

Saltash Area Newsletter

November 2022



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terninus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

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'Til they cast their crowns before him

The Coronation! A shot in the arm for 'Britishness', a blast of the horn among nations; at the very least, an excuse for a party and distraction from the lack and want of recent years.

“Zadok the priest / And Nathan the prophet / Anointed Solomon king / And all the people rejoiced, rejoiced, rejoiced / And all the people rejoiced, rejoiced, rejoiced / Rejoiced, rejoiced, rejoiced / And all the people rejoiced, rejoiced / Rejoiced and said –”

Such was the thinking back in 1953, and perhaps might be thought even now. (This article originally began with a subtle link between the Conservative party's desire to get rid of Churchill back then and more recent events; sadly it was overtaken by events more recent still.)

I have been reading Ben Pimlott's biography of Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation has just been had. The author touches on the theology of coronation: Dr Fisher's lofty vision of self-denial and self-sacrifice, the Queen "giving herself and being herself at all times". It is an idea, Pimlott thinks, "as unreal as it was terrifying".

The faces interest him more: Elizabeth

and Winston, visible contrast of "youth and innocence, and age and experience"; one even now an icon of the war years; the other, at the time, an icon of hope and optimism for young Britons' future. In the words of Princess Margaret, "The Coronation was like a phoenix-time, everything was being raised from the ashes. There was this gorgeous-looking, lovely young lady, and nothing to stop

anything getting better and better."

There are other faces in the background: Margaret, back then known as a party animal, and not the devoutly religious person she also was; Philip, "a strong believer in the hail-fellow-well-met as opposed to the semi-divine interpretation of Monarchy" (Sir John Colville).

Not physically present, but present in mind, were the memory of a good king (George VI) and one perhaps better not spoken of (Edward VIII).

Yet there was one more king, physically present, and quite literally in the background, though Pimlott does not mention him: the saint King, Edward the Confessor, founder of the Abbey, whose relics lie in the chapel behind the high altar even now.



Coming Up

Mondays until 19 Dec

6.30 for 7pm

St Stephen's Church

Alpha Course

Tuesday 8 November

2pm, St Stephen's Church

Mothers' Union

Saturday 12 November

10am to 2pm

St Stephen's Church

November Fair

Monday 14 November

7pm MOSSAF

Meal at the Chaddlewood Inn

Friday 18 November

12.30pm S.T.A.R.T.

Saturday 19 November

3-5pm, St Stephen's Church

Messy Church

Saturday 19 November

5-9pm, Sir Robert Geffery

Memorial Hall, Landrake

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 26 November

SSNF Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Open daily until Sun 11 Dec

Saturday 26 November

9am, Church Hall,

Botus Fleming

Big Botus Breakfast

Saturday 2 December

7pm, St Stephen's Church

An evening with

Johnny Cowling

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 6 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am All Age Service

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

6.30pm Sung Evensong

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion then

11am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial

St Michael, Landrake

10am Holy Communion then

10.45am Service of Remembrance
at the War Memorial

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.50am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial
then Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial
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St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

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Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Morning Service

“Ask yourself which you would rather have been, in life, of all those great dead who lie in Westminster Abbey”, asked Ronald Knox in 1922, “is there any Christian who would not ask to change places with the Confessor; who would not choose his resting-place, there to wait for the opening of the great Doomsday Book, in which nothing is recorded of men but whether they meant good or evil, whether they loved or neglected God? ...

[William the] Conqueror, who diverted the stream of history, went to his grave disappointed and lies there a historical memory. [Edward the]

Confessor, whose ambitions could be satisfied by finding a poor man his dinner, saw no corruption in death, and lives the patron of his fellow countrymen.”

November 1st is the great feast of All Saints, and Edward is one of them. We have to be careful, it is true, in how we make ‘use’ of the

saints. The Reformers were right to suspect that martyrs’ bones were being treated more like magic totems; and the idea that the saints’ virtues could be parcelled out and sold off was entirely absurd. It is easy to love – even easier to ignore – a plaster saint, a 2D image of kindness or selflessness or piety: a St Francis who only ever preached to the birds, and even then didn’t use words.

We need to go deeper. The bones that one day will live again, can live again even now, in a sense. We must remember the saints as real people: read what they wrote, listen to

what they said, look at the deeds of their lives. Because some of whom even had lives like ours, thoughts like ours, experiences like ours; and in these, were faithful to God, and showed how to be faithful.

For the saints, we are sure, remember us before God (Rev. 6).

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Make a difference this Christmas!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

Our latest needs:

- Microwave Rice
- Milk Powder
- Puddings
- Coffee
- Washing Up Liquid
- Razors
- Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Shower Gel
- Orange Juice / Squash
- Tinned Meat

Recent Events

MOSSAF

Our October meeting saw nine of our members attend the Barcode for an evening of Adventure Golf. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as we putted our way over the eighteen hole course, overcoming the many obstacles in our way. In the end the results were 1st: Arland Burns 2nd: Mike McKee and 3rd: Steve Hookway. We ended our time together with a round of social drinks at the Ploughboy Inn.



Our November meeting will be our end of year meal at the Chaddlewood Inn. We then break for the Winter months meeting back up in March.

New members are always welcome, speak with Steve Hookway, Dave Coot or Roger Rowse to find out more.

August START

Our August gathering was well attended and we all enjoyed a splendid lunch down at the Community Meeting Centre in Fore Street. We admired the ingenuity of the staff turning out such good fare with such food donations as turn up each day.

People from all walks of life who find themselves in difficulties drop in for just a cup of tea and a chat, a meal or a free bag of food. The manager, a retired policeman, is a fund of true stories of locals who have benefited from such Christian charity. We then strolled down to the local museum to view the eclectic exhibits and learn about the history of our town from Jackie Austin and some staff members. I was particularly taken by the scale model of a rowing boat made by one of the Mashford boat-building brothers and used in the family as a unique crib.

Botus Fleming Harvest Events

The three harvest events raised over £400 for church funds.

Remembrance Sunday Quiz



1. Why is Remembrance Day held on the 11 November?
2. Britain's biggest remembrance service is held at the Cenotaph monument in London. What does cenotaph mean?
3. Can you complete the next bit of this poem by Rupert Brooke? "If I should die, think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field"
4. What are the old soldiers who wear a distinctive bright red uniform called?
5. How many soldiers died during World War I? a) 200,000, b) over 3 million, c) 4 and a half million, d) over 8 million
6. The memorial called The Menin Gate bears the names of 56,000 men. They came from Britain and its Empire and were killed in World War I. Why are these particular men named on the arch?
7. Remembrance services often feature a piece of music called The Last Post. Which instrument is it normally played on?
8. The poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance because it grew on the battlefields of World War One. True or False?

Answers on p6

For the Fallen

by Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain..

One of the most interesting but overlooked facts about this poem is how early into the War it was written: Binyon wrote 'For the Fallen' in northern Cornwall in September 1914, just one month after the outbreak of the First World War.

Recent Events continued

September START

In September our original plan was put on hold and instead, after lunch at the Leisure Centre we assembled at Wesley for an interesting afternoon listening to three of our group speak about their careers. The first to take the floor was Steve Tait, who worked in Devonport Dockyard and spoke of several people known to many of those present. Next up was Len Maddock who was also employed in the Dockyard and although not in the same department as Steve, their lives ran on parallel lines both in employment and socially. Our closing speaker was Rev. Brian Anderson and, as expected, his memories did not fail to catch our attention.

We look forward to future fellowship together and would welcome new members.

Mother's Union

The Mothers' Union Group met in October and our opening prayers were read by Margaret Gwynn. These included a special prayer for Prisons' Week as MU are taking part. For nearly 50 years Prisons' Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. We are asked to pray each day during the week but also to ask whether there is one thing, as an individual, or as a church that we can do to help the people that we pray for.

After our prayers we welcomed Sue Hooper who came to tell us about Mother Teresa. Born in Macedonia, Mother Teresa lost her father when she was just 8 years old. She already knew that she wanted to live a religious life ... to devote her life to helping the poor sick and hungry. After some training at a convent in Dublin, Teresa moved to Calcutta (now Kolkata) in India to join another convent. She was shocked by what she saw in the streets and by 1946 she had established an orphanage, a school and a leper colony. By 1965 she had expanded her Sisterhood of Charity to work throughout the world and was addressing World Leaders about helping the poor. Although glorified throughout her life, Mother Teresa was not made a Saint until after her death in 2016. She is interred in the Mother House of Missionaries in Kolkata.

Our next meeting is on 8 November at 2pm and we shall be learning how to make a table decoration.



Recent Events continued

Messy Church



In October, Messy Church thought about the parable of the lost coin. With the help of new members of our team we were able to have various crafts for the children to enjoy around the theme of the parable.

Reverend Richard told the story and engaged with some children in play-acting, to explain the meaning of the parable. He also brought along his guitar to accompany us in a song.

After the crafts we all enjoyed a buffet tea before congregating for the short worship. As part of worship, Sandra led the children around the church looking for some coins that she had lost. The clues taught the children about various areas of the church and they were all pleased when they found the coins, which turned out to be made of chocolate. Each child could have one to put in the purses that they had made earlier in the afternoon.

There were around 40 adults and children in church who joined in the final hymn accompanied by Richard and his shakers.

A great afternoon, we look forward to the next Messy Church on 19 November when we shall be looking forward to Advent.

I'd like to express my personal thanks to Jill, Helen and Lydia who have joined the committee with us older folk and their help is much appreciated.

Sandra Mckee

Botus Fleming Remembrance Sunday Coffee

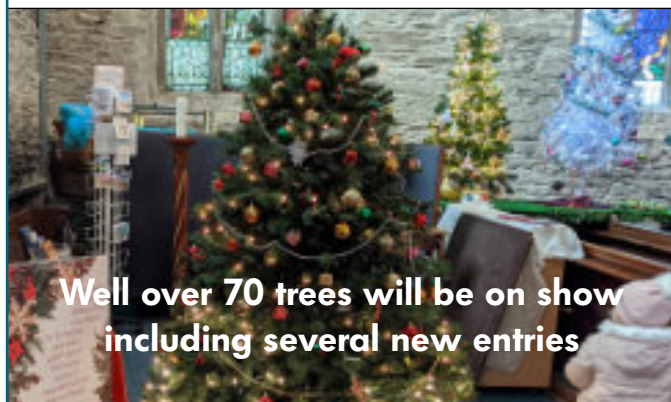
Coffee will be served after the Remembrance Sunday service in the church hall – all welcome.



Christmas Tree Festival 2022

**Saturday 26 November
to Sunday 11 December**

FREE ENTRY – donations invited



**Well over 70 trees will be on show
including several new entries**

Opening Times

Saturday 26 November: 10am to 6pm

Refreshments available until 4pm

Sunday 27 November: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 3 December: 10am to 8pm*

Refreshments available until 4pm

Sunday 4 December: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 10 December: 10am to 6pm

Refreshments available until 4pm

Sunday 11 December: 2pm to 6pm

Grand Christmas Draw

Tickets now available

Trees will be taken down on Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th and Friday 16 December (2-4pm) and our Grand Christmas Draw will be drawn at noon at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 17 December.

*Depending on the town festivities, please watch the pew sheet for more information.

WANTED

St Stephen's are collecting empty Pringle tubs (and lids). The empty tubs can be put in the back of the church or please contact Helen if items need collecting.

Also if anyone has any used pens, highlighters, markers, empty correction fluid containers or used mechanical pencils (no wooden pencils), please could they get them to St Stephen's for a school contest.

Samaritan's Purse



As in previous years, we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to take part, leaflets giving details of how to pack your box are in church. Shoeboxes will be available for 40p. Please let me know if you would like one, as they have to be ordered.

The collection date for the boxes will be week beginning 7 November

Help make a child's Christmas

Margaret Dell

☎ 01752 846945

Recent Events continued

Creation Care

Helen, St Stephen's PCC secretary, signed up to be St Stephen's Creation Care champion in March and at the last PCC meeting, the PCC agreed to adopt a resolution to pass the Parish Creation Care policy.

Helen attends a monthly zoom meeting with other Creation Care Champions from all over Cornwall and has had to complete an audit of five sections, which is the starting point to St Stephen's becoming an A Rocha eco church award holder. The five sections are: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle. We would need to get a bronze award in all sections before working towards silver and finally a gold award. The diocese needs a certain number of churches to obtain the bronze award to become a bronze eco church award holder.

The request from the diocese as part of the Creation Care Champion role is to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and to Speak Up. We have a very long way to go to achieve what is needed but three simple things that our churches are being asked to do is: swap to low energy light bulbs, switch to using renewable energy and to heat the person, not the space.

In taking small steps in our church buildings, we will be making big strides towards our shared goal of Net Zero by 2030.



Helen was invited to take part in a Creation Care service at Truro Cathedral on Sunday 2 October and on behalf of St Stephen's church, was presented with a Kernow Green Church Award by Bishop Hugh.

Helen is not able to achieve all that is required on her own, and hopes that we will be supportive in aiming to achieve what is required by the diocese and the Church of England

We look forward to Ben Lillie, the Diocesan Environment Officer joining us at the United Service in January to talk more about Creation Care.

Prayer for November



Loving Father, In November the natural world is closing down for winter. The days are getting shorter and a chill slides under the door.

Help us not to close down our hopes and dreams, our warmth and welcome. Keep us hospitable to others and open to you.

We pray for those who are being most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, help us – your church – to come alongside others, sharing our hope and reflecting your generosity by sharing with those in need as much as we are able.

Freely we have received, so let us freely give.

Amen

Answers to Quiz on p 3:

1. Because WWI ended on 11 November 1918.
2. The name comes from the Greek word for empty tomb. London's Cenotaph honours people who are buried elsewhere.
3. "Think only this of me: That there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England."
4. Chelsea Pensioners, they are cared for at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London.
5. d).
6. Their bodies were never found or never identified, and so they have no known graves.
7. The Bugle.
8. True.

Recent Events continued

Food Market and Table Top Sale

A big thank you to all who helped and supported at last month's Food Market and Table Top sale. It was great to welcome the local community inside our church and also help local charities to raise some funds. We had five food traders who came to one of our events for the first time and all were very surprised how busy our events were and all wish to return in the future.

This was the first time we were able to hold this event for two and half years due to Covid and with rise of the cost of living, we were surprised and delighted to raise an impressive £783.97 in just two hours.

Harvest Supper



A pleasant evening was had by all at the recent Harvest Supper held at St Stephen's Church. Catering for the evening was done by Julie Turner and team, who put on a delicious spread for us all to enjoy.

The evening also featured local singer Peter Mancini who sang popular songs from the 40s and 50s.

It was great to see so many from the local community attend as well as members of our regular congregation.



£86 was raised for church funds. A collection raised £73.31 for Saltash Foodbank and this was presented by Dave and Sandra to Richard from the Foodbank.

WANTED

For St Stephen's Church Fair – Saturday 12 November

Selection Boxes for our Festive Tombola

If you are willing to donate one, then please pass to Dave Coot (07745 623234) or leave them in the Tombola Prize box in the Social Area of St Stephen's Church by Sunday 6 November.

Bric à Brac

Please contact John Lissenden (01752 847573) to arrange collection or leave in the Social area.

New Gifts

If you have been given a gift which just isn't for you, then we would love to receive them for our new gift stall, again please leave them in the social area of St Stephen's Church.

Thank you from St Stephen's Church Social Committee.

Prayer for Remembrance

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed.

On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.

Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.

And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



What's On

Stay Curious... Try Alpha

St Stephen's Church
Mondays, 6.30 for 7pm



Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a welcoming, open and friendly environment.

It's free and there's no pressure or follow-up. Each session starts with a meal then you'll be hosted in a group where you'll hear different topics on Christianity, and have time to chat through any thoughts. You can say anything you like or nothing at all. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.

Contact the vicar for more details.
vicar@saltashteamministry.org

November Fair
St Stephen's Church
Sat 12 Nov, 10am to 2pm



Come along and buy Christmas presents for those 'hard-to-buy-for' friends and family.

Cakes, Christmas card packs, festive tombola, hoopla, stationery, cards, books, bumper Christmas raffle and much, much more – Christmas Gifts Galore!

Refreshments Available.

Christmas Bazaar
Sir Robert Geffery
Memorial Hall, Landrake
Sat 19 November, 5pm to 9pm



Come and buy all your Christmas gifts at our 15 stalls. Stay for hot pork and stuffing rolls, roasted chestnuts and more! Father Christmas will also be there.

Christmas Tree Festival
SSNF Church
Saturday 26 November
to Sunday 11 December



See page 5 for details.

Big Botus Breakfast
Botus Fleming Church Hall
Saturday 26 November, 9am



Start the day by enjoying breakfast with friends followed by a local interest talk from a guest speaker.

**An Evening with
Johnny Cowling**
St Stephen's Church
Friday 2 December, 7pm



Johnny Cowling, a talented Cornish comedian and Pirate FM radio presenter, will sing a Gospel concert to raise funds for the church.

Light refreshments will be available and a pasty supper is included in price.

There will also be a raffle.

Tickets £10 (+50p booking fee):
www.trybooking.co.uk/BUOZ or
contact Helen: ☎ 01752 844456
office@saltashteamministry.org

Christmas Concert
Pelynt Male Voice Choir
St Stephen's Church
Thurs 15 December, 1.30pm



Get into the Christmas spirit as many well known festive favourites are sung. Tickets costing £5 each are available on the door, from Piglets in Fore Street, or ring Roger on ☎ 01752 843766 or email ststephenschurchsaltash@hotmail.co.uk

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