

# Saltash Area Newsletter

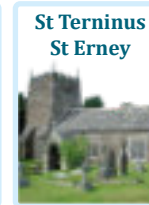
June 2023



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

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## Trigger Warning: Exams

Question: what was recently described as “scary, and quite middle class?”

Answer: not the Church of England, but this year’s end-of-primary-school SATs examination paper in English.

You might have seen the headlines: “Headteachers express concern over SATs amid claims a paper left pupils ‘in tears’”.

‘Well, how hard could it be?’ an unsympathetic person might think. The BBC published a couple of questions: does, “she wriggled back inside the tent” mean, “she had to squeeze in” or “she crept in quietly”? What do you think? I confess that I got it wrong!

The story gave me flashbacks to a parish quiz I attended in 2014, about which I am still bitter. The question there was, “Which is the first of the Narnia books?” I put my hand up and asked for clarification: in publication order, or in the order in which they are set? The questioner didn’t understand me, and just muttered something about “the books, not the films”. Needless to say, my answer was marked wrong. Grumble.

Still, reading about tests and exams might bring back worse memories for

some than losing a few points at a parish quiz and the chance to win some Quality Street. Maybe the memory even now fills you with nervousness, despair, anticipation, excitement, or all of the above mixed together. Perhaps it is bound up with other (hopefully better) memories: glimpses of bright, rising



summer between revision sessions; moments of camaraderie with your fellow sufferers; the poignant realisation that a time of your life is coming to an end; the feeling when it is all over. “They rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest” (Isaiah 9.3); “Those who go

out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them” (Psalm 126.7). Maybe a feeling like that.

I will be careful in drawing a link between the sitting exams and the Christian religion – I remember a comedian once parodying ‘Thought for the Day’: “As our young people sit their exams, we remember how Our Lord too was tested...” So I’ll try not to say anything so trite.

But I wonder if one reason why the exam-sitting period of life seems so

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 1 June to Sunday 4 June**  
SSNF Church  
(see p8 for opening times)  
Floral Art and Craft Exhibition plus bacon butties on Saturday morning

**Monday 12 June**  
7pm, St Stephen’s Church  
MOSSAF with guest speaker Bishop Hugh

**Tuesday 13 June**  
2pm  
St Stephen’s Church  
Mother’s Union

**Friday 16 June**  
11am  
S.T.A.R.T.  
Tour of Citadel, Dutton’s/Fisherman’s Arms

**Saturday 17 June**  
3pm to 5pm  
St Stephen’s Church  
Messy Church

**Saturday 1 July**  
10am to 2pm  
St Stephen’s Church  
Summer Fair (see page 9)



## JUNE SERVICES

### Sunday 4 June

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Family Service

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Family Service

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Family Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

### Sunday 11 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

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Matins

### Sunday 18 June

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

**St Michael, Landrake**

9.30am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

11.15am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**

11.15am Family Service

### Sunday 25 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

**St Erney, Landrake**

11.15am Holy Communion

### Every Tuesday

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**

4pm Evening Prayer

### Every Wednesday

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**

10am Holy Communion

strange and anxious and unreal and stressful is to do with more than just having to solve quadratic equations. It is a time of change: exams normally come at the end of school or university. It is a time of decisions – what to do next? It is a time of judgement, as you reach the point to which you have been travelling so long. It is a decisive time, as even the smallest decision (fountain pen or biro?) seems as if it could have the greatest future consequences. In a strange way one could sum this up in the word ‘freedom’. I mean, on one level, you probably wouldn’t sit exams if you didn’t have to. But on a deeper level, here is a big flashing sign saying, “what you do matters! How you use your time can have life-changing consequences! you have freedom, why not use it!”

And – perhaps for everyone reading this – it is a time that has now gone. We sat our exams, however many years ago, got our ‘B’ in GCSE Drama, made our decisions, lived our lives, went on our way.

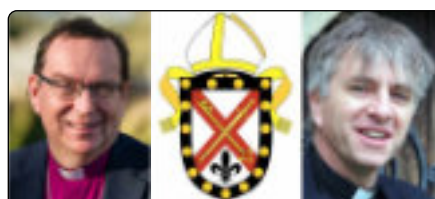
But what if, in fact, we still had that freedom, that we felt so briefly

long ago? What if we could throw off all that deadens our sense of freedom, all that weighs us down or traps us in ways that we don’t want (cf Hebrews 12.1); the stories we tell ourselves of why ‘this is the way it has to be’. We’d need help, of course, realistically, if we are to be free indeed. “*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*” (Galatians 5.1) And the time of decision has not passed either: “*now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Cor 6.2)

There’s a popular nightmare where someone dreams that they have to resit one of their old exam papers, without any preparation or warning (and maybe in their pyjamas). Obviously that is not going to happen, but maybe there is still some important meaning to be squeezed out from those strange, stressful days of long ago.

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\*Officially, the correct answer is “*she had to squeeze in*”.



The BBC Politics South West programme contained a report about the Diocese of Truro.

Bishop Philip & Bishop Hugh have written a letter to explain some of the background and set the record straight on the many inaccuracies in the report. Link to their letter in full: [saltashteamministry.org/assets/docs/2023\\_May\\_19\\_-\\_Letter\\_to\\_church.pdf](https://saltashteamministry.org/assets/docs/2023_May_19_-_Letter_to_church.pdf)



Veg plot in Landrake was featured on Radio 4 on Sunday 21 May: [www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001m4n0](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001m4n0) (4½ mins in).



1. June has two zodiac signs, name both?
2. In this month in 1936, Gone With the Wind was first published. Who was the author?
3. In 1913, Emily Davison a women's suffrage activist was fatally injured. How?
4. In 1883 the train line that is identified with intrigue and luxury travel started operations. What is it called?
5. In June 1949 George Orwell published his political novel of life under a totalitarian government. What was it called?
6. Which historical novel begins in 1815 and culminates with the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris?
7. The first Boat race held on the Thames between Oxford and Cambridge took place in June of this year. Was it a) 1829 b) 1849 c) 1869
8. On her birthday, in 1942, Anne Frank began keeping a diary. How old was she?
9. In 1894 an international congress in Paris founded the International Olympic Committee to reinstate the ancient Olympic Games. Who led the committee?
10. What takes place near Pilton in the last week of June, each year?

Answers on p8

## Recent Events

### Charity Coffee Morning



When we first approached John Petherbridge with the idea of holding a coffee morning in memory of his wife, Pat, to raise funds for Pulmonary Fibrosis, I don't think any of us expected it to be such a success.

With just the men running and organising the event, there was always a chance that things could go wrong! We put in a lot of work to get ourselves organised and had some good feedback and we enjoyed doing something different for a very worthwhile cause. With donations in advance of the event the grand total exceeded £1,500.

### Messy Church



At Messy Church this month we learnt about the Festival of Pentecost; the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church'

The children listened to the story of the Disciples receiving the gift of the Spirit and how their fear turned to joy as they realised what this meant.

The crafts were centred on the power of the wind and fire, which brought the Spirit; windmills and twirlers were made to take home; blow paintings of the flames were produced and kites displaying many languages were placed on the board – a wonderful display! The children celebrated the birthday by decorating cakes and in our worship we sang Happy Birthday to the Church.

Many thanks go to all those who helped with crafts and provided the refreshments.

## Recent Events continued

### Mother's Union



The Mothers' Union group met in May and began as usual with prayers, read by Sandra and Dorothy.

We then welcomed Mr Duncan Matthews, who had travelled from St Cleer near Liskeard, to tell us about the life and work of John Passmore Edwards. Many will know the name – even if only for the Passmore Edwards hospital that he provided in the town of Liskeard. Unfortunately, only the facade of this building remains.

John was born nearly 200 years ago at Blackwater in Cornwall, the son of a mason who also ran a brewery, market gardens and a carpentry business. John attended the local Dames School and became an avid reader, but was not allowed to read the Royal Cornwall Standard as it was 'Tory' paper and his family were staunch Methodists! Later, John moved into newspapers – as a writer and producer. He was involved in the Temperance Society and made extra money writing articles for their publications. He campaigned against the Corn Laws, which didn't make him popular amongst the local society. He also fought and succeeded in getting a half-day holiday each week for shop staff and he was involved in the Peace Movement against the Boer War. He was a Liberal MP for Salisbury but as he didn't toe the party line, this did not last long.

Throughout his life he was involved in many ventures. He made, and lost, money but was able to pay for the building of hospitals, libraries, museums and art galleries throughout Cornwall, Devon and London – 72 buildings in all! He said that as his money came from the working man, he wanted to pay it back.

Duncan had many facts to entertain us and we are grateful to him for coming to give such an interesting talk. We hope that he enjoyed the tea and cake!

### 'This too shall come to pass...'

What we have to learn is to work at home during snow. Commuters should have a winter desk in their houses where, with today's gadgetry, they could turn in a good day's toil; without struggling through drifts to the office. Schoolchildren too. Approaching snow might be when the value of a meeting could be assessed.

Ronald Blythe, writing in January – late '60s or early '70s; following a heavy snowfall

## Jesus Christ Superstar

is coming to  
the Theatre Royal, Plymouth



Helen has tickets available for  
Thursday 9 November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are in the stalls (rows E & F) and are £47 each.

Payment and final numbers are required  
by Sunday 25 June.

Contact Helen by email: [helen@saltashteamministry.org](mailto:helen@saltashteamministry.org)  
or ☎ 07776 452768 or see Ray at St Stephen's



John Petherbridge and family would like to thank everyone who supported in any way the coffee morning held on 13 May at St Stephens Church. Particular thanks go to the Men of St Stephens and Friends (MOSSAF) for all the dedication and hard work done to ensure that the event was such a huge success. It was held in memory of my dear wife to raise funds for the charity Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, an illness for which currently there is no known cure. Nearly £900 was raised on the day and with other donations still being received, it has now exceeded £1,500. An amazing result and a wonderful tribute to a lovely Christian lady who, as a qualified nurse and ward sister, spent her whole life helping other people, even in retirement. God bless you all.

Please continue to pray for the outcome, and for those of us involved in the process.

# June Thunder

The Junes were free and full, driving through tiny  
Roads, the mudguards brushing the cowparsley,  
Through fields of mustard and under boldly embattled  
Mays and chestnuts.

Or between beeches verdurous and voluptuous  
Or where broom and gorse beflagged the chalkland –  
All the flare and gusto of the unending  
Joys of a season

Now returned but I note as more appropriate  
To the maturer mood impending thunder  
With an indigo sky and the garden hushed except for  
The treetops moving.

Then the curtains in my room blow suddenly inward,  
The shrubbery rustles, birds fly heavily homeward,  
The white flowers fade to nothing on the trees and rain  
comes  
Down like a dropscene.

Now there comes catharsis, the cleansing downpour  
Breaking the blossoms of our overdated fancies  
Our old sentimentality and whimsicality  
Loves of the morning.

Blackness at half-past eight, the night's precursor,  
Clouds like falling masonry and lightning's lavish  
Annunciation, the sword of the mad archangel  
Flashed from the scabbard.

If only you would come and dare the crystal  
Rampart of the rain and the bottomless moat of thunder,  
If only now you would come I should be happy  
Now if now only.

By Louis Macneice

written June 1938

## Recent Events continued

### MOSSAF



Men of St Stephen's Church and Friends enjoyed a visit to Plympton St Maurice for their May meet up. Father Ian Provost gave us a wonderful guided tour which was detailed and very interesting. We ended the evening with Compline which was part led by Steve.

Our next meeting is on Monday 12 June at 7pm in the Social Area of St Stephen's Church when Bishop Hugh will be our guest speaker. New members are welcome.

### St George's Day Meal



All who attended very much enjoyed the socialising and the tasty three-course meal provided by the hard-working Julie Turner Cakes and Catering. Although this event was non-profit making we were delighted to receive a £50 donation from Julie towards Church Funds. Julie will be back to cater for our Italian Night on 24 August.

Thanks to everyone who came to support the Landolph Church Spring Fair on the 22 April. The

*Thank You!*

weather was more wet than we would have liked, but were very pleased that so many people came to make it a very memorable afternoon. The Fair raised £642 for which we are very grateful and will go towards the Church Fabric Fund which pays for restoration and repair works of our beautiful Grade 1 listed medieval church.

## Recent Events continued

### Coronation High Tea

An enjoyable High Tea with Prosecco to mark the Coronation of King Charles was enjoyed by all on Saturday 13 May.



The King and Queen aka Dr Bryan and Mrs Pat Moore were in attendance, and a posy was presented to her majesty by Rosie.

Coronation Certificates were awarded to Sue Davies for always being there to play for us when needed, Mary Bowden, for everything that she does in helping us prepare for various functions, and all

the decorations that she makes, and Audrey Miller for always being there with her camera to record the event. There are still two more certificates to be presented but the recipients were unable to attend this event.

Thank you to everyone who supported, and helped make this an enjoyable afternoon.



## Memories of the 1953 Coronation

I was serving in the RAF and after special training in the New Forest, we transferred to Kensington Gardens under canvas ready to line the Coronation procession route. We had been issued with serge uniforms and we all looked very smart.

On Coronation day, we had a really early start and marched to Oxford Street for our duty lining the route of the procession. Huge crowds thronged the streets from early morning to evening. The procession passed through within a few feet of where we were.

The rain dampened the pavements, but not the atmosphere created by the cheering crowds and the music from the bands. After the procession, we returned to our tent for hot stew.

I was issued with a Coronation medal after the event which I still wear with pride. I have very happy memories of the Queen's Coronation.

*Ern Reynolds*



## Recent Events continued

### St Michael's Veg Plot

The churchyard vegetable plot is showing its first signs of growth, as the broken ground is tilled and seedlings planted with help from Sir Robert Geffery's School's loan of their rotavator.



A potting-on Extraordinary Work Party has also been held, as so many donations have been gratefully received following publicity on television, Facebook, the Diocesan website and Radio 4.

### St Michael's Birthday Concert



A concert for St Michael's birthday was once again put on. This time, various local musicians kindly entertained the crowd (including our Priest in Charge) and refreshments took the form of a specially baked birthday cake (Caroline never disappoints).

Richard said a few words in appreciation of everybody who contributed, before cutting the cake.

### Coronation Bell Pull at St Michael's

The Churchwarden was pleased to receive a visit from Princess H, in full regalia, who graced the Coronation Bell Pull with her presence, and even lent a hand to the rope. The ringing of the bell attracted a number of parishioners, who wished to take part in this historic act of celebration for King Charles III's accession.



Our latest needs:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Toilet Rolls
- Tinned Ham
- Tinned Minced Beef
- Tinned Stewing Steak
- Packet Puddings (eg Jelly, Angel Delight)
- Jars of Spicy Sauce
- Tinned Fish
- Toiletries (especially razors, shaving foam, deodorants)
- Washing Powder
- Jam

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, Co-op or at the back of the Saltash Churches and/or donate money via their website: [saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)



**Ern Reynolds, the retiring president of the Saltash Old Cornwall Society was presented with a Certificate of Life Membership by the new president, Sue Hooper, after the Sunday service at St Nicholas and St Faith.**

### Prayer for the Refugee Crisis

Heavenly Father,  
you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who fled persecution at His birth and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen.



# What's on over the Summer

## St Nicholas & St Faith Floral Art and Craft Exhibition

St Nicholas & St Faith Church  
Thursday 1 June  
to Sunday 4 June



The church will be open 10am to 4pm on Thursday to Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday.

Bacon butties will be available from 10am to 1pm in the church rooms on Saturday.

Free entry, but donations welcome.

## Work Party

### Landrake

Saturday 3 June from 10am

A small number attended the St Erney work party in May. More help would be appreciated for our June work party – free cake available!

## Summer Fair St Stephen's Church

Saturday 1 July,  
10am to 2pm



A great event is planned with a good mixture of our fundraising stalls and traders plus entertainment.

Spider-man will be with us for the whole event. See page 9 for details.

## Nature Afternoon with Cream Tea

St Michael's Church  
Saturday 15 July



Further details to follow about this popular event, which is not ticketed and open to all.

## Ploughman's Lunch

SSNF Church Rooms  
Saturday 15 July, Noon to 2pm



Ham or Cheese Ploughmans with various salads plus a pudding. £6.

Please feel free to bring your own drinks if you should wish anything stronger than tea or coffee.

## Breakfast Baps

SSNF Church Rooms  
Saturdays 5 & 19 August



Details to follow.

## 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

### Answers to Quiz on p 3:

1. Gemini (until June 20) and Cancer (from June 21 onwards)
2. Margaret Mitchell
3. Trampled by King George V's horse at the Epsom Derby
4. The Orient Express
5. Nineteen Eighty-four
6. Les Miserables
7. a) 1829
8. Thirteen
9. Pierre de Coubertin
10. Glastonbury Festival.

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# St Stephen's Church Summer Fair

Saturday 1 July 10am to 2pm

-  Church Fundraising Stalls:  
Including Cakes & Bric à Brac
-  Crafts and Gifts:  
Many new but old favourites too
-  Food Stalls: Honey, Fudge, Chutneys,  
Hen, duck & goose eggs & Sweet treats
-  BBQ:  
Hot Dogs & Burgers
-  Come and meet  
Spider-Man and his friends
-  Plants for the Garden
-  Face Painting  
& Glitter Tattoos
-  Coconut Shy  
& Hoopla
-  Plus much more!

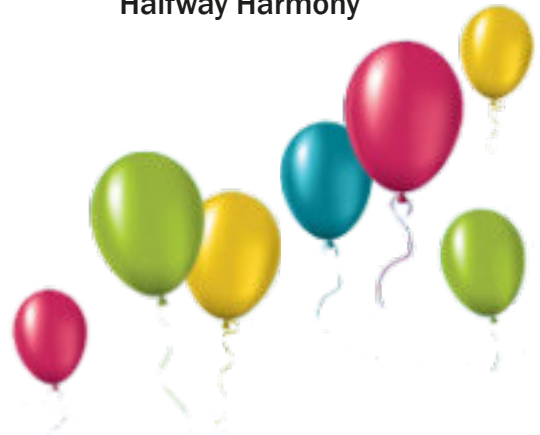


## Entertainment

### Inside the Church

Peter Mancini

Halfway Harmony



### In the Church Grounds

Sunset Swing Band

City of Plymouth Pipe Band



Sunset Swing Band



Plymouth Pipe Band

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