

Saltash Area Newsletter

April 2024

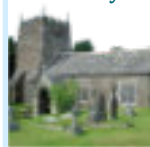
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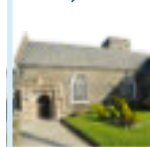
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First Steps

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome George, Issy, Seb and I have received. As your new Oversight Minister I am really enjoying getting to know the parishes, church communities and schools. We are staying in the Vicarage at Landrake until the school summer

holidays when we will move in to the Rectory at St Stephens.

Several people have asked me about my priorities in this first year. Throughout the arduous

application and interview process that discerned that I was called to this role, three words were regularly surfacing. My watchwords are: Unity, Stability and Joy. I believe bringing the churches together, having stability within the leadership team and being joyful in our interactions with each other will lead to a fruitful and sustainable benefice that can love God, serve people and make disciples.

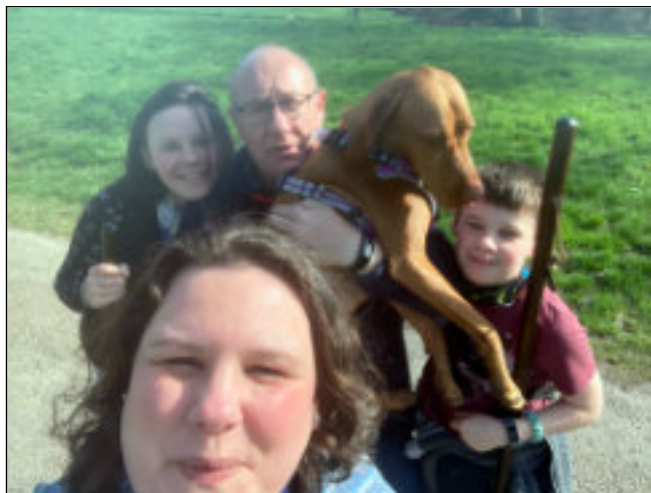
My first step towards this in the year ahead will be making sure our Governance is compliant and this will start with safeguarding procedures. I ask for your help to make sure that if you are a PCC member (Charity Trustee) that your own DBS check and safeguarding training has taken place in the last three years. There are other roles that also

require a DBS and different levels of training. Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Officer or me if you would like any help with these things. All members of our church communities are encouraged to do the Basic level Safeguarding training which can be found

on the Church of England's Safeguarding Training Portal website.

You may be wondering why this is my starting point, put simply Jesus teaches us to

look after the most vulnerable in society and as Christians we need to live out the Gospel. A good safeguarding culture, where all people can feel safe in our church communities is a demonstrable way in which we can do this. As part of a church community, we choose to serve rather than volunteer and whilst it is voluntary to serve, the opportunity to serve comes with terms and conditions. For many, three-yearly DBS checks and taking part in safeguarding checks are part of the T&Cs for the roles we are called to serve in. This is a task our church communities can work together to achieve, and hopefully one of many such tasks where we will work in unity to bring stability and joy to those around us.



Friday 5 April

7pm, St Stephen's Church

Tom Hannigan Live in Concert

Monday 8 April

7pm, St Stephen's Church

MOSSAF

Guest: Archdeacon Kelly

Tuesday 9 April

2pm, St Stephen's Church

Mothers' Union

Friday 19 April

12.30pm

S.T.A.R.T.

Trip to Trago Mills

Saturday 20 April

3pm to 5pm

St Stephen's Church

Messy Church

Saturday 27 April

2pm to 4pm,

Landulph Church

Spring Fair

Sunday 28 April

7.45pm

St Michael's Church

Polperro Fisherman's Choir

Saturday 4 May

10am to 1pm,

SSNF Church Rooms

Bacon Butties



Spring in Rev Di's
Conservatory

APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 7 April

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 Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 14 April

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Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Morning Service



For me, this month will be full of meetings as I bring together various groups and make connections. In addition, I start a mandatory Diocesan training course, so I will be away from the Benefice for a few days.

I am truly delighted to be here, at an exciting time in the history of the Deanery, and look forward to sharing this journey with you all.

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Laura

It Happened in April



1. The first British built Concorde made its maiden flight from Filton in April of which year?
2. Former dictator Manuel Noriega was sentenced to 30 years in prison for drugs and racketeering, but which country had he been the Dictator of?
3. Who was the designer of the Clifton Suspension Bridge that was born in April 1806?
4. The world's first multi-purpose domed sports arena, the Astrodome, opened in 1965 in which city?
5. In April 1991, Georgia declared its independence from which union?
6. Which filmmaker, who directed classics such as 'Twelve Angry Men', 'Dog Day Afternoon', and 'Network' died in April 2011?
7. What did the Whitechapel Bell Foundry create in April 1858?
8. RMS Titanic set sail on its ill fated maiden voyage in April of which year?
9. What is the name of the F Scott Fitzgerald novel first published in 1925?
10. In 1971 a week-long visit that became known as 'Ping-pong Diplomacy' took place between which two nations?

Answers on p6

Recent Events

Licensing of Rev'd Laura



At the Church of St Michael's Landrake on the 9 March 2024, the Rev Laura Bushell Hawke was licensed by the Bishop of St Germans and installed by the Archdeacon of Bodmin as Priest in Charge of Saltash and Landrake with St Erney and Botus Fleming and as Assistant Curate of the Tamar Valley Benefice.

The Rural Dean Rev Michael Johnson presented Rev Laura to Bishop Hugh for licensing and the Churchwardens of Landrake with St Erney, Saltash and Botus Fleming confirmed on behalf of their PCCs that they willingly assented to Rev Laura as their Priest in Charge. The Churchwardens of Landulph then responded separately on behalf of Landulph PCC in the Tamar Valley Benefice to welcome Rev Laura as their Assistant Curate.

The readings for the service – taken from Isaiah 43:15-21 and Ephesians 4:1-13 were given by the Rev Alan Butler, Isabella and Sebastian Hawke. The sermon was given by Bishop Hugh with the key phrase being, "I love you, I forgive you, dinner is ready!"

The Bishop, Rev Laura, Ministers and Churchwardens then moved to the font and other places around the church in an act of re-dedication to the Ministry of Christ where symbols of Ministry were presented and shared.

After Oaths of Allegiance to King Charles and Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Truro - Bishop Hugh licensed Rev Laura and Archdeacon Kelly Installed her by leading her to her seat.

Following the service a lovely buffet was served at the Sir Robert Geoffrey Memorial Hall.



An Evening with Johnny Cowling

7.30pm, Friday 14 June
at St Stephen's Church



Johnny Cowling, a talented Cornish comedian and Pirate FM radio presenter, will sing a concert to raise funds for St Stephen's Church.

- Raffle
- Light Refreshments available
- Tea, coffee and soft drinks available
- Optional Pasty

Tickets £12 (+60p booking fee) without a pasty

Tickets £13.50 (+68p booking fee) with a pasty

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DFEV>

Or contact Helen: ☎ 01752 844456

event@saltashteamministry.org



A Rocha Easy Eco-Tips for April

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Re-evaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, ie disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences.

Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.



Now Rev Laura has been licensed as our new priest in charge, it is only right we show our appreciation to all the people that have kept our services going during the vacancy. Rev Pam and Rev Di (also for arranging weddings, funerals, baptisms and rotas) and to Jo, Brian, Gordon, Lynn, Olly, Rick and Eric (for Evensong at St Stephen's).

Without these wonderful people we would not have been able to keep all our services going for the last six months.

Once again thank you to all of you for everything that you do for us.

Barry Jones

I'd like to add my thanks to those who willingly wrote the front page article for the newsletter during the vacancy.

Ruth



Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Foodbank website: saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

Our latest needs:

- UHT Milk & Milk Powder
- UHT Fruit Juice & Squash
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Custard
- Sugar (500g)
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Deodorants
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Coffee

Recent Events continued

S.T.A.R.T.



A dozen of our members met at the Community Kitchen for lunch before gathering in the lounge at Wesley for an interesting talk on Railway Bridges by David Lambourne, one of our group from Wesley.

David explained his interest in bridges started over 70 years ago when he worked for the railway in their Bridge Office at Paddington. This office of over 75 engineers, designers, surveyors and examiners were responsible for over 13,000 structures ranging from small footbridges, road bridges to river crossings.

He explained how, when the railways were first built, the Companies had to provide access to lands or public roads cut in two by the proposed rail track, with either level crossings or new bridges over or under the new line. A responsibility remains to this day to maintain these, even where the railway line has been long closed and abandoned.

He spoke about many of the famous rail bridges like the Forth Bridge, Sidney Harbour Bridge and the interesting local structures such as Calstock Viaduct and our Royal Albert Bridge. Also a detailed account of the rebuilding of the Chepstow Rail Bridge, designed by Brunel to prove to the Cornwall Railway Co. directors that he could span the Tamar with one of a similar design! The whole talk was illustrated by many interesting photos shown on the TV screen.

Our next outing, in April, will be to Trago Mills in Newton Abbott.



Recent Events continued

Richard Margetts presented with Cross of St Piran



The Rt Rev Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, presented 15 of the crosses to the very deserving recipients who came from across the diocese at a service in St Piran's Church, Perranzabuloe.

The Cross of St Piran is an annual award which is presented to individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service. They are largely nominated by their peers and can be recognised for everything from length of service to specific projects.

Messy Church



Messy Church was well attended in March, and again we welcomed some new families. The theme was Easter and we decorated eggs for the board, made Easter cards, Easter baskets, planted sunflowers and made chocolate Easter nests. Rev Laura joined us and read the Easter story.

One of the new families that attended said, 'how amazing the afternoon was'. We later found out the gentleman was a retired clergyman from further down in Cornwall. The afternoon finished with a lovely spread of food and an Easter Egg hunt.

MOSSAF

We held our first get together for 2024 at the Ploughboy Inn where we enjoyed social togetherness over a drink or two. We raised our glasses to remember Mike McKee whose celebration of life service had been earlier that day.



Our next meeting takes place in the social area of St Stephen's Church on Monday 8 April at 7pm when Archdeacon Kelly will be our guest speaker.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please speak to Steve Hookway.

Quiz Night



At the end of January, St Stephen's Church Men's quiz team had a name change for the Monthly Quiz held at Ashtorre Rock out of respect for their mate and stalwart of St Stephen's Church, Mike McKee, who sadly passed away recently. Team 'For Mike' were delighted and very surprised when they learnt they had won it For Mike.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

There was a steady flow of customers for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and we were delighted to see Rev Brian with some of his friends enjoying the traditional style of toppings. The younger generation went for the stickiest toppings and ended by licking their plates!

An enjoyable afternoon.



Spring Sonnet

From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud pied April dress'd in all his trim
Hath put a spirit of youth in every thing,
That heavy Saturn laugh'd and leap'd with him.
Yet nor the lays of birds nor the sweet smell
Of different flowers in odour and in hue
Could make me any summer's story tell,
Or from their proud lap pluck them where
they grew;
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;
They were but sweet, but figures of delight,
Drawn after you, you pattern of all those.
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,
As with your shadow I with these did play.

By William Shakespeare

Answers to Quiz on p4:

1. 1969
2. Panama
3. Isambard Kingdom Brunel
4. Houston, Texas
5. Soviet Union
6. Sidney Lumet
7. Big Ben
8. 1912
9. The Great Gatsby
10. USA and China

Recent Events continued

Hot Cross Buns & Easter Fun



Thank you to all who helped and supported the packed and very successful St Stephen's Church Hot Cross Bun and Easter Fun event, not forgetting all those who donated Easter Eggs and delivered the flyers that helped make the event so successful. £1,643.05 was raised for Church funds – a fantastic team effort.



Prize winners:

There were 64 Eggs in the jar – William
The Easter Bunny's name was Fudge – Sue Rapson
Simmel Cake winner – Tamsin.



Ministry is a shared responsibility

One of the interesting features of recent licensing and installation services is the way that they emphasise that the responsibility for Christian ministry is shared between the new priest and their congregation(s).

There is a section entitled, "The Dedication to Christ's Ministry" in which the Bishop and New Minister move around the church to symbolic locations. At each point the Minister is asked a question by members of the congregation and after themselves answering, "By the help of God I will", then asks the people a related question, to which the invited response is, "By the help of God we will".

At Revd Laura's Licensing the following exchanges took place:

Questioner Will you be among us as one who rejoices to bring new Christians to baptism, and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you share with me in encouraging and sustaining all who come to Christ, to help his people to grow in his life, and shine with his light?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us as one who studies Holy Scripture, preaches its story of the Love of God and explores the riches of our faith in the Word-made-flesh?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join with me in learning and living out the path of Wisdom, that all may hear and rejoice in the good news of Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us to break the bread and bless the cup, to celebrate with us the Lord's death and resurrection; that we may know his presence in us, for the life of the world?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join me in offering ourselves, in thanksgiving and praise, to be a living sacrifice, rejoicing to know that we are the body of Christ, sustained and nurtured by his body and blood?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us as one who holds us in prayer, as one who leads us in worship, in psalm and silence, in lament and praise, that we may grow in God's image and likeness, and care for the needs of the world.

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join me in placing prayer at the heart of this community, at the rising of the sun and its setting, that all may come to be blessed by the light of Jesus Christ?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us as one who offers generous hospitality, acceptance and welcome to all God's children?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join me in seeking to make Christ known by the warmth of our welcome and hospitality, by loving his people of all ages, and feeding his flock so that the world may catch a glimpse of the love of God through us?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us as the one who seeks peace and builds bridges, to help us to become united, with a sense of stability so that we may reflect the permanence of God's love?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join me in seeking to mend what is broken, unite what is divided and to live the Gospel?

All By the help of God we will.

Questioner Will you be among us with joy and good humour, as one who helps us to strengthen relationships and have fun together, that we may flourish as individuals and communities and rejoice in God's great love for us?

Minister By the help of God I will.

Minister Will you join me in seeking to strengthen our life together by being quick to forgive, slow to anger, abounding in love and willing to laugh, to smile and to celebrate as beloved children of God?

All By the help of God we will.



I am pleased to report that those of us who were able to be there responded heartily. I hope we could all do the same if asked the same questions.

Richard Margetts

Prayer for St George's Day

23 April



Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love.

Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee.

Amen

Toys Through the Ages at SSNF 8 July to 2 August

WANTED

We will be grateful for the loan of any Teddy Bears, Dolls, Dolls Prams, Spinning tops, Scooters, bicycles etc, toy cars, lego, mecano etc, as well as puzzles, books and comics.

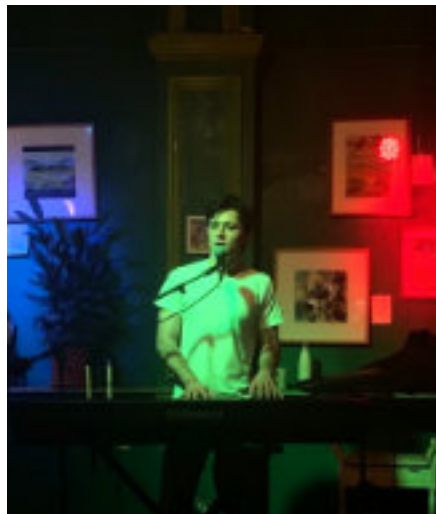
If so, please contact Leslie Stevens or Margaret Evans.

What's On

Tom Hannigan Live in Concert

St Stephen's Church
Friday 5 April, 7pm

We are very excited that Tom Hannigan, a musician and singer-songwriter, from Saltash, will be appearing at our Church.



Tom is currently making waves in the local music scene so grab your chance to catch him live this April.

Influenced by the likes of Billy Joel, Lewis Capaldi and Harry Styles, his music reflects a fusion of pop and classic influences, creating a sound that resonates with a diverse audience. With a passion for storytelling through music, Tom seamlessly blends lyrics with captivating melodies.

Tickets costing £5 each are on sale at: Piglets (Fore Street), Roger (01752 843766) and after Sunday Services or you can pay on the night. Profits from the concert will be for Church Funds.

A fantastic night is in store from this very talented local youngster.

Not to be missed!

Spring Fair

Landulph Church
Saturday 27 April, 2-4pm



There will be music, games, plants, a raffle, a treasure hunt, tombola, craft stalls, cream teas and much more to enjoy! Why not pop along for a fun filled afternoon? Entry is free.

Concert

St Michael's Church
Sunday 28 April, 7.45pm



We will be entertained by Polperro Fisherman's Choir. A raffle will be run and a finger buffet is included in the £7.50 ticket price.

Book at Landrake Stores or email landrakesterneyfundraising@gmail.com

Bacon Butties

SSNF Church Rooms
Saturday 4 May, 10am to 1pm



As well as delicious bacon butties, coffee/tea and cake will also be available!

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