

Saltash Area Newsletter

July / August 2026



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St Mary
Botus Fleming



St Terninus
St Erney



SS Nicholas &
Faith, Saltash



St Stephen
Saltash



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Coming Up in July

Mondays

22 June to 3 August

7pm to 8pm

St Stephen's Church

Bible Study – Colossians

Saturday 4 July

10am to 2pm

St Stephen's

Summer Fair

Tuesday 7 July

6pm to 9.30pm

St Stephen's Church

Fish 'n' Chip Evening

Wednesday 8 July

10am, St Stephen's Church

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wednesday 8 July

2pm, St Mary's Church Hall

Cream Tea

Saturday 11 July

7.30pm, SSNF Church

Tamar Valley

Male Voice Choir

Monday 13 July

Weary Friar

MOSSAF

Tuesday 14 July

Buckfast Abbey

Mothers' Union

Friday 17 July

Noon, START

Friday 17 July

7pm, Hatt House

Concert in aid of Ukraine

Saturday 18 July

7pm, St Stephen's Church

Halfway Harmony Concert

Monday 20 July

2pm to 4pm

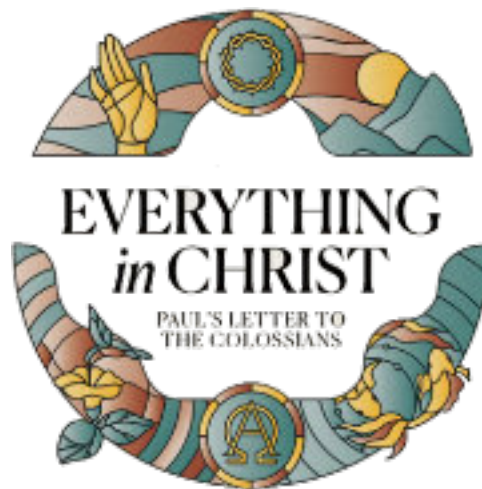
SSNF Church Rooms

Craft Afternoon

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we move through the summer, we are already part way into our journey through Paul's letter to the Colossians. It is a short letter, but it has a clear and steadying voice. Paul writes to a church he cares for, reminding them who Christ is and who they are called to be. It feels very timely for us.

Paul begins by giving thanks. He notices the good before he tackles anything difficult. That is not a soft approach. It is a deliberate choice to build unity rather than chip away at it. Gratitude steadies a church. It stops small irritations from becoming big stories. It helps us resist the temptation to pass on half truths or to let frustrations turn into feuds. Paul's opening words remind us that unity grows when we choose to look for grace rather than faults.



As we have already heard on Sundays, Paul lifts our eyes to Christ. He writes that in Christ all things hold together. That is a strong word for any community. When life feels stretched, when relationships feel fragile, when rumours begin to circulate, we are called back to the centre. Christ holds us together. Not our opinions. Not our anxieties. Not the latest round of someone said. Christ alone.

Paul then speaks about being rooted and built up in Christ. Deep roots take time. They grow through prayer, Scripture, worship, and the ordinary habits that shape us. Shallow roots make us vulnerable to persuasive voices and to the kind of talk that damages trust. Deep roots

Coming Up in August

Saturday 1 August

10am to 1pm

SSNF Church Rooms

Bacon Butties

Saturday 1 August

6pm

St Stephen's Church

Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 8 August

10am to Noon

St Stephen's Church

Table Top Sale

Monday 10 August

7pm

St Stephen's Church

MOSSAF

Wednesday 12 August

10am

St Stephen's Church

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Saturday 15 August

10am to 1pm

SSNF Church Rooms

Toasted Sandwiches

Saturday 15 August

3pm to 5pm

St Stephen's Church

Mothers' Union 150th

Anniversary Tea

Monday 17 August

2pm to 4pm

SSNF Church Rooms

Craft Afternoon

Friday 21 August

Noon

START

Saturday 22 August

10am to Noon

St Stephen's Church

Bacon Rolls &

Coffee Morning

SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday 5 July, 2 August

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Family Worship

St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph

10am Holy Communion

St Erney, Landrake

10.15am Matins

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Worship

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 12 July, 9 August

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 July, 16 August

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong

St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph

10am Morning Worship

St Erney, Landrake

10.15am Matins

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Worship

Sunday 26 July, 23 August

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

Saltash Riverside

10am Regatta Service (Jul only)

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion (Aug only)

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Morning Worship (Aug only)

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am HC (Jul) MW (Aug)

Sunday 30 August

St Erney, Landrake

10am United Service

Midweek

Tuesday – Landulph

9.30am HC (14 Jul, 11 Aug)

Wednesday – St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am HC (2, 16 Jul, 5, 19 Aug)

10am MW (22 Jul, 26 Aug)

help us recognise when a conversation is slipping into gossip rather than care. They help us pause before repeating something that will not build anyone up.

Later in the letter Paul turns to joy. Not the fragile kind that depends on everything going well, but the joy that comes from knowing we are already held by Christ. When we forget that, we start measuring one another or speaking about one another in ways that wound. When we remember who we are, joy begins to grow again.

Paul also describes the new clothes of resurrection life. Compassion. Kindness. Humility. Patience. Forgiveness. And above all, love. These are not abstract ideas. They are the everyday garments of Christian life. They shape the way we speak, especially when tensions rise. They guide us when we are tempted to pass on a story that is not ours to tell. They help us choose peace over point scoring and truth spoken in love over whispers spoken in frustration.

As July moves into August, Paul brings faith down into the ordinary. Households. Workplaces. Conversations. Generosity becomes a way of life. Generosity of patience. Generosity of speech. Generosity in how we honour one another. Paul ends his letter with a long list of names. Real people. Real stories. Real ministry. It is a reminder that the church is always a patchwork of gifts and that ministry is shared among many hands.

My prayer for us this summer is simple. That we would grow deeper roots. That our unity would be shaped by gratitude rather than grumbling. That our conversations would build up rather than tear down. And that in all things Christ would be the one who holds us together.

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Rev'd Laura

Readings for Seven Weeks this Summer

For seven weeks this summer we'll be stepping off the lectionary to take a deep dive into Paul's letter to the Colossians – a journey through unity, stability, joy and generosity. Each week includes a short Bible-study prompt to help us grow together in faith. If you are on the rota for the reading, please double-check that you have the correct passage for that Sunday. If you are leading intercessions, please weave in that week's theme.



21 June	Colossians 1:1–14	Unity: Growing Together in Grace
28 June	Colossians 1:15–23	Stability: Christ Who Holds All Things Together
5 July	Colossians 1:24–2:7	Stability: Rooted, Built Up, Strengthened
12 July	Colossians 2:8–23	Joy: Freedom From Fearful Religion
19 July	Colossians 3:1–17	Joy: The New Clothes of Resurrection Life
26 July	Colossians 3:18–4:6	Generosity: Christ in the Everyday
2 August	Colossians 4:7–18	Generosity: The Ministry of Many Hands

St Stephen's Church

7pm on Monday Evenings, 22 June to 3 August

To accompany the deep dive into Paul's letter to the Colossians, there will be a bible study session every Monday evening for seven weeks.

Recent Events

Colour & Courage at St Stephen's

St Stephen's Church in Saltash recently hosted Colour and Courage, a powerful exhibition by local artist Louise Pasterfield. Opened by the Bishop of Truro, the exhibition brought together two contrasting themes: vibrant botanical paintings inspired by Tresco Abbey Gardens, and emotional portraits documenting the resilience of Ukrainian citizens and volunteers.

The exhibition welcomed 262 attendees, beginning with an opening night that featured the Ukrainian Singers Plymouth. A particularly meaningful moment came when Louise presented Rob and Christine Parry with a signed print of the portrait she painted of their son Christopher, a Cornish aid worker from Truro who lost his life evacuating civilians.



Louise said, "I thoroughly enjoyed having the exhibition and meeting so many people. The success of the show would not have been possible without the support of Reverend Laura for allowing me to have the exhibition, the organisational help from the events team, the stewards who made visitors feel welcome and all those who helped with refreshments and provided delicious cakes. I am very grateful for all their time and care they put into this event."

The competition for winning a framed print of the Hummingbird & Hibiscus artwork was won by Elaine Young of Saltash.



The exhibition raised £504.29 for St Stephen's Church, and a further £522.30 for *Cornwall and Devon Sending Love to Ukraine*, a local organisation providing humanitarian relief. The exhibition also attracted regional media coverage, featuring on both BBC and ITV.



We were delighted to receive a special visit from Darren (from *Cornwall and Devon Sending Love to Ukraine*) on the Sunday afternoon. He had literally just got back from Ukraine, and was disappointed to have missed the launch evening, but delighted he was able to attend. Darren explained to Louise why he started doing what he does, knew the Parry's and thanked Louise for the generous donations.

Summer Quiz

1. Which British seaside attraction is 158 metres tall?
2. At 1.34 miles, where is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?
3. Who was credited with saving 77 lives during seven summers working as a lifeguard at Lowell Park, Illinois, starting in 1926?
4. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
5. What term is often given to a period of dry hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
6. *In the Summertime* was a debut single and big hit for which British rock band?
7. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom *Last of the Summer Wine*?
8. The month of July is named after which famous historical person?
9. Which feast day falls on July 15 every year?
10. The summer solstice occurs in the Southern Hemisphere during which month?

Answers on p6

Recent Events continued

Mothers' Union

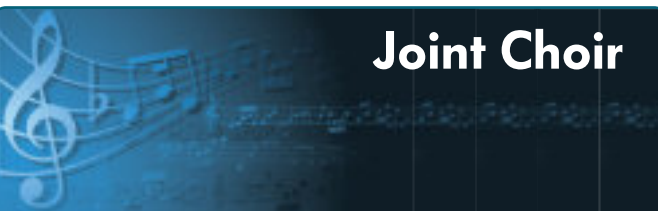


Mothers' Union met on 9 June in St Stephen's Church. After prayers Sandra introduced Mrs Rosemary Stanmer who had come to entertain us with stories from her life in ballet. Having started in a local ballet school at a very early age, Rosemary moved on to *The Royal Ballet School* in London where she spent her days studying for her GCSEs alongside learning her ballet skills. She appeared in many ballet shows and toured all over the world while a member of *The Royal Ballet*. Rosemary was a dancer at the time of Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev amongst others and she had many anecdotes to relate. In spite of the hard work and training, we could tell that Rosemary had enjoyed her career with the Ballet and we thank her for speaking to us.

On 10 June members and friends gathered in Church to watch a live streamed service from St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union organisation. It was a wonderful service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Rev Laura and George kindly provided the technical support and our collection raised £44 which will help provide Literacy Packages.

There will be no MU meeting in Church in July as we will be enjoying a trip to Buckfast Abbey. Our meeting on 15 August will be a 150th birthday party – £7 a ticket.

Joint Choir



United Service: Bells rang out for the combined service on the 31 May with our choir leading the singing: *Summer Suns*, *A New Commandment* and *Beauty for Brokenness* precluded the service. A special greeting to the Mayor and Mayoress was sung to the tune *Saltash* with the words *Glorious things of thee are spoken*. *Lyngham* was the tune for the first communion hymn, *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, followed by *Nearer My God to Thee*. The service concluded with *Clark's Trumpet voluntary* and the *Cornish theme Helston Floral Dance*.

July: Events for July include a musical soiree at Hatt House on 17 July with a Ukrainian theme and a return to Abbeyfield Cresta to celebrate 70 years of Abbeyfield.

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If you haven't yet added your details to ChurchSuite, can I gently encourage you to do so. It's the safest and most secure way for us to store your contact information, and very soon it will become the only way we communicate with the church family about services, events, pastoral updates, and weekly news.

When you register, please make sure you tick the box giving us permission to email you. Without that consent, we're not legally allowed to send you the weekly news sheet or any other updates – even if you've been part of the church for years. It only takes a moment, and it really helps us stay connected and care for our community well.

Rev'd Laura

Sign up: saltashteamministry.org/churchsuite.html

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.



Saltash
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Make a difference!

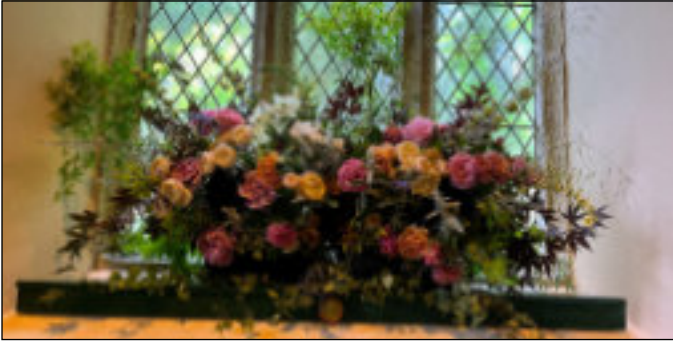
Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op or at the back of St Stephen's or SSNF Churches and/or donate money via the Foodbank website:

saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money



Recent Events continued

St Mary's Flower Festival & Garden Party



St Mary's Flower Festival and Garden Party were a great success.

All Churches had flower displays and The Botus WI display was from two gardens in the village.

St Mellion flowers also supported the event.

Churchtown was the venue for the garden party, thanks to the Kitsons, and residents from Rowan House enjoyed their cream teas and delighted everybody with their happy afternoon in a country garden.



The Summer Day by Mary Oliver



Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean –

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of
up and down –

who is gazing around with her enormous and
complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly
washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through
the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



Our special guest speaker for June was Liam Crabtree who is a Pioneer Minister at St Martin's Church Liskeard.

Liam's life is a powerful testament to the fact that no distance is too far for God's grace to reach.

Liam's early life began like many others, but as he grew, internal struggles with mental health took root and Liam turned to substances for relief. What started as a coping mechanism quickly spiralled into a severe, years-long struggle with drug addiction.

The lowest point in Liam's journey came with a catastrophic loss. He and his partner, Keira, shared a life together raising their children. Following a severe, drug-induced manic episode, Keira passed away suddenly at their home. Liam was utterly broken, facing the reality of raising his five young children alone. It was precisely in this brokenness that God met Liam. Prompted by an unexpected word from a local police officer who told him to go to church, Liam reached out to St Martin's Church in Liskeard. He was connected with Rev Philip Aindow who spent hours listening, praying, and supporting Liam as he navigated an Alpha course. In 2022, Liam and his children were baptised at St Martin's.

Today, Liam's life looks entirely different, earning him recognition as a 'Community Champion' in Liskeard and receiving the Cross of St Piran from the Truro Diocese.

Driven by a desire to help other men facing the same battles he once did, Liam founded 'Soar' (named after soaring on wings like eagles). Meeting every Wednesday night, Soar has grown into a vital discipleship group of over 30 men. By providing a relaxed space with food, games, worship, and honest sharing, Liam uses his past to point others toward the hope of the Gospel, proving that God truly can make all things new.

In July we will have our annual visit to the Weary Friar for a meal then in August Archdeacon Clive Hogger will be our guest speaker. New members always welcome. Please speak to Steve Hookway for further details.

PRAYER

Online Morning Prayers Every Monday, 9.00-9.30am

An open invitation to members of all churches in East Wivelshire Deanery from Revd Michael Johnson.

Every Monday Morning we gather online to pray for the life of our churches and communities across the deanery.

- We celebrate what God is doing amongst us
- We bring things on our hearts (and share them verbally, if we wish to do so)
- We pray for insight and discernment about our future together

Live link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81924023977>

The Bible Course



Starting 10 September 7pm at St Stephen's

Whether you're brand new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, *The Bible Course* is a brilliant way to grow in confidence and understanding. Over eight sessions we'll explore the big story of Scripture, how the books fit together, and how it speaks into our lives today.

Everyone is welcome – whatever your level of knowledge or experience. Come with curiosity, come with questions, or simply come and listen.

Please share this invitation and encourage others to join us. It's a great opportunity to deepen faith, build community, and discover the Bible in a fresh and engaging way.

Answers to Quiz on page 3: 1. Blackpool tower. 2. Southend. 3. Ronald Reagan. 4. Bleak House. 5. Indian Summer. 6. Mungo Jerry. 7. Norman. 8. Julius Caesar. 9. Saint Swithin. 10. December.



St Stephen's Church **Summer Fair**

Saturday 4 July 10am to 2pm
Something for everyone
Join us for lots of fun! **Free Entry**

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir

Saturday 11 July, 7.30pm in SSNF Church

Tickets £7.50 from social committee or Piglets, Fore Street



Fish 'n' Chips Night



Tuesday 7 July
6pm for 6.30pm
St Stephen's Church

- £14 per person for two courses.
- Please bring your own drinks. ● Raffle.

Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fish-and-chip-evening>

An Evening of Music

Friday 17 July

7pm at Hatt House, Botus Fleming

Pizza available to buy or bring your own food and drink

The ministry choir will supply the English/Cornish music
and the Ukrainian refugees their own country folk songs

All proceeds to Ukraine

Tickets £10 from Eric Distin 01752 843683 or Church Office 01752 844456

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wed 8 July, 12 August and every 2nd Wednesday
10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's Church



Cornish Folk and Sea Shanties

with Halfway Harmony

Saturday 18 July, 7pm in St Stephen's Church

Tickets £5 each from Piglets, Fore Street, on the door or via:

www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/

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Cream Tea

Wed 8 July, from 2pm, St Mary's Church Hall
All Welcome



Craft Afternoon

Monday 20 July, 17 August and every 3rd Monday
2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms



Bacon Butties

Saturday 1 August

10am to 1pm in SSNF Church Rooms

All welcome

Come and enjoy
breakfast with friends
not to be missed!



150th Mother's Union Birthday Tea

Saturday
15 August, 3pm
St Stephen's
Church

Tickets: £7



Chocolate Bingo



Saturday 1 August in St Stephen's Church
6pm start – bingo books £2.50 on the door
Hot Dogs and Cakes available

Bacon Rolls and Coffee

10am to Noon, Saturday 22 August
St Stephen's Church



PLUS:

- Cakes
- Pastries
- Stalls
- Raffle

Saturday 8 August in St Stephen's Church
10am to Noon. Refreshments available

Tables still available
at £5 each

Book a table:

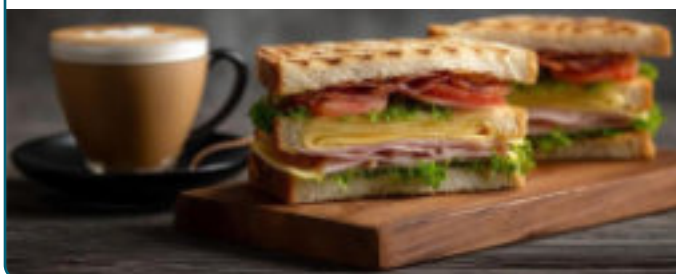
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Toasted Sandwiches

10am to 1pm, Saturday 15 August

St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms



Candlelit Supper Concerts

Diary dates for all – but especially those
working towards their four-concert discount:

Sunday, 13 Sept: The Wivelscombe Quartet

A mix of witty, traditional and contemporary string
pieces, back by popular demand, as we want to
share their talents with our friends this time!

Friday, 27 November: The DerryAirs

Their clever range of traditional and modern
sea shanties and songs also have you
feeling good and get your feet tapping.

Wed, 9 Dec: The Polperro Fisherman's Choir

Come along and enjoy the Christmas Concert.

all at 7pm in St Michael's, Landrake