

Saltash Area Newsletter

November 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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November always brings a reflective tone to our life together. The days shorten, the air cools, and the Church invites us to pause. All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday give us space to honour those who have shaped our faith and our communities. It is a month that gently encourages gratitude, hope and remembrance.



In my own pastoral reflection recently, I found myself thinking about the pressure many clergy feel to be physically present everywhere. It is a familiar expectation in parish life. If the vicar is seen, people feel reassured. If the vicar is not seen, people worry that something is missing.

Yet the New Testament gives us a different picture of ministry. St Paul cared deeply for the churches, but he was rarely with them in person. He travelled constantly. He was often delayed. Sometimes he was prevented from visiting entirely by being imprisoned. His ministry was shaped by prayer, teaching, encouragement and wise oversight. Much of it happened from a distance. Paul's letters created a sense of presence even when he was far away. His words helped communities grow in faith and confidence. His leadership was not defined by how often he stood in their streets. It was defined by how faithfully he guided them.

Oversight Ministry today has something in common with that pattern. It is not absentee ministry. It is ministry that trusts local leaders, builds strong communication and holds the whole Benefice in prayer and care. Presence is real even when it is not always physical.



Saturday 7 November

10am to 1pm

St Stephen's Church

November Fair

Monday 9 November

Meal Out

MOSSAF

Tuesday 10 November

2pm, St Stephen's Church

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 11 November

10am, St Stephen's Church

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Monday 16 November

2pm, SSNF Church Rooms

Craft Afternoon

Friday 20 November

Noon, START

Friday 27 November

6.30pm, St Stephen's Ch.

Xmas Shopping Evening

Friday 27 November

7pm, St Michael's Church

Candlelit Supper

Saturday 28 November

to Friday 11 December

SSNF Church

Xmas Tree Festival

Friday 4 December

5.30pm

St Stephen's Church

Tamar Concert Choir



St Mary's, Botus Fleming

From November, the PCC of Botus Fleming has agreed that St Mary's will hold services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

This dovetails beautifully with Landulph who have services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1 November

St Michael, Landrake	9.30am
St Stephen-by-Saltash	
First Sunday	10am
SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph	10am
St Erney, Landrake	10.15am
SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash	10.30am

Wednesday 4 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash	
Holy Communion	10am

Remembrance Sunday 8 Nov

St Stephen-by-Saltash	
Civic Party in attendance	10am
SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash	10.30am
SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph	10.30am
St Michael, Landrake	
At War Memorial	10.45am
St Mary, Botus Fleming	
Starts at War Memorial	10.45am

Tuesday 10 November

SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph	
Holy Communion	9.30am

Sunday 15 November

St Michael, Landrake	9.30am
St Stephen-by-Saltash	10am
SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph	10am
St Erney, Landrake	10.15am
SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash	10.30am

Wednesday 18 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash	
Holy Communion	10am

Sunday 22 November

St Michael, Landrake	9.30am
St Stephen-by-Saltash	10am
SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash	10.30am
St Mary, Botus Fleming	11.15am

Wednesday 25 November

St Stephen-by-Saltash	
Morning Worship	10am

Sunday 29 November

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash	
United Service	10.30am
Darkness to Light	6.30pm

Life Across the Parishes This Month

All Saints and All Souls

Services across our churches will offer quiet space for remembering loved ones and giving thanks for the saints who inspire us.

Remembrance Sunday

Our communities will gather to honour those who gave their lives in service and sacrifice. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing these important acts of remembrance.

Pastoral Care

Please continue to let your churchwardens and pastoral teams know if someone needs support. Shared ministry is strongest when communication flows well.

Advent Planning

Preparations for Advent and Christmas are underway. More details will follow soon.

Paul once wrote, "I thank my God every time I remember you." That feels especially true in November. Thank you for your faithfulness, your kindness and your commitment to our shared life across the parishes. As we move towards Advent, may we find hope in small things and trust that God is at work in ways seen and unseen.

Dursona,
Rev'd Laura



Make a difference this Christmas!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op, Food Warehouse or at the back of St Stephen's or SSNF Churches.

You can also donate money via the Foodbank website:

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

The Bible Course



Last two sessions 5 & 12 November 7pm at St Stephen's

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

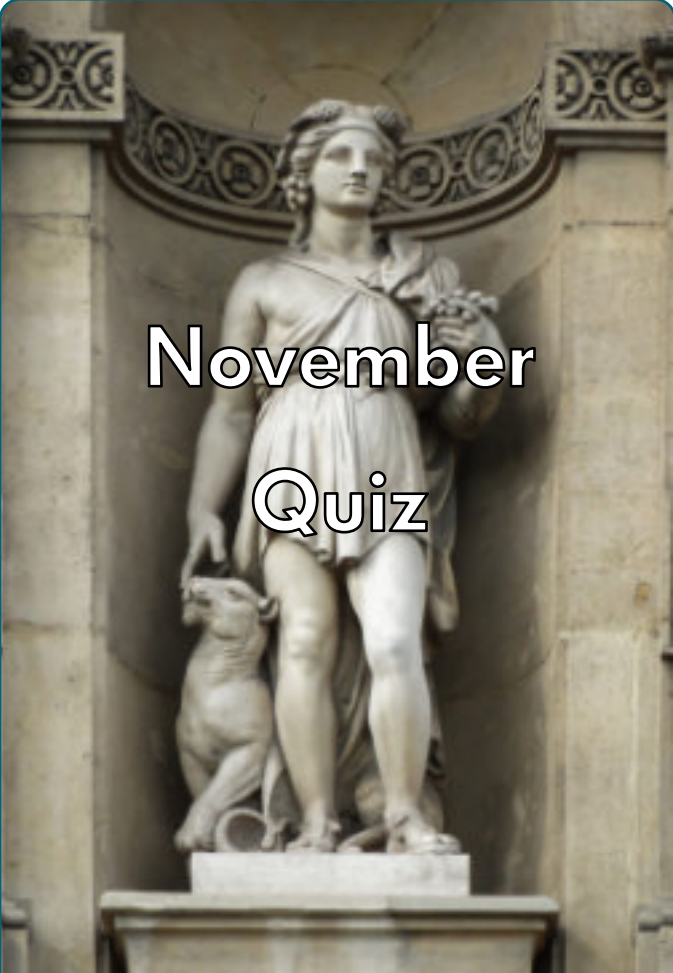
A great opportunity to deepen faith, build community, and discover the Bible in a fresh and engaging way.

Samaritan's Purse

We will be taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. The boxes will cost 50p each and can be requested from Helen in the office: helen@saltashteamministry.org, or via Sandra McKee.

Boxes will be collected 9-16 November. Thank you for your support.





November

Quiz

1. In Classical Mythology who is the Roman God of Wine?
2. What name is given to a male horse or pony under the age of four years?
3. 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' was written by which Poet in 1854?
4. 'The Ascot Gavotte' and 'On the Street Where You Live', are songs from which Film & Stage Musical?
5. Which successful British Cyclist & Olympic Gold Medallist is nicknamed 'The Manx Missile'?
6. The Father of DJ & TV Presenter Roman Kemp was a member of which 1980's Pop Band?
7. Chesil Beach, Lulworth Cove and the natural limestone arch, Durdle Door, are all located in which County of the UK?
8. Richard I (The Lionheart) was the brother of which English Monarch who succeeded him to the throne in 1199?
9. A ream of paper contains how many sheets?
10. Uriah Heap is a character in which novel by Charles Dickens?

Answers on p4

Recent Events

Johnny Cowling Concert



Johnny Cowling, once again, put on a brilliant evening at St Stephen's Church at the beginning of October. A fun evening with singing, lots of swaying, dancing and some funny Cornish humour was enjoyed by over 80 people that attended the evening. We were fortunate to have Colin from Saltash Burraton Boys in the audience, and he sang a fantastic duet to *Cornwall My Home* with Johnny. A message that was received read, 'What an absolutely fab Friday night at St Stephen's Church watching Johnny Cowling – not laughed like that for a long time.'

A huge thank you must go to Lewis and the team at The Ploughboy, and Karen and The Cabin Childcare Centres in Plymouth for sponsoring the pasties.

The event raised a fantastic £516.35.

Harvest Lunch at The Ploughboy

A very enjoyable autumn meal was held at The Ploughboy for St Stephen's Harvest Supper. Whilst there, we were made aware John & Pat Lissenden were celebrating their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. We all wished them well. Thank you again to Lewis and the team at The Ploughboy.

Harvest Lunch at SSNF

Our Harvest Lunch was extremely well attended and enjoyed and appreciated by all who came. There was a terrific atmosphere in the hall and all tables were full to capacity. Ham and Cheese Ploughmen were on offer, together with jacket potatoes and many salads, followed by our now famous Pavlova dessert, as well as many other delicious puddings.

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



Our MOSSAF group had a fantastic turnout last month for a brilliant evening of friendly competition at Adventure Golf. Everyone showed off their putting skills on the challenging courses, but after a close contest, Arland emerged as the evening's grand champion! Congratulations, Arland, on a well-deserved victory. It was wonderful to see so many of us enjoying an evening of fun, laughter, and great fellowship.

Looking ahead, next month marks our last meeting of the year, and we will be celebrating in style with our traditional group meal. This will be a wonderful opportunity to look back on a great year of activities, catch up before the upcoming break and plan next year.

Mothers' Union

Unfortunately our Speaker, the Rural Dean, could not attend our meeting in October. We started with our prayers, which were themed around prisoners, as all Mothers' Union groups are remembering prisoners this month. Remember that every person is someone for whom Christ died. No prison sentence can cancel God's love. We prayed for those families who suffer because of the actions of prisoners and also for victims of crimes. We thanked God for all staff and volunteers who care, including MU prison visitors.

After our reflection we discussed our plans for our stall at the November Fair. Members are asked to supply small gifts for our lucky dip stall. Plans were also made for our decorating of a tree at the Festival in St Nicholas and Faith Church this year. Cups of tea were served accompanied by Pauline's shortbread.

Next month's meeting will see us making our Christmas decorations.

If anyone knows of anyone who would like to be mentioned in prayer, please speak to Sandra and we can pray during the service on the third Wednesday of the month or at other times as needed.

Prayer for World Peace

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



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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

Answers to Quiz on page 3: 1. Bacchus 2. Colt
3. Alfred Lord Tennyson 4. My Fair Lady 5. Mark Cavendish
6. Spandau Ballet 7. Dorset 8. King John 9. 500
10. David Copperfield

When the Year Grows Old

by
Edna St Vincent Millay

I cannot but remember
When the year grows old—
October—November—
How she disliked the cold!

She used to watch the swallows
Go down across the sky,
And turn from the window
With a little sharp sigh.

And often when the brown leaves
Were brittle on the ground,
And the wind in the chimney
Made a melancholy sound,

She had a look about her
That I wish I could forget—
The look of a scared thing
Sitting in a net!

Oh, beautiful at nightfall
The soft spitting snow!
And beautiful the bare boughs
Rubbing to and fro!

But the roaring of the fire,
And the warmth of fur,
And the boiling of the kettle
Were beautiful to her!

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When the year grows old —
October — November —
How she disliked the cold!

20th Anniversary Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 28 November
to Friday 11 December**

FREE ENTRY – donations invited



Opening Times

Saturday 28 November: 10am to 6pm

Bacon butties & refreshments available until 1pm.

Sunday 29 November: 2pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 5 December: From 10am

Bacon butties & refreshments available until 1pm.
Mulled wine and shortbread from 6pm.

Sunday 6 December: 2pm to 6pm

Burraton Boys singing amongst the trees at 3pm.

Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm

Grand Christmas Draw

Winning tickets will be drawn at a coffee morning on Saturday
19 December, 10am to noon in SSNF Church Rooms.



November Fair St Stephen's, 7 November

If anyone is able to donate any items for the tombola, nearly new gifts or raffle prizes, we would be extremely grateful. Any donations can be left at the back of the church, or at the office on a Wednesday or Thursday.

We are also looking for anyone that may be able to bake a cake for the cake stall. Please bring cakes to the church on Saturday morning or speak to Sandra McKee.

NOVEMBER FAIR

10am to 1pm on Saturday 7 November

St Stephen's Church

- New Gift Stall • Christmas card packs • Festive tombola
- Cakes • Children's crafts • Stationery, cards, books
- Bumper Christmas raffle • and much, much more

Christmas Gifts Galore!

Plus refreshments and light lunches

FREE ENTRY

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Wednesday 11 Nov, and every 2nd Wednesday

10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's Church



Craft Afternoon

Monday 16 November and every 3rd Monday

2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms



Christmas Shopping Evening

6.30pm to 9pm on Friday 27 November

in St Stephen's Church



The ACC for Landrake with St Emrys Invitations to

ST MICHAEL'S SEA SHANTY SEASON

TWO Candlelit Supper Concerts

THE DERRYAIRS
in Concert
Friday, November 27

THE POLPERRO FISHERMAN'S CHOIR
Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 5

Both concerts: 6pm supper for 7pm start
at St Michael's Church, Landrake

TICKETS £10 EACH CONCERT
from Landrake Stores or landrakestoresfundraising@gmail.com



20th Anniversary Christmas Tree Festival

St Nicholas and St Faith

Saturday 28 November
to Friday 11 December

See p5 for opening times



Tamar Concert Choir

5.30pm, Friday 4 December, St Stephen's Church

Tickets: £5 from <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-concert-by-the-tamar-concert-choir>, the QR code below, Piglets in Fore St, Helen in the office or Steve Hookway in Church.

