

Saltash Area Newsletter

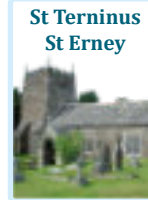
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St Michael Landrake



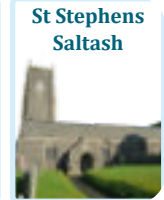
St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terminus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash

A holy place in Saltash, a holy place for Saltash, and a place to encounter the holiness of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. www.saltashteamministry.org

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

I think it was Alistair Cooke, broadcasting his first *Letter from America* following WWII, who began with the words, 'As I was saying before I was interrupted.'

My recent bedside book has been a novel set in the world of an Amish community living in Florida. It is a world in stark contrast to

our own, or any other community living in the USA. The Amish community live without many of the modern things which we take for granted. No electricity, (which means no television or electrical appliances), no cars or agricultural machinery and they live independently from the secular world that surrounds them.

The account I have been reading tells of a daughter, raised in that community, who leaves and has her children in the 'normal' world. She dies, leaving a request in her will that her six children, of various ages, be raised by her parents (their grandparents) – still living the Amish experience.

Of course, the children find this new experience beyond anything which they have previously known. It is a struggle for

them and for the grandparents, who are assisted by a young Amish twenty-two year old woman.

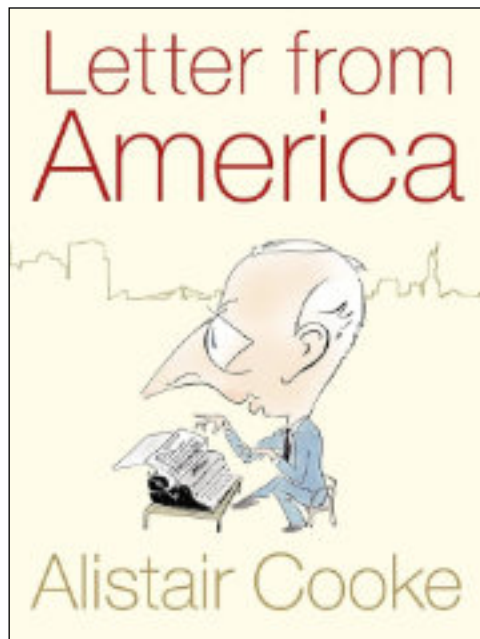
One day the Amish assistant is planting potatoes in the ground, helped by one of the younger grandchildren, and as they plant the young grandchild says, 'I think I like all potatoes. Because potatoes

become french fries and mashed potatoes and baked potatoes and scalloped potatoes and fried potatoes and potato salad. I think potatoes are my favourite vegetable. You can never have enough potatoes.'

Yes there are a variety of ways in which potatoes can be used, but all begin by being planted in the soil.

So it is like pilgrims. All are planted in the same soil (faith), all rooted in a relationship with the living God, fed and watered by the scriptures and the gospel. All are used by him in a variety of ways, minister, teacher, preacher, medic, evangelist or councillor. There is no single way that is correct; God uses us and what limited gifts we have to bring his divine plan to fruition and it is not for us to lay down which is the correct and only way.

Perhaps, like me, you have been



Sunday 1 October

12.30pm

**SSNF Church Rooms
Harvest Ploughmans**

Monday 2 October

6.30pm

**St Stephen's Church
Harvest Supper**

Monday 9 October

**7pm, Barbican Leisure Park
MOSSAF – Ten Pin Bowling**

Tuesday 10 October

**3pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union**

We welcome Sue Hooper

Saturday 14 October

6pm

**Rising Sun, Botus Fleming
Auction of Produce and
Pumpkin Competition**

Friday 20 October

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

Churchtown Farm Talk by
Bob Austin with lunch at
the Crooked Inn

Saturday 21 October

3pm to 5pm

**St Stephen's Church
Messy Church**

Saturday 4 November

10am to 1.30pm

**St Stephen's Church
November Fair**

Saturday 4 November

Noon to 2pm

**SSNF Church Rooms
Soup & Pud Lunch**

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 1 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Harvest Family Service

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Harvest Festival

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 8 October

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 Harvest Festival

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 15 October

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 22 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Harvest Festival

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Harvest Festival

Sunday 29 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am United Service

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

following The BBC's recent repeats of a number of Parkinson interviews from previous years. One such interview was with the late Dr Jacob Bronowski; well known in the seventies/eighties as a leading scientist through his programme *The Ascent of Man*. At one point during his interview he recounted his first visit to Jerusalem. Leaving the airport he jumped into a taxi and asked to be taken to Calvary. The taxi driver replied, 'I cannot take you to Calvary. Calvary is a one way street; you have to walk part of the way.'

It has been said the faith is caught not taught. We are drawn into a relationship with the living God through those who walk the road with us: parents, families, teachers, colleagues, yes, even clergy. Through their example, through their manner of life, the road is opened for us. For this we must give thanks. Through them we can learn the tools which will enable us to enter into a relationship with Christ, but in the end it is a road we must face alone. There is no promise that the road to Calvary will be easy, we have to follow its twists and turns with the determination to remain faithful until the end. Yet, not solely alone for we have his promise that he will travel that road with us, giving us the strength to face the trials and tribulations which can be part of that journey.

I know not where His islands' lift

Their fronded palms in air;

I only know I cannot drift

Beyond His love and care.

The Eternal Goodness: John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892

Fr Brian

ON THE WAY

Implementation of the Deanery Plan is progressing steadily.

Rev Jo Northey has now been licensed to the new Southern Group of benefices and Rev Michael Johnson (one of the two candidates who came to Saltash during the Visit Day) has been recruited as Rural Dean and Strategic Lead. He will be licensed on 10 January – venue to be decided. Further details can be found on the Deanery Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/east-wivelshire-deanery/home>

Meanwhile, representatives of each of our churches (including Landulph) have been working on a joint *Parish Profile* in preparation for recruiting a replacement for Rev Richard. We are now pushing hard to complete this so that we can advertise as soon as possible.

Richard Margetts

IT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER

- 1 In October 1926 this book was published and written by A A Milne. What was the book?
- 2 In Oct 1915 the man often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
- 3 In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
- 4 In 1936, 200 men marched from their home town to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
- 5 Who fought in the 'Thrilla in Manila' in 1975?
- 6 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?
- 7 1940 saw the US premiere of which Charlie Chaplin film?
- 8 In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
- 9 The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organisation did it replace?
- 10 In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?

Answers on p7

Christmas Shopping Event at St Stephen's on Friday 24 November

Ocean City Sound will be back to sing Christmas Songs and Carols at this very popular shopping event.

Details next month.

COMING UP

Recent Events

START



This month twelve members assembled in the Ferry House Inn over in Saltash Passage for a pleasant lunch.

Afterwards we had a stroll in the sunshine by the waterside and the two Bobs, Austin and Cartwright, pointed out places of interest and imparted nuggets of history. For instance: For over 600 years (until 1832), Saltash Passage was part of Cornwall with ferry dues paid to Saltash Corporation. From 1851 to 1961 the crossing was via a powered floating chain ferry but this ceased to operate with the opening of the Tamar Road Bridge. The Old Ferry Office still displays the Saltash Coat of Arms, the one with the lion etc.

The world famous Royal Albert Railway Bridge, designed by I K Brunel in 1852, was opened by Prince Albert in 1859. The two spans were built on the beach then floated out and jacked up onto the piers.

The flexible slipway nearest the bridges was built by the United States Military in readiness for the D-Day Landings with units from V and VII Corps embarked for Omaha and Utah beaches. These brave men are remembered in the adjacent Memorial Park and a plaque attached to granite salvaged from buildings bombed in the Plymouth Blitz.

Future Planned Events

20 October – Churchtown Farm Talk by Bob Austin with lunch at the Crooked Inn.

18 November – Talk on Plymouth Incinerator by Jade Beavan with lunch at the Plough Boy Inn.

20 December – Christmas Lunch at China Fleet Club together with the Probus Club.

Recent Events continued

Messy Church



Eighteen families enjoyed Messy Church in September when we thought about the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. We spoke of the little child who shared his five loaves and two fish and how Jesus used his power from God to make that food enough to feed all the crowd gathered around him.

Our crafts reinforced the idea of sharing – a pocket cross to show that Jesus shared his love and a friendship bracelet to share love amongst others. The children also made fishes and baskets to remember the story. We didn't quite get 5,000 people to decorate the board but there are some lovely examples of artwork from the children and others!

As usual, we shared a tasty meal and everybody left after a happy afternoon. Thanks to everyone who made the afternoon possible.

In October we will have fun with Superstars from the Bible!

MOSSAF



We welcomed retired Methodist Minister, Paul Smith to our September meeting.

Paul's father died young and his mother became the mainstay of the family. After leaving school and starting work, he began to feel ashamed of some of the things he had done in his unhappy teenage years and asked God into his life. This led him into the ministry. He went to College and helped at soup kitchens for Christian Missions.

After working in various towns, including Liverpool where he was involved with people who were at the Hillsborough disaster, he settled at Plymouth Central Hall. After 13 years, in 2013, he retired and moved to Tavistock. Last February the Superintendent Minister resigned and he is now overseeing four churches in the Rings Ash Circuit.

For our next meeting we will be going Ten Pin Bowling.

St Stephen's Food Market and Table Top Sale



Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported last month's Food Market and Table Top Sale.

It seemed a little quieter than usual but somehow, yet again, we raised a new best ever for this event of £1,079.93!



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

The Products of my Farm are these

**The Products of my Farm are these
Sufficient for my Own
And here and there a Benefit
Unto a Neighbour's Bin.**

**With Us, 'tis Harvest all the Year
For when the Frosts begin
We just reverse the Zodiac
And fetch the Acres in.**

By Emily Dickinson



At the beginning of September, over three very hot days, St Stephen's church was full of very tall scaffolding towers, tools, lots of boxes, lots of small components

and three lovely workers from M H Hart & Son. They were there to replace the outside lights and the old, costly halogen inside lights with new LED lights. This will not only stop our older members of the congregation going up tall ladders to change the halogens, but will reduce our carbon emissions and also bring the costly bills down.

This is the first major step in trying to achieve the Church of England's Net Zero commitment by 2030 under the Creation Care programme. The tower lights and four small spots by the altar will be completed in the next phase.



The Diocese of Truro's vision for Creation Care invites people to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Up. It is committed to the Church of England's target of achieving Net Zero carbon emissions in 2030

Recent Events continued

Mother's Union



Our guest at the Mother's Union meeting in September was Bruce Hunt who is a member of Saltash Heritage. He presented a slideshow and talk about our community hospital, St Barnabas, which has served Saltash for over 100 years, although now it is only used for outpatient clinics.

When it was built in 1891, with funds donated by Mrs Ley, a vicar's wife, there was no NHS and people paid a fee to be treated. When Mrs Ley died, she left her house (next door to the hospital) to be used as a Maternity Hospital. The hospital was run by Anglican Sisters with civilian help until it was taken over by the NHS.

Bruce had many photos of the staff and buildings from the late 1800s right up to recent days, including the beautiful Chapel, which is still opened at certain times, thanks to the work of the League of Friends of St Barnabas.

There were also photos of the Ministry of Pension Hospital which was in the Wearde Road area of Saltash and treated servicemen suffering from Battle Fatigue (PTSD).

Members thoroughly enjoyed Bruce's presentation and a vote of thanks is recorded. We all then enjoyed tea and cake before final prayers ended the afternoon.

On Tuesday 10 October we shall welcome Sue Hooper to our meeting.



Recent Events continued

Farewell to Richard and Kayleigh



At St Nicholas and St Faith on Saturday 2 September

There was a service at St Nicholas and St Faith followed by a farewell afternoon tea, which was open to all churches in our cluster.

During the course of the afternoon St Nicholas and St Faith presented Richard with one of our famous Scrolls and a gift and wished them well in their next step along their road.

At St Michael on Sunday 3 September

At Richard and Kayleigh's last service in our area, they were presented with gifts from St Stephen's and St Michael's.

The Gospel (read by Kayleigh) and the sermon (from Richard) were recorded: <https://saltashteamministry.org/rev-richard-will-be-leaving-us-in-september.html>



WANTED

For St Stephen's Church Fair
Saturday 4 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 29 October.

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 or pass to Carol Jones.

Thank you from St Stephen's Church Social Committee.

Australian Beach Party in SSNF Church Rooms



To help brighten up the dull days
during January and February

Watch this space!



**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**

Answers to Quiz on p 3:

1. Winnie-the-Pooh 2. W G Grace
3. General Francisco Franco
4. The Jarrow March 5. Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier
6. Clarence Birdseye 7. The Great Dictator
8. Gene Roddenberry 9. The League of Nations
10. The Post Office Tower

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

The Other Glastonbury

We hear so much about the pop festival held at Glastonbury, but what happened to the annual Church festival held outdoors in June each year? St Nicholas and St Faith and St Stephen's went for a coach trip* to find out.

We joined people from many other West Country Churches in the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey for the outdoor communion service.

The event ended late afternoon with a procession of Church banners walking through the streets to the Abbey grounds for a short service to end the celebration.

Is it still held each year I wonder?



Glastonbury

**In a great cathedral, now an empty shell,
Stand the pilgrims of Glastonbury who know so well
The joy and elation of this one day celebration.
From far and wide , this human tide, flows into the shrine
Of a moment in time , there to sing and pray together,
They are one in varied weather.
Are they filled with inspiration?
Have they peace and dedication?
At the close of the day , the tide flows away,
As each human soul attains their own goal,
And the Glastonbury sea flows on to eternity.**

*Peggy Rochford and I waited for the St Stephen's coach at the bottom of Fore Street. At the pre-arranged time, a coach arrived, stopped and we got on. I said, 'Glastonbury?' The gentleman said, 'Quick, sit down.' Looking round, we did not see any of St Stephen's congregation, so I asked, 'Is this going to Glastonbury?' The reply was, 'No, we are going to Minehead!' I asked, 'Are you St Stephen's Church?', 'No Saltash Allotments Association.' Shocked, I quickly alerted the driver as we crossed the Tamar Bridge and he dropped us on the grass verge on the other side of the bridge. Leaving Peggy to stop every coach that crossed, I ran back across the bridge to Fore Street, arriving just in time to meet the correct coach. We picked up Peggy and we were on our way to Glastonbury! In future I will make sure of the destination before I get on a coach!

Audrey Miller