coloured birthday cards to stick on the board.



We sang happy songs and enjoyed a birthday tea and then left for home with a colourful balloon.

Special thanks to Darren for the technical prowess, the ladies for providing the tea, the helpers at the craft tables and those on clean up duty.

Archbishop to Visit Cornwall



From June 17-19, the Archbishop and a small team of evangelists will roll up their sleeves and join in with a wide variety of local initiatives and events, particularly aiming to meet those who don't go to church and don't consider themselves Christians. He, and all those who come to join us in mission, will seek to share some of their own stories as followers of Jesus, and invite others to begin a journey of faith in Christ – <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2022/05/archbishop-coming-to-diocese-in-june/>

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



Our May meeting saw us enjoying a two-course meal at the Weary Friar. Our thoughts were very much with our missing friend and brother John Petherbridge in his time of sadness. Thanks must be given to David Coot for organising the evening and the Weary Friar for serving up some delicious food.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13 June where we will meet in the social area of St Stephens Church at 7pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be the Dean of Truro Cathedral, Roger Bush. Roger was appointed Dean in September 2012, so his ten-year anniversary is coming up very soon. Roger has recently put together a collection of poems which has just been published under the title Blackbird. Roger says, *I have always thought about writing poetry, but have always been too busy – an old excuse, I know – to really commit to it. That changed during lockdown one, when time and space opened up to begin to organise my thoughts more cohesively. The result is a book of nearly fifty poems, called Blackbird. Having broken the ice, I am continuing to write, and I am working on a second collection as we speak.* Roger will have some copies of his book (costing £10 each) with him on the night. New member always welcome. Subs £1. For further information please see Steve Hookway.



Our latest needs:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Puddings
- Noodles
- Toilet Rolls
- Nappies (sizes 4,5,&6)

Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website:

<https://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Prayer for the Jubilee

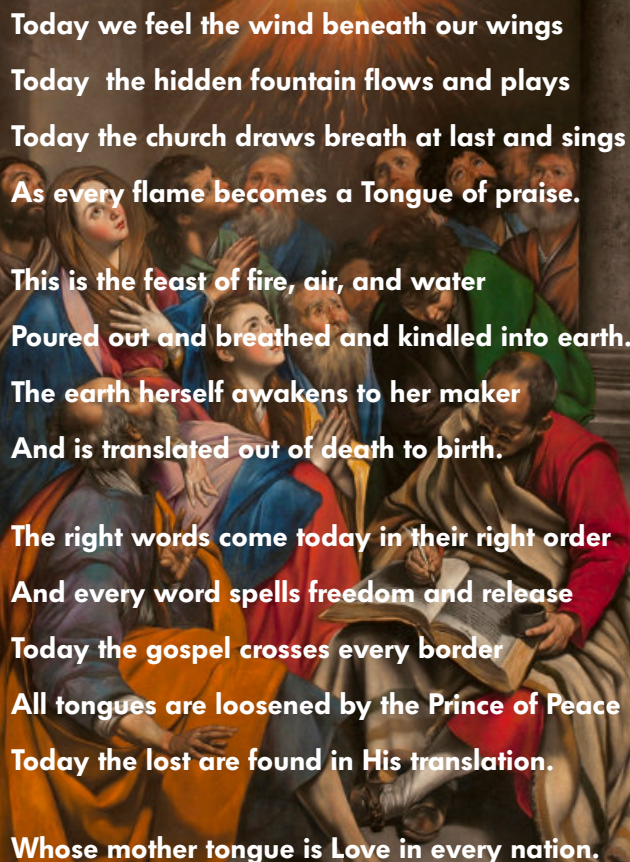
Almighty and eternal God, you uphold and govern all things both in heaven and on earth, and by your grace alone kings and queens do reign. We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us throughout the reign of our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, whom you have set over us these threescore years and ten. We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace, for the care and devotion with which she has served her people, for the example of her gracious life.

As we rejoice before you with thankful hearts, we pray that we may ever be united in love and service to one another, as people called to live according to your will, for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Pentecost by Malcolm Guite



Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.

The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

Answers to Quiz on page 3: 1. Eight 2. Queen Victoria
3. Australia 4. Twenty-seven 5. French 6. a) Helen Mirren
7. Montreal 8. Corgis 9. Twenty-one Rounds 10. Edinburgh

Recent Events continued

St Michael's Birthday Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported the birthday concert with the Burraton Boys. In the interval, a range of delicious cakes were eaten and the raffle drawn. Congratulations to all our winners.

A fabulous £300 was raised for the windows fund – and an amazing evening was enjoyed by all.

The church's birthday cake was cut by the Bishop of St Germans on the following day.



START at Crownhill Fort

Eight of our members assembled at Wesley for the drive to the fort. We parked and walked through the imposing gatehouse of this 'Palmerston Folly' to make for the mobile units to purchase drinks and waffles for lunch.

After eating we were given an introductory talk on the history of the fort and the other 13 defences that were constructed, in response to the threat of invasion by Louis Napoleon of France, as a ring around Plymouth to defend the landward approaches. Other forts and batteries were also built on the Cornish side of Plymouth Sound and above Whitsand Bay to complete the defence of the port.



We gathered around the two-inch field gun which was loaded with a small charge and a wad of corrugated paper, primed with black gunpowder and fired by one of the fort volunteers dressed in mid-Victorian army uniform. This was followed by a guided walk around the eastern rampart, before being entertained by an infantry drill, a display of small arms, a visit to the museum and the firing of the 32-pound cannon, cast in 1829. The volunteers and staff had put together an excellent programme for the afternoon and we thank Len Maddock for arranging this outing to this masterpiece of Victorian fortress design.

SALTASH SONGS & SHANTIES FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 12 JUNE
7.30-8.30PM

CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS AND ST FAITH

Eliza is the Fairest Queen

Acclaimed Early and World Music group Sirinu perform music from the time of Elizabeth I, to celebrate the jubilee year of Elizabeth II

Tickets from £1 – available from www.songsandshanties.co.uk

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Prayer for June

Gracious God, June takes us into the golden months we've been waiting for with hopes of high summer, cold drinks and warm evenings. It means Wimbledon and the first Test Match, people sitting out in street cafés and children playing joyfully in the park. It is also the month when children finish their exams. Help them Father in the final run-up to exams to stay on task, focus on revision and get their reward. Help particularly the Children and University students who struggle with anxiety over exams and don't do themselves justice. Give them quiet hearts and quick minds when it really matters.

Amen.



Pat Petherbridge

May she rise in glory

The funeral of Pat Petherbridge will take place at St Stephens Church on Tuesday 7 June at 1pm, followed by private cremation. Please remember John and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Recent Events continued

May Fair Refreshments

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Bacon Buttie Morning on May Fair Day, we had a really good morning and the feedback from people who had never been before was fantastic. A little over £170 was made after expenses were deducted.

May Fair Fundraising Stall



A big big thank you to all who helped on our fundraising stall not forgetting those who popped by to support us, also to Claude on Security early in the morning, to Ron who ferried our helpers from Church to and from Fore Street, to Ray with his much-needed trailer filled with tables and to Barry for helping to load it. You all helped make the day a success and the stall run smoothly. We were overwhelmed by sales of £542.

Police Choir



In late April we were delighted by the attendance for our fundraising concert by the Plymouth Area Police Choir, with some visitors travelling up from Nanpean. It was a truly great evening of entertainment with many songs from musicals plus our very own Darren Jane and Claire Fry performing a fantastic selection to complement the choir's programme.

The choir ended their performance by singing the Lord's Prayer. And then by request from a member of the audience, the anthem from Chess was repeated.

The evening raised £417.52 for Church funds.

Salisbury Flower Festival Coach Trip

On Friday 13 May, a group of us set off for Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival. Despite having to make a long diversion due to the serious accident at St Budeaux, we arrived at Salisbury only slightly later than planned.

Once inside, we were met with an abundance of amazing and cleverly created flower displays. The Queen's Jubilee cloak was made of pampas grasses and took 300 hours to complete (see below)!



The Cathedral visitors were asked to stop and join in with prayer within minutes of our arrival, but it was a lovely reflective way to start the Flower Festival journey.



The cafés were very busy serving delicious food, cake and drinks but plenty of seating was available with only a short wait, if any. Some of us had a wander into Salisbury city centre as we were free to come and go as we pleased.

This was a wonderful day out and thank you to all of those that came with us.



What's On

Flag Displays

**St Michael's Church
Sunday 5 June, 9am-4pm**



The pupils of Sir Roberty Geffery School are creating flags (as part of the national River of Hope) to hang in St Michael's Church and the Landrake Methodist Chapel.

The buildings will be open for you to admire their work on Sunday 5 June. The church will also project coverage of the pageant in London, so that we can join the national celebrations and light refreshments will be available.

Saltash Big Jubilee Lunch

**Fore Street
Sunday 5 June, Noon to 3pm**



St Stephen's Church have reserved some tables at the street party lunch, taking place in Fore Street and joining the rest of the nation with the Big Jubilee Lunch. If you would like to come along, please add your name to the list at the back of St Stephen's Church. You will need to bring a chair, crockery and food.

Prosecco Afternoon Tea

**SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 11 June, 3-5pm**

High tea with a glass of prosecco. There will be a Master of Ceremonies and Platinum awards will be presented.

Ladies we would appreciate it if you would wear hats to complete your outfit for the afternoon.

Tickets are £10 and are available from Leslie Stevens ☎ 01752 842521 or Margaret Evans ☎ 01752 844141.



Eliza is the Fairest Queen

**SSNF Church
Sunday 12 June, 7.30-8.30pm**

Music from the time of Elizabeth I to celebrate the jubilee of Elizabeth II – see page 5.

Menheniot Cherry Fayre

**Saturday 18 June,
10am to 2pm**



St Stephen's fundraising team will be at this fabulous village fayre which includes a carnival parade, craft stalls, hot food, delicious cakes, bouncy castles, tug of war and children's entertainment. Live music from Company B and other acts will carry on until 10pm.

Well worth a visit.

Summer Fair St Stephen's Church

**Saturday 25 June,
10am to 2pm**

After a three-year Covid enforced break, our Summer Fair is back!

A great event is planned with a good mixture of our fundraising stalls and traders plus entertainment. Spiderman will be with us for the whole event. See page 8 for details.

Nature Afternoon with Cream Tea

**St Michael's Church
Saturday 2 July, 2.30-5.30pm**



Not to be missed – details to follow.



A huge thank you to St Stephen's Church, who let us borrow some space on the church tower at the 2022 May Fair to ensure safe communications for the Saltash Half Marathon, 5K and Fun Run route. *Diverse Events, working alongside the Saltash May Fair Committee.*

Thank you to Arland for making himself available to enable this to happen.

Please email articles for the next issue to: newsletter@saltashteamministry.org by 20 June.



St Stephen's Church
Summer Fair
 Saturday 25 June 10am to 2pm

-  Church Fundraising Stalls:
Including Cakes & Bric à Brac
-  Crafts and Gifts:
Many new but old favourites too
-  Food Stalls:
Soft Fruit & Veg, Bakery,
Honey & Fudge
-  BBQ:
Hot Dogs & Burgers
-  Come and
meet Spider-Man
-  Plants for the Garden
-  Coconut Shy & Hoopla
-  Plus much more!



Entertainment

Inside the Church

- 10.15am - 10.45am Plympton Ukulele Band
- 11.15am - 11.45pm Plympton Ukulele Band
- 12.00pm - 12.30pm Halfway Harmony
- 1.00pm - 1.30pm Just Voices of Looe

In the Church Grounds

- 10.00am - 10.30am Saltash Town Band
- 11.00am - 11.30am Saltash Town Band
- 12.00pm - 12.30pm Just Voices of Looe
- 1.00pm - 1.30pm Halfway Harmony



Church refreshments will be served from 10am to 1.30pm including Bacon Rolls and Sandwich Bar