

Saltash Area Newsletter

November 2023



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

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"As I was saying – just a thought ..."

When I was asked to write an item for the Newsletter, my first reaction was to panic.

Should it be something humorous or, something serious?

Then I thought, forward planning is the answer so first, decide on a topic.

So (and I know you shouldn't begin a sentence with 'so') I thought, why not just talk about where

I am at today; and see if it chimes with some of you reading this.

As with most people who have a garden, I'm currently trying to finish all of the planting (spring bulbs etc.), pruning and generally getting things shipshape before the mild weather breaks.

In the process, and using a very handy app on my phone, I've identified that my Lilac tree has 'lilac leaf spot' and it tells me that I need to be careful and clear away the leaves as they fall. There's also a dark purple Buddleia and a Wysteria, both of which have appeared from nowhere in the last 12 months, and need cutting back. In addition, a lot of my pots are looking rather sad; the trouble with this is that I'm loath to uproot the dying plants while there are still flowers on them.

When in the back garden by the way, I thought that I'd identified a butterfly that I hadn't seen before; only to find out (handy phone app again) that it's a moth!



(Has anybody else noticed that, in general, there seems to be a lot more butterflies around this year?)

Last, but not least, I need to finish painting the outside of the house (and on it goes). I've decided to save clearing the garage until nearer the end of the year when the weather dictates that, more often than not, I can only work inside.

And, isn't this how our lives in general pan out. We deal with those things that need to be done now and, those things that can be postponed, we do just that;

although by acknowledging these postponed jobs, our conscience is clear; after all, we're not denying these jobs need doing are we?

In Ecclesiastes ch. 3, we find: *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity.*

In fact, isn't this all about 'time'. And while I'm a big fan of making 'to do' lists so that jobs get done in time, meetings attended, phone calls made. We also need to allow some 'me time' – and recognise that this isn't a weakness; this isn't an indulgence – it's about our own health and well-being. And this prompted another thought – what about a time to reflect?

I remember that, while in training, we were advised that we should make time



Saturday 4 November
10am to 1.30pm
St Stephen's Church
November Fair

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Noon to 2pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Soup & Pud Lunch

Saturday 11 November
From 10.30am
St Mary's Hall, Botus
Coffee Morning
Memories of the War with
the Cargreen Singers.

Monday 13 November
6.30pm, Lord Louis
MOSSAF, End of year meal

Tuesday 14 November
3pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union
Christmas tree decorations

Friday 17 November
12.30pm S.T.A.R.T.
Talk on Plymouth Incinerator
by Jade Beavan and lunch

Saturday 18 November
3pm to 5pm
St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

Saturday 18 November
4pm to 7pm
The Geffery Memorial Hall
Christmas Bazaar

Friday 24 November
6.30pm to 9pm
St Stephen's Church
Xmas Shopping Evening

**Saturday 25 November
to Friday 15 December**
SSNF Church
Xmas Tree Festival

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 5 November

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

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion then

11am Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial

St Michael, Landrake

10.45am Service of Remembrance
Landrake 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
then Morning Service

Sunday 19 November

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

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 November

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

each day, maybe for as little as 10 minutes, to allow time to just sit and be still, to be at one with ourselves; or maybe, reflect and give thanks for the good things in our lives many of which we take for granted. My own 'add on' to this is, for each negative thought that creeps into your mind during this time of reflection (and it will), nip it in the bud by countering it with a positive thought.

Sometimes however, no matter your good intentions, the distraction is a problem that you're in the middle of trying to deal with and, try as you might to clear your mind, it will not go away. My way of dealing with this is to acknowledge the problem and ask myself, 'Have I done the best I can at this time? Is the answer outside of my control? Is worrying about it at this moment in time going to make the situation any better?' By answering these questions, you can give yourself permission to take a break.

And, as C S Lewis (Letters to Malcolm) says, *Just begin where you are.*

However, if you're feeling really down and good things to reflect on seem to be in short supply, you could try some simple things that are closer to home (one or two of these will seem rather silly to some people). I remind myself that I have a roof over my head, I have food in the cupboard, I've managed to dry the washing on the clothes line, my children love me, my dogs are always happy to see me and, no matter what – I know the Lord will always stand by me!

At this time when we are, yet again, without a full-time member of the Clergy, we need to also be conscious of how we use our time. Recognising the need to find the time to support each other, maybe in areas we wouldn't ordinarily become involved in. However, I know that we will succeed, because we have the heart and the will to do so.

In James chapter 2 we find: *I will show you my faith by what I do.*

It would seem then, that my thoughts have evolved to consider the many aspects of 'time'.

Time for hope, Time for joy, Time to reflect, Time for self, Time for others, Time for prayer.

Finally J R R Tolkien says:

All we have to decide – is what to do with the time that is given to us.

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The monthly October Creation Care meeting was a rare face to face gathering, rather than the usual zoom meeting. We were lucky enough to be able to go to Truro Cathedral on a wet Thursday evening and experience the amazing Gaia. It was extremely mesmerising, and just beautiful, but definitely made us all realise how we need to look after our world. Some of the Creation Care members had booked a Celestial Heights tour, but as it was a school night for us, we just did the floor viewing. My 8 year-olds described it as very calming.

Helen Reid





1. When is All Saints' Day observed in the Roman Catholic Church?
a) 31 Oct b) 1 Nov c) 14 Feb d) 6 Dec
2. In which church does All Saints' Day fall on the Sunday after Pentecost?
a) Anglican b) Eastern Orthodox
c) Methodist d) Presbyterian
3. Which of the following churches is LEAST likely to have a special observance for All Saints' Day?
a) Lutheran b) Baptist c) Anglican
d) Church of the Nazarene
4. What is the most commonly used liturgical colour for All Saints' Day in Western Christianity?
a) White b) Yellow c) Purple d) Red
5. Which of the following is another name for All Saints' Day?
a) Reformation Day b) Hallowmas c) Festivus
d) Remembrance Sunday
6. In what country do godfathers give their godchildren Allerheiligenstriezel on All Saints' Day?
a) Austria b) Russia c) Finland d) Canada
7. All Saints' Day is also known as All Souls' Day or the Day of the Dead.
a) True b) False
8. In what country, where this day is known as La Toussaint, do people often place chrysanthemums on graves for the holiday?
a) Bulgaria b) France c) Italy d) Brazil
9. A popular processional hymn in Anglican churches on All Saints' Day is "For All the Saints." Which Anglican Bishop of Wakefield wrote it?
a) Thomas Becket b) Thurston Howell
c) William Walsham How d) John Newton

Answers on p8

Recent Events

Mother's Union

At the end of September, Mothers' Union held a Wave of Prayer service in St Stephen's, which was well attended by our own members, members from Menheniot and members of our congregation. We appreciated the organ playing of Paul Fry for our hymns.

A retiring collection raised £80 which will help to start up our new Church venture, which is a free clothes bank for children aged from birth to 16 years. Families who are struggling with the cost of living and finding it difficult to clothe their children can ask for help (anonymously by phone if they wish). See page 7.

Our usual monthly meeting took place on the second Tuesday in October. Unfortunately our Speaker was unable to attend so members spent some time discussing proposals from a Diocesan Steering Committee about reorganising the Mothers' Union Charity throughout the S.W. By uniting eight separate Diocesan groups of M.U. into one charity, it is hoped to streamline the administration and make it easier to find Trustees and Officers. We shall report our opinions at our Diocese Members Day at the end of October.

Following the business talk, we moved on to play a game about communication. Members were asked to listen to a description and to draw the answer. They were all good at identifying the subject but unfortunately not so good at drawing the answer – a bit of a breakdown in communication! Still, we had fun and moved on to enjoy our cup of tea.

At our next meeting in November, we will be crafting our decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Harvest Festival Lunch at SSNF



We held our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 1 October which was enjoyed by all who came. This year a raffle was included in the price of the ticket.

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Ten Pin Bowling night for our October meeting.

Winner on the night was Luke Petherbridge who after a slow start came through to snatch victory with a score of 123. Second came Arland Burns (116 points) and in third David Newman (113 points).



For our November Meeting we will be visiting the Lord Louis for our end of year meal get-together on Monday 13 November at 6.30pm.

Harvest Festival at St Michael's



Children, Staff and Parents of Sir Robert Geffery's School gathered at St Michael's, Landrake in October for their Harvest Festival.

The children sang Harvest songs, some of which they had written and we even had a display of gymnastics and ballet to accompany the song from year 4. The children also brought in a huge amount of donations for the Foodbank. Revd Laura Bushell Hawke, a school governor, gave the address using an apple to remind everyone of how generous God is, He provides all that we need in the world but that we must share our resources so everyone has enough.

Many thanks to all at Sir Robert Geffery's and St Michael's who worked so hard for this to take place.

A Sonnet for Remembrance Day

November pierces with its bleak remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.
Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and
whispers,
And all the restless rumour of new wars,
The shells are falling all around our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,
In every instant bloodied innocence
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in every land
One silence only might redeem that blood
Only the silence of a dying God.

Malcolm Guite

Australian Beach Party in SSNF Church Rooms



To help brighten up the dull days
during January and February

Watch this space!

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Saturday 25 November
to Friday 15 December

FREE ENTRY – donations invited



Opening Times

Saturday 25 November: 10am to 6pm

Refreshments available until 4pm

Sunday 26 November: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 2 December: 10am to 7.30pm

Refreshments available until 4pm

Mulled wine and shortbread after 6pm

Sunday 3 December: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 9 December: 10am to 6pm

Refreshments available until 4pm

Sunday 10 December: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

On Friday 15th there will also be a concert with Brunel School, and SSNF Choir

Grace Notes Acapella will be singing on one of the Saturdays.

Grand Christmas Draw

Tickets now available

Set up day Friday 24 November 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm and, if required, 6pm to 7pm – please let Margaret Evans know.

Recent Events continued

Messy Church



October's Messy Church was all about Super Heroes – people who use their power for the good of others. From babies to grandparents, there were over fifty people in church making crafts about superheroes from the Bible. We made wands to remember Moses' stick which parted the Red Sea; a lion mask to remember Daniel surviving the lion's den; fruit skewers to remind us to eat healthily to become strong like Samson and we played a game to knock down Goliath to remember David the giant killer.

In our Service we heard stories about these heroes and of the biggest superhero of all – the miracle worker – Jesus Christ. All these people used the power given to them by God to help and save others. We prayed that we could all use our faith to call on God to help us stand up for what is right and to protect others.

There are many potential superheroes displayed on the board!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 18 November at 3pm in St Stephens Church.

'To be or not to be'

It is argued; by some scholars that William Shakespeare had a hand in the translation of the King James version of the Bible.

Their arguments is based on the fact in that version at Psalm 46 he worked his name into the text. The forty sixth word from the beginning is 'Shake' and the forty sixth line from its end the word is 'Spear'.

Coincidence or not?



Transition Update

Your benefice's transition is a time to take stock and plan for the future.



Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

For every time there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

So writes the author of Ecclesiastes (traditionally thought to be Solomon) in the Old Testament, as he soothes his readers about the passage of time. He is right, of course: we do live in a world of constant flux; a world where change is the norm, where we are called to show faithfulness and steadfastness, even when everything around us is moving at a dizzying pace. That makes the call upon us during a transition in our parish or benefice especially important. It is a season of change for which we need give thanks and praise to our Lord God. We also need to listen for His word in our midst and His will for the parish or group of parishes that we love.

Your parish representatives and transition team have now put together a parish profile to encourage the right applicant to apply when the advert goes to press (hopefully in November).

What we need to do now as a congregation and community is to **pray** that God will send us a priest who will take us forward and draw us together as a benefice.

Rev'd Canon Lynn Parker, Rural Dean East Wivelshire

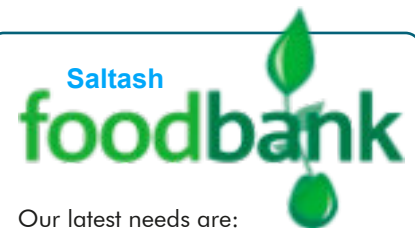
Prayer for Parishes in a time of transition

Dear Lord, our God and Father, in this time of transition, give us eyes to see Your presence in our lives, ears to listen to Your will, lips to speak Your words, and hands to do Your work.

Grant us grace and go before us, as we seek Your Holy Spirit's counsel, as we live in community during this time, and as we prepare for the arrival of a new priest in our midst.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, and for the sake of his kingdom, in sure and certain hope of Your promises to us.

Amen.



Our latest needs are:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Jam
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Meat (not pies)
- Packet Puddings (eg Jelly, Angel Delight)
- Toiletries (especially razors, shaving foam, deodorants)
- Toothbrushes

Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, Co-op or in the boxes at the back of the Saltash Churches and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: saltash.foodbank.org.uk

Children's Clothes Bank



Mothers' Union are asking people to donate any good quality children's clothing that their children have outgrown so that MU can help families in need.

Please pass on this message to family and neighbours.

More details to follow!

Sir Robert Geffery's School



Sir Robert Geffery's School currently has some places available in various year groups and admissions are now open for the 2024 Reception Year.

To book a tour of the school please ring 01752 851362 or visit:

<https://www.sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk/join-us/>

WANTED

If you can help with stewarding for the Christmas Tree festival in SSNF Church, please would you sign up on the list at the back of the church.

What's On

November Fair

St Stephen's Church
Saturday 4 November
10am to 1.30pm



Christmas Gifts Galore!

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

New Gift Stall, Cakes, Christmas card packs, festive tombola, children's crafts, stationery, cards, books, bumper Christmas raffle and much, much more. Free entry.

Refreshments available throughout including light lunches.

Soup & Pud Lunch

SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 4 November
Noon to 2pm



Enjoy good food in good company.

Coffee Morning

Church Hall, Botus Fleming
Saturday 11 November
From 10.30am



Memories of the War – WWI and WWII songs with the Cargreen Singers. Two minute silence at 11am.

Christmas Bazaar

Sir Robert Geffery
Memorial Hall, Landrake
Saturday 18 Nov, 4pm to 7pm



Come and buy your Christmas gifts at our stalls. Stay for hot pork and stuffing rolls, roasted chestnuts and more! And see Father Christmas .

Christmas Shopping

St Stephen's Church
Friday 24 Nov, 6.30pm to 9pm



For the first time since the Covid lockdowns, our Christmas Shopping Evening returns!

16 local traders will be present including favourites: Luminosity Art, Nicky's Glow Beads, Hobbs Chocolates, Saffron Grove and Julie Turner Cakes. As usual, our fundraising stalls will be out in force.

Refreshments will be available including hot pork rolls and veggie/vegan chilli.

Ocean City Sound are returning to sing through the evening to get you in the festive mood.

For further information, please check out our website: saltashteamministry.org or [Facebook](#).

Christmas Tree Festival

SSNF Church
Sat 25 Nov to Fri 15 Dec
See page 5 for details.



1. When is All Saints' Day observed in the Roman Catholic Church?

a) 1 November

In Roman Catholicism, All Saints' Day falls on 1 November and is dedicated to all the saints of the church who have attained the beatific vision (i.e. heaven). The 1 November date was solidified as a church practice throughout the Frankish Empire (which would become the Holy Roman Empire) by Pope Gregory IV in the 9th century.

2. In which church does All Saints' Day fall on the Sunday after Pentecost?

b) Eastern Orthodox

Eastern Orthodox, some Eastern Catholic, and Byzantine Lutheran churches celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Pentecost falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter, which falls later in the Eastern church than in the Western church. In 2023, All Saints' Day fell on June 11 in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

3. Which of the following churches is LEAST likely to have a special observance for All Saints' Day?

b) Baptist

Baptist typically believe the term "saint" applies to all believers and do not recognise particular saints. They also do not pray through saints. All Saints' Day is observed by the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Anglican Communion, Methodist, Reformed, and Lutheran Churches, the Church of the Nazarene, and a few other denominations.

4. What is the most commonly used liturgical colour for All Saints' Day in Western Christianity?

a) White

White robes are sometimes worn by clergymen when delivering eulogies or performing funeral ceremonies. The colour is meant to celebrate and symbolise the life of the deceased. In the Eastern Orthodox church, however, green is worn to represent life.

5. Which of the following is another name for All Saint's Day?

b) Halloween

Halloween, which falls on 31 October, gets its name because it is the eve of All Hallows' Day (also known as Halloween or All Saints' Day). The holy day may also be called Feast of All Saints. Reformation Day, which is observed in some Protestant churches, falls on 31 October, the day Martin Luther purportedly nailed his 95 theses to the church door. Remembrance Sunday in the UK falls on the second Sunday in November, near Armistice Day, to remember servicemen.

6. In what country do godfathers give their godchildren Allerheiligenstriezel on All Saints' Day?

a) Austria

This is a tradition in Austria and Bavaria. Known as "All Saints' Braid", Allerheiligenstriezel is a braided pastry containing raisins, flour, eggs, yeast, butter, and milk and decorated by either poppy seeds or sugar. A braid is a symbol of mourning because, in ancient

times, a woman might express mourning by cutting off her braid of hair.

7. All Saints' Day is also known as All Souls' Day or the Day of the Dead.

b) False

All Souls' Day, or the Day of the Dead, falls the day after All Saints' Day in the Anglican Church, on 2 Nov. It is a day to remember deceased family members. In the 10th century, its observance was standardised by St Odilo of Cluny.

8. In what country, where this day is known as La Toussaint, do people often place chrysanthemums on graves for the holiday?

b) France

Belgians also commonly place chrysanthemums on graves on this day, as well as wreaths, candles, or other flowers. The following day, All Souls' Day, is called *Le jour des morts* in France, which translates to the Day of the Dead.

9. A popular processional hymn in Anglican churches on All Saints' Day is "For All the Saints." What Anglican Bishop of Wakefield wrote it?

c) William Walsham How

First printed in 1864, the hymn begins: *For all the saints, who from their labours rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The hymn has been set to a variety of melodies, including "Sine Nomine" (Ralph Vaughan Williams), "Engleberg" (Charles Villiers Stanford), and "Sarum" (Joseph Barnby).

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