

Saltash Area Newsletter

May 2026



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terninus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephen Saltash



SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph

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Eucharist, Growth, and What the Church Actually Teaches

Quite a few people mentioned how surprised they were to see the Royal Family – including the Supreme Governor of the Church of England – at **Matins** on Easter Day rather than a Eucharist. It caught people off guard because we've got so used to the idea that the Eucharist is the 'proper' service on a major feast. Yet there they were, happily at Morning Prayer, and the world kept turning. It's a good reminder that the Church of England has always had a wider range of worship than we sometimes assume.

For most of our history – certainly from the Reformation until well into the 20th century – the main Sunday service in most parishes was **Morning Prayer or Matins**. The Eucharist was celebrated far less

often, sometimes quarterly, and usually early in the morning. This wasn't a sign of weak faith. It was simply the pattern of Anglican life: the Offices were the main gathering of the parish, and Communion was something people prepared for and received a few times a year.

The **Parish Communion movement** in the mid-20th century changed that. Its aim was to bring the whole parish together around one table and to encourage regular Communion. By the 1960s and 70s, weekly Eucharist had

become the main Sunday service in many places.

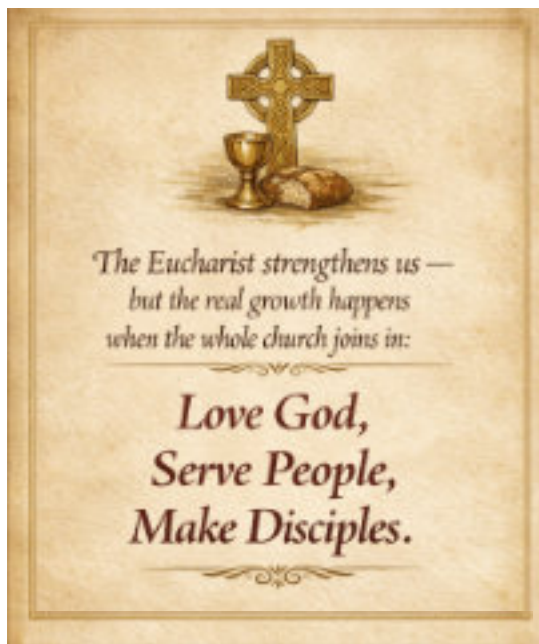
But it's worth noting that this shift did **not** reverse decline. The decades in which the Eucharist became central are the same decades in which attendance fell, vocations dropped, and parishes closed. That doesn't mean the movement was wrong – it enriched Anglican spirituality – but it does show that **simply increasing**

the number of Communion services doesn't grow churches.

Modern research backs this up. The Church of England's *From Anecdote to Evidence* study highlights the things most linked with growth: welcome, relationships, small-group discipleship, lay

involvement, and community presence. The *Talking Jesus* research adds something striking: the people most likely to bring someone to church are **friends and family**. The person least likely is a **priest**. Growth happens through relationships, not service formats.

There's also a pastoral point here. When we say, "the Eucharist will grow the church," we can accidentally shift responsibility away from the whole congregation and onto the priest. If growth depends on the liturgy – and the



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10am to 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Bacon Butties

Monday 4 May

10am-Noon
St Stephen's Church
May Show

Friday 8 May

7-10pm
SS Leonard & Dilpe Church
Starts Singers & Friends

Monday 11 May

MOSSAF
St Bartholomew's Ch. Tour

Tuesday 12 May

2pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Wednesday 13 May

10am, St Stephen's Church
Coffee, Cake & Chat

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11am to 1pm
St Mary's Church Hall
Ploughman's Lunch

Friday 15 May

Noon – **START**

Friday 15 May

7pm, St Stephen's Church
Christian Aid Quiz

Monday 18 May

2-4pm, SSNF Church Rooms
Craft Afternoon

Thursday 28 May to Sunday 31 May

2-6pm, St Stephen's Church
Colour and Courage
Art Exhibition

Saturday 30-31 May

10am
St Mary's Ch / Churchtown
Flower Festival / Fete

MAY SERVICES

See p4 for Thy Kingdom Come services

Sunday 3 May

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

6pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 10 May

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

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St Mary, Botus Fleming

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Thursday 14 May – Ascension

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

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St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary, Botus Fleming

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Sunday 31 May

St Mary, Botus Fleming

10am United Benefice Service

Wednesdays

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion 20 May

Morning Worship 27 May

liturgy depends on the clergy – then the people in the pews become spectators rather than participants in mission. But the New Testament is clear: **the whole church community shares the work of witness.**

It's also important to say what the Eucharist is – and what it isn't. It isn't a magic cure-all for decline. It is the meal Jesus gave us to remember him, to receive his grace, and to be strengthened for discipleship. The bread is **taken, blessed, broken, and shared**, and then we are **sent out**. That pattern shapes us, but it doesn't require a weekly Eucharist in every building. Formation happens through Word and Sacrament together, and through the way we live our faith day by day.

This is where **Morning Worship** (a Service of the Word) has its own place. It gives us room to focus on Scripture, to explore teaching, testimony, and prayer without the structure of the Eucharistic liturgy. It isn't a 'lesser' service. It's a different gift, and the Church of England has always held Word and Sacrament together.

The Church also teaches that there are two **Dominical Sacraments** – Baptism and the Eucharist – because these were instituted directly by Jesus. The other sacramental rites are valued, but they aren't commanded in the same way. This helps keep things in perspective: the Eucharist is central, but it isn't the only way God forms us.

Another point worth explaining is that a service led by a priest does not have to be a Eucharist. Priests are ordained to lead the ministry of **Word and Sacrament**. A Service of the Word led by a priest is not a second-best option. It is simply another important part of priestly ministry: opening Scripture, preaching and teaching, leading prayer, and helping the congregation grow in faith. If we insist that a priest must always preside at Communion whenever they appear, we reduce their ministry to one function and ignore the breadth of Anglican worship. It also risks dishonouring the other gifts priests are ordained to offer – teaching, preaching, pastoral leadership, and helping people grow as disciples. A Service of the Word led by a priest draws on those gifts in a way the Eucharistic structure doesn't always allow.

And then there's the practical reality. We have one full time (40 hours a week) stipendiary priest across several church communities. That means the rota has to be balanced, sustainable, and fair. We are incredibly fortunate to have retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO) who give their time, experience, and pastoral care so generously. They bring a wealth of insight, creativity, and ideas, and their ministry enriches our churches in ways that are genuinely appreciated. But they can't be the foundation of the pattern, simply because their availability varies and they serve voluntarily. Legally, holding PTO does not give anyone an automatic right to preside at Communion or lead services. PTO clergy may only officiate with the incumbent's permission, and always within the agreed pattern of worship. This isn't about limiting anyone – it's about keeping the rota workable, fair, and sustainable for the whole benefice, while still valuing the gifts our retired clergy bring.

This is where the difference between **what some people want** and **what the benefice actually needs** becomes clear. Personal preferences are understandable, but they can't be the deciding factor. The worship pattern has to serve the whole benefice, not just one congregation or one viewpoint. It has to reflect the resources we actually have, not the resources we wish we had.

Sometimes the greater good means letting go of 'my preferred service' and asking instead, "What helps all our churches flourish?" A mix of Eucharist and Morning Worship is not a downgrade. It's a healthy Anglican pattern that allows Word and Sacrament to shape us together and keeps the ministry sustainable for the long term.

And finally, a point of Canon Law that often surprises people: the Church of England does **not** require a Eucharist in every church building every Sunday. What it requires is that Holy Communion be available somewhere within the benefice each Sunday. A pattern of Morning Worship in some churches and a Eucharist in one church is entirely lawful and entirely Anglican.

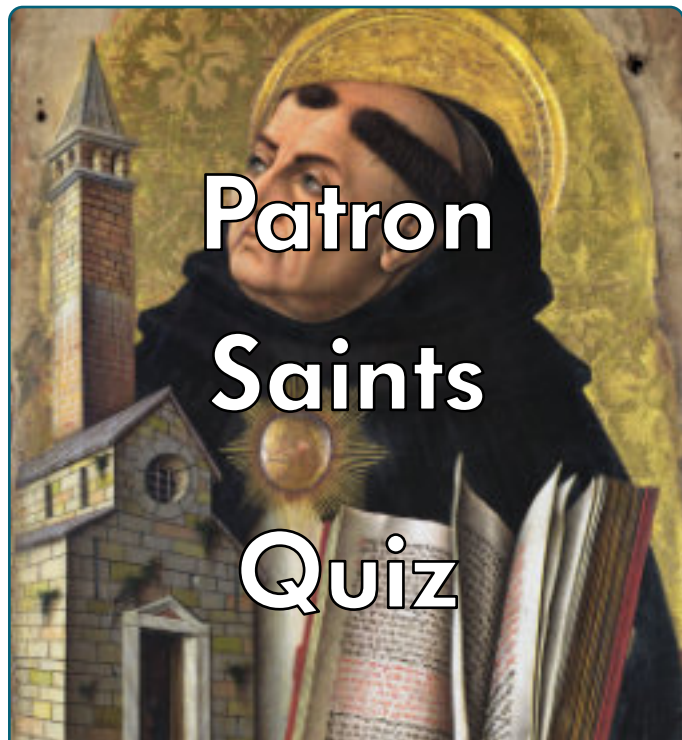


The Eucharist feeds us and sends us out – but it doesn't do the growing for us. Growth doesn't come from the rota. It comes from the life of the church: good teaching, steady discipleship, people learning their faith and living it out in the week as well as on a Sunday. It comes from the way we welcome, the way we pray, the way we serve our neighbours, and the way we share the hope that is in us.

If we want to see renewal, the evidence points us towards building confident congregations who know what they believe, who can talk about it naturally, and who live it out in their communities. That's the heart of our calling: **Love God, Serve People, Make Disciples.** The Eucharist strengthens us for that work – but it doesn't replace it. The real growth happens when the whole church community joins in.

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Rev'd Laura



1. Thomas Aquinas, a major theologian, was known as the 'Dumb Ox' and yet he was a very learned man and even a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron of whom?
a) Professors b) Students c) Theologians
2. Who is the patron saint of eyes?
a) St Isidore b) St Louis de Montfort c) St Lucy
3. Who is the patron saint of firefighters?
a) St Florian b) St Ursula c) St Finnistrio
4. Many of us know that St Matthew was a tax collector and an Apostle of Jesus. He also is one of the evangelists, the writers of the Gospels. He is therefore commonly known the patron of tax collectors, writers, and what other group?
a) Bankers b) Government workers c) Interpreters
5. St John Bosco started the Salesian order, a missionary group whose mission is to serve the very poor and the very young. The Salesians were named after which saint, who is the patron of authors?
a) St Salesia b) St Francis de Sales c) St Benedict the Sale
6. Because he was known as the 'Honey-Tongued Doctor', which saint is patron of beekeepers?
a) St Anselm b) St Augustine c) St Ambrose
7. Who is the patron saint of television?
a) St Brigid of Sweden b) St Clare of Assisi c) St Brigitte of Ireland
8. Who is the patron saint of florists, which is appropriate enough since she was known as the 'Little Flower'?
a) St Ingrid b) St Agnes c) St Therese of Lisieux

Answers on p8

Recent Events

MOSSAF



Every journey of faith is a unique map of unexpected turns. For Michelle Parkman, our guest speaker for April, that journey began in Kent. Despite growing up in a non-Christian household, seeds were sown early when a neighbour, Miss Marchent, took Michelle to a Sunday morning children's group.

Though a move caused a temporary break from church, friendship drew her back. A school friend invited Michelle to the local Baptist Church. Hearing the testimony of Nicky Cruz, the former gang leader from The Cross and the Switchblade, changed everything. Michelle realised that if God could reach him, there was room for her, too.

By age 15, a 'nudge' toward ministry became a clear call. After hearing Steve Chalke speak about youth work, Michelle's path was set. This calling eventually brought her to the West Country to study at Marjon. During her third year, she felt a call to ordination. Meanwhile, she met and became engaged to Tim, who was from the Baptist tradition.

In a stroke of providence, Trinity College Bristol offered the perfect solution: a training ground for both Anglican and Baptist ministries. After a curacy and a period of full-time motherhood, the family moved to Saltash, where Tim took up a post at the Baptist Church. Soon after, Michelle joined the chaplaincy team at Marjon, eventually becoming the full-time Chaplain.

Michelle has served the Marjon community for 11 years. Her mission remains constant: building relationships and providing a steady Christian presence for students.

We were especially grateful to Michelle for stepping in as a last-minute replacement for Bishop David, the Bishop of Truro, who had, unfortunately, nearly lost his voice. Her willingness to share her story on such short notice was appreciated by us all.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 11 May at 7pm. We will meet at St Bartholomew's, Outland Road for a tour and Evening Prayer. We look forward to seeing you there!



Daily Services Ascension to Pentecost

Thu 14 May	SSNF	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Fri 15 May	Landrake	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sat 16 May	Landulph	Noon	Midday Prayer
Sun 17 May	Easter 7 Sunday Services		
Mon 18 May	St Stephen's	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Tue 19 May	Botus Fleming	10am	Morning Prayer
Wed 20 May	St Stephen's	10am	Holy Communion
Thu 21 May	St Erney	10am	Morning Prayer
Fri 22 May	Landrake	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sat 23 May	SSNF	Noon	Midday Prayer
Sun 24 May	Pentecost Sunday Services		

See p8 for more details on Thy Kingdom Come



Stay Connected with Us Please Sign Up to ChurchSuite

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

Recent Events continued



Mothers' Union

On 14 April Mothers' Union held their Annual General Meeting in St Stephen's Church. After opening prayers, we proceeded to business. In her leader's report, Sandra reviewed the various activities we have enjoyed, the guest speakers we have been entertained by and the special services which were well attended. We have had coffee mornings and fund raising to enable us to send funds for Mothers' Union Charities. We are so grateful for the support we receive from the Church members and others.

The leader, treasurer and committee were elected unopposed and we hope for another successful and happy year. Following the business meeting, we enjoyed a few games of Beetle and, of course, tea and biscuits.

Our next meeting will be on 12 May at 2pm in St Stephen's Church.

Easter Fair at St Stephen's



The Easter Fair raised a bumper £1850 for church funds. It was lovely to see so many attend, and a huge thank you must go to everyone that helped on the day, and all the amazing people who delivered flyers before the event.



Children's Society Boxes

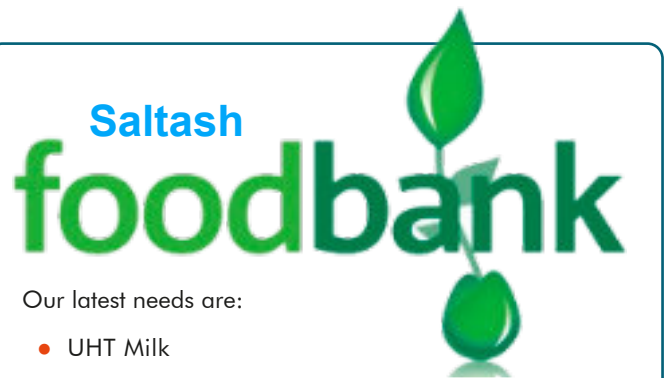
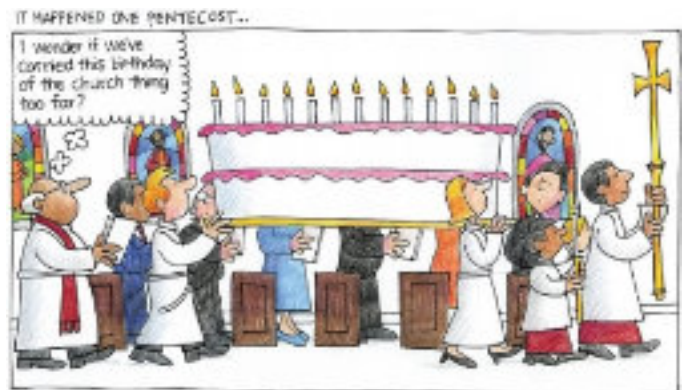


This year, an amazing £645.01 was raised for the children's society from boxes, tea, cake and bring and buy. Many thanks to all involved, this is a wonderful amount. Also my thanks to the people who helped on the day with opening boxes and counting the money. Not forgetting the 'coffee and cake' ladies.

Lesley Batham

Sitting in the Congregation

Every now and again you may spot me sitting in the congregation with my collar on. I'm still working when I do this. It is simply good practice for me to experience our worship from the pews from time to time. It helps me see and hear what you see and hear, and it gives me a better sense of how our services feel for the whole congregation. I also want to reassure you that I'm not there to check up on whoever is leading worship. I'm there to learn, to listen and to make sure our worship is as welcoming, prayerful and accessible as it can be.



Our latest needs are:

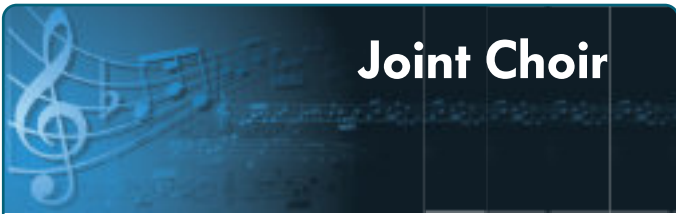
- UHT Milk
- UHT Fruit Juice / Squash
- Sugar
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Tomatoes / Carrots
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Ham
- Shaving Foam
- Deodorants
- Hair Conditioner

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





Joint Choir

Landrake

The choir was at Landrake for Low Sunday and sang *This joyful Eastertide, Thine be the Glory* and *Thou didn't leave thy throne* before the service. Faye's solos were *He shall feed his sheep* and *God so loved the world*. During communion *Easter Anthem (ASB Canticle)* and *All in The April Evening* were sung.

Firefighter's Service

At the Firefighter's Service at St Stephen's, the choir led the singing with *Steal Away, Blessed Assurance, Make me a channel of Peace, I vow to thee my country* as intros before the service with Faye singing as alto *Stainer's God so loved the world, All in the April Evening, Nunc Dimittis, He shall feed his sheep from the Messiah, and O Rest in the Lord from Elijah*. The exit was *Nearer My God to thee*.

Rowan House

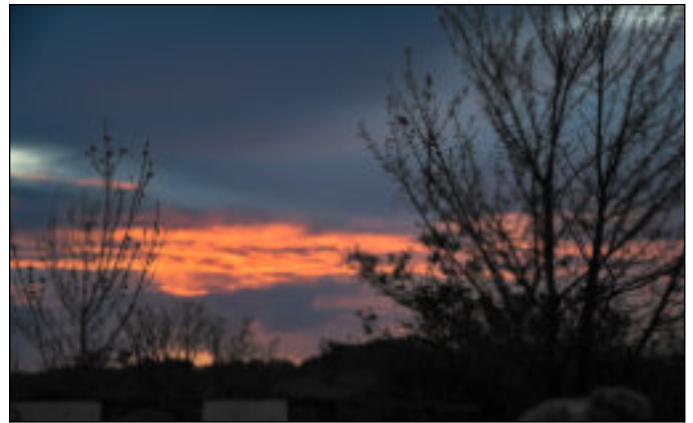
A further visit to Rowan House is arranged for 6 May.

Practices

Practices continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at St Mary's – come and enjoy the joy of choir singing as a group.

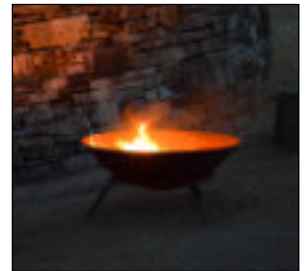
Recent Events continued

The Easter Day Sunrise Service



Fortunately, the rain held off for most of the service, umbrellas went up during the last hymn.

Joe Parkman took pictures of the sunrise and kindly sent me some to choose from for the newsletter.



Thanks to George and Issy for the excellent bacon rolls after the service.

Toasted Sandwiches at SSNF

Our toasted sandwich lunch on Saturday 18 April, went really well, it was the first time we had attempted this sort of event, but it will not be the last. The fellowship it provided was also very much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who attended and apologies for the mix up in times.

Spring Concert at St Michael's



Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the fabulous Burraton Boys at St Michael's Church in April. They were as great as ever.

Hot Cross Buns at St Mary's

A enjoyable and successful event raising £190.



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.

all at 7pm in St Michael's, Landrake

Our Church Saints

John West is kindly writing a series about the saints associated with our Churches. This month is the turn of St Leonard.

Landulph: Leonard

Landulph Church is dedicated to two saints: St Leonard and St Dilpe.

St Leonard was a Frankish nobleman (AD 485-560) raised at the court of Clovis, King of the Sallan Franks. When the King's wife, Clothilde, went into labour the saint joined the King and they prayed through the night. The birthing was safe and in gratitude the King gave the saint as much land as St Leonard could ride around in a day seated on a donkey. This land was where the saint established the monastery of Noblet near Lamoges and he became Abbott. The saint became the Patron of Prisoners, Pregnant Woman, Country Dwellers and Horses; with his Feast Day on 6 November.



Bohmund, crusading son of a Norman Prince of Antioch, fell out with the Eastern Christian Emperor of Byzantium. He was captured and imprisoned for three years by Moslem Seljuk Turk being released in 1103. Legend accords Bohmund's freedom due to the prayers to St Leonard. This resulted in Noblet becoming a place of pilgrimage for other freed captives, including Richard Coeur de Lion, on the Limoges route to the shrine of St James the Apostle at Compostela.



by Christina Rossetti

I cannot tell you how it was;
But this I know: it came to pass
Upon a bright and breezy day
When May was young; ah, pleasant May!
As yet the poppies were not born
Between the blades of tender corn;
The last eggs had not hatched as yet,
Nor any bird foregone its mate.
I cannot tell you what it was;
But this I know: it did but pass.
It passed away with sunny May,
With all sweet things it passed away,
And left me old, and cold, and grey.

Come, O Holy Spirit

by John Henry Newman

Come, O Holy Spirit.
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world.
Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come 2026 - 14 May - 24 May

Each year between Ascension Day and Pentecost, churches across the world take part in **Thy Kingdom Come**. It is a simple invitation to pray for our communities, our churches, and the people God has placed in our hearts. What began as a small initiative in the Church of England has grown into a global movement that brings Christians of many traditions together in prayer and hope. At its heart, **Thy Kingdom Come** is very straightforward. We pray for the Holy Spirit to renew us, our churches, and our world.

Praying for Five People

Everyone is encouraged to choose five people and pray for them each day. These might be friends, neighbours, colleagues, or family members. You can keep their names in your Bible, light a candle, or simply hold them before God in a moment of quiet. Many people find this daily practice surprisingly powerful.

A Focus on Vocation

This year we are also invited to pray about vocation. Vocation is not only about ordained ministry. It includes the gifts we use in daily life, the ways we serve in church and community, the quiet nudges of the Spirit, the courage to explore something new, and the wisdom to recognise God's call in others. During these days we will be praying for people to hear God's call in whatever form it comes.

Daily Themes

This year's Prayer Journal takes us through a journey of Scripture, exploring the work of the Holy Spirit. Each day has a simple theme.

Ascension:	The Spirit of Promise
15 May:	The Spirit Brooding over Creation
16 May:	The Spirit of Grace
17 May:	The Spirit of Listening
18 May:	The Spirit of Confidence
19 May:	The Spirit of Silence
20 May:	The Spirit of Leadership
21 May:	The Spirit of Empowering
22 May:	The Spirit of Evangelism
23 May:	The Spirit Through Generations
Pentecost:	The Spirit of Power

These themes will shape our prayers across the benefice.

What We Are Doing in the Benefice

Across our six churches we will hold a short act of prayer each day. These are gentle and reflective services. Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, or a simple evening gathering. You are warmly invited to come to any of them. A full timetable is available in church, on our website and on p4.

Online Resources and the TKC App

If you prefer to pray at home or on the move, **Thy Kingdom Come** offers a wide range of free online resources.

The TKC app is available on Apple and Android devices. It includes the daily themes, short reflections and prayers, audio versions of the Novena, videos, and reminders to pray for your five people. It is simple to use and ideal if you want something you can carry with you through the day.

The TKC website also offers the Prayer Journal, the Novena, daily videos, family activities, music, podcasts, and printable prayer cards. Everything is free to download and you can use as much or as little as you find helpful.

If you cannot get to the daily services, you can still join in by following the daily theme on the app or website, lighting a candle, praying for your five

people, or using the short prayers in the Novena.

How You Can Join In

- Pray for your five people
- Come to any of the daily services
- Use the reflections and prayers on the TKC website or app
- Pray for vocations in all their forms
- Join us on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate the Spirit's renewing power

Thy Kingdom Come is a small commitment with a generous heart. Ten days of prayer, hope, and openness to God. Whether you join us in church, at home, or quietly in your own time, you are part of something much larger than any one parish.

See p4 for Daily Services



Bacon Butties

10am to 1pm, Saturday 2 May
St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms

Start the day with
friends and a bacon
buttie (or cake) at St Nicks
then visit the May Fair



May Show

Monday 4 May 10am to noon, St Stephen's Church

Join us for a morning of delicious treats and friendly
competition! Whether you're a star baker or have
the neatest handwriting, we invite you to take part.
See <https://saltashteamministry.org/may-show.html>

Starts Singers & Friends

7pm, Friday 8 May, St Leonard & St Dilpe Church

Tickets £10 on the door • Refreshments
In aid of Church funds



Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wednesday 13 May and every 2nd Wednesday
10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's Church



Ploughman's Lunch

Wednesday 13 May, 11am to 1pm
in St Mary's Church Hall, Botus Fleming



Answers to Patron Saints Quiz

1. Thomas Aquinas, a major theologian, was known as the 'Dumb Ox' and yet he was a very learned man and even a Doctor of the Church. He is the patron of whom?

Answer: b) Students

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) was called the 'Dumb Ox' because of his large size. His work, the *Summa Theologica*, is considered to be one of the masterpieces of Catholic theology.

2. Who is the patron saint of eyes?

Answer: c) St Lucy

St Lucy (283-304) is often depicted holding a plate with two eyes resting in it. She reportedly had her eyes gouged out and they were miraculously restored.

3. Who is the patron saint of firefighters?

Answer: a) St Florian

St Florian died in the year 304 and was a member of the Roman army. He was scourged and thrown into the river with a rock tied around his neck after being burned. He served among the Vigiles, members of the Roman army who were night patrolmen on the lookout for criminals and wayward fires. There is no such person as St Finnistrion.

4. Many of us know that St Matthew was a tax collector and an Apostle of Jesus. He is also one of the evangelists, the writers of the Gospels. He is therefore commonly known the patron of tax collectors, writers, and what other group?

Answer: a) Bankers

St Matthew is often referred to as Levi because he descended from the tribe of Levi, who were commonly priests, and because he is called by that name in some of the Gospels. Given his family background, it was odd that Matthew would then be a tax collector.

5. St John Bosco started the Salesian order, a missionary group whose mission is to serve the very poor and the very young. The Salesians were named after which saint, who is the patron of authors?

Answer: b) St Francis de Sales

Answers to Quiz continued

St Scholastica (480-543) and St Benedict (480-543) were twins and there is no such person as St Salesia. St John Bosco (1815-1888) is one of the first saints of whom an actual photograph exists; he died on January 31, 1888.

6. Because he was known as the 'Honey-Tongued Doctor', which saint is patron of beekeepers?

Answer: c) St Ambrose

St Ambrose (340-397) had two saintly siblings, Saint Marcellina and Saint Satyrus. Ambrose helped educate and convert St Augustine. His preaching was so dynamic that even Emperor Theodosius did public penance for his sins as a result of hearing the words of Ambrose.

7. Who is the patron saint of television?

Answer: b) St Clare of Assisi

St Clare of Assisi (1194-1253) is often depicted holding a monstrance, a large decorative device used to hold the precious Eucharist. The monstrance derives its name from the Latin *monstrare*, meaning to show.



As she was nearing death and was unable to attend Mass, an image of the service would miraculously display on the wall of her room; thus, her patronage of television.

8. Who is the patron saint of florists, which is appropriate enough since she was known as the 'Little Flower'?

Answer: c) St Therese of Lisieux

St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) once wrote about throwing flower petals up at the monstrance as it came by in a procession, and described how great it would be to be a rose petal that can touch the face of Jesus. Her simple childlike way represents a very promising outlook on life and faith, and thus she became a Doctor of the Church.

QUIZ NIGHT

7pm, Friday, 15 May at St Stephen's Church
£3 per person, max 6 people per team

Email stevenhookway@hotmail.com to book or just turn up. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

Please bring your own drink & nibbles.



Craft Afternoon

Monday 18 May and every 3rd Monday
2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms



Colour & Courage

An exhibition of paintings honouring the beauty of nature and the spirit of the Ukrainian people
by Saltash artist Louise Pasterfield.

28th - 31st May

St Stephens Church, Saltash

Open daily 2pm-6pm

FREE ENTRY

OPENING EVENING

Thursday 28 May at 7:00pm

Featuring Ukrainian Singers Plymouth

Raffle & Refreshments

A collection will be taken in support of Ukraine



Flower Festival & Garden Party

St Mary's Church & Churchdown, Botus Fleming

Saturday 30 May, 2pm to 5pm

Flower Festival in Church and Garden Party at Churchdown with cream tea, raffle and stalls.

Sunday 31 May Flower Festival in Church and joint Benefice Service at 10am followed by Soup Lunch.

