# Saltash Area Newsletter

November 2024

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## No Innocent Bystander: A Call to Active Compassion

My children's school has a policy on bystanders.

Anyone who stands on the sidelines and watches an incident involving poor behaviour are deemed complicit. They will face sanctions just like those actively behaving badly. Studies show that places where poor behaviour is not tolerated by those who witness it as well as receive it, have fewer incidents of bullying and harassment. They have a safer culture for everyone.

So how do we become active bystanders rather than bystanders who are complicit in allowing a situation to occur? How do we become the Good Samaritan rather than look the other way?

Liverpool University talks about the four **Ds**:

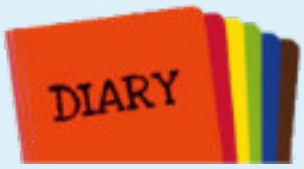
- **Direct:** directly intervene in the situation, you could confront the perpetrator or ask the person being harassed if they are OK. Ensure your own safety first.
- **Distract:** could you diffuse the situation? Perhaps you could have a conversation with the person being harassed to help them ignore the perpetrator.
- **Delegate:** could someone help you? Another member of the church or if it's very serious the police.
- **Delay:** if you are in danger, get to safety and then report the incident and check on the victim.

All of these require us to perform an action, even if we feel it is not our responsibility, or we think we don't have a responsibility or because we fear judgement from others. Whatever the situation, whether it be bullying, damage to God's creation, poor stewardship or anything else that works against God's Kingdom, we each have a duty to act.

Later this month we gather to remember those we have lost and reflect on the lives that have touched us, we are reminded that in God's kingdom, there are no innocent bystanders. Each of us has been called to be active participants in our faith, to show love, kindness, and compassion – not just through words, but through our actions.

In the face of suffering, injustice, or need, we cannot afford to stand on the sidelines. Jesus' life was a testament to this – He was never passive, always stepping in to heal, to help, to serve. Whether it was feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted, or standing up for the outcast, His love was always active and intentional. As followers of Christ, we are called to this same path.

It is my belief that, as Christians, come the day of judgement we will be judged like the school children where there is no innocent bystander. We will be judged on how often we stood by and allowed things to happen as much as we will be judged on how we have actively done bad things.




**Monday 11 November**
**10.30am**
**St Mary's Church Hall**
**Cargreen Singers for Remembrance Day**

**Monday 11 November**
**MOSSAF**
End of Year Meal

**Tuesday 12 November**
**2pm, St Stephen's Church**
**Mothers' Union**

**Wednesday 13 November**
**10-11 .30am**
**St Stephen's Church**
**Coffee, Cake & Chat**

**Friday 15 November**
**Noon, S.T.A.R.T.**

**Saturday 16 November**
**3-5pm, St Stephen's Church**
**Messy Church**

**Saturday 16 November**
**2.30-5.30pm**
**The Geffery Memorial Hall**
**Christmas Bazaar**

**Monday 18 November**
**2-4pm, SSNF Church Rooms**
**Craft Afternoon**

**Saturday 23 November to Friday 13 December**
**SSNF Church**
**Christmas Tree Festival**

### All Souls Day

**There will be a service on Saturday 2 November at 3pm in St Nicholas & St Faith for All Souls Day.**

## NOVEMBER SERVICES

### Saturday 2 November
**All Souls Day**

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**
3pm All Souls Service

### Sunday 3 November

**St Michael, Landrake**
9.30am Morning Worship

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**
10am Family Morning Worship

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**
10am Holy Communion

**St Erney, Landrake**
11.15am Morning Worship

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**
11.15am Morning Worship
6.30pm Sung Evensong

### Sunday 10 November
**Remembrance Sunday**

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**
10am Holy Communion then Remembrance at Memorial

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**
10am Morning Worship then Remembrance at Memorial

**St Michael, Landrake**
10.45am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**
11am Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by HC

### Sunday 17 November

**St Michael, Landrake**
9.30am Holy Communion

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**
10am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evensong

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**
10am Holy Communion

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**
11.15am Morning Worship

### Sunday 24 November

**St Michael, Landrake**
9.30am Morning Worship

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**
10am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash**
10am Morning Worship

**St Mary, Botus Fleming**
11.15am Morning Worship

### Wednesdays 6 & 20 November

**St Stephen-by-Saltash**
10am Holy Communion

This month, as we remember the lives of those who have gone before us, let us also renew our commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ in the world. In their memory, let us take up the challenge to act, to serve, and to love without hesitation.

Let us not be bystanders to the pain and suffering around us, but instead, let us be the ones who reach out, lift up, and make our church communities safe.

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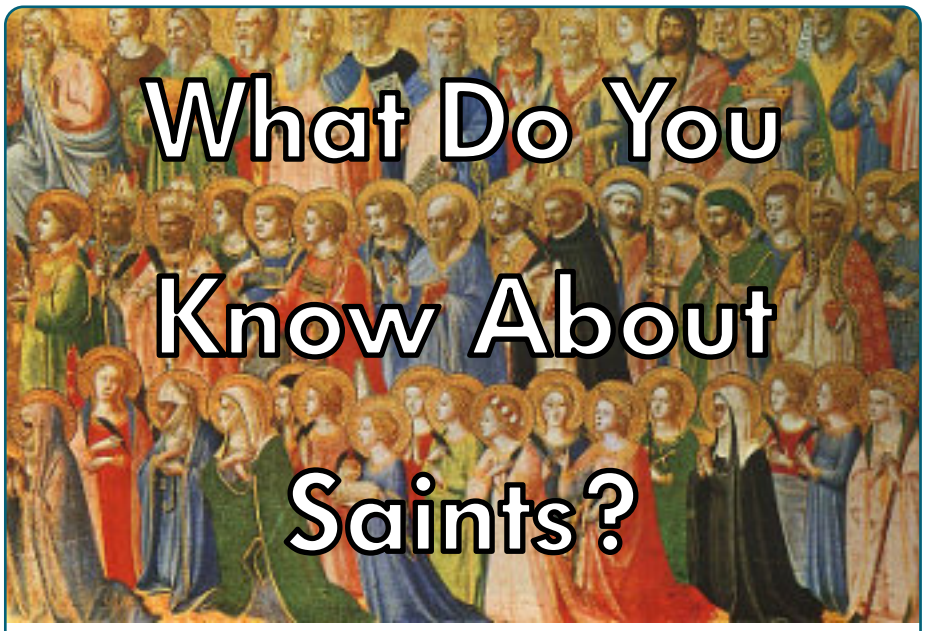
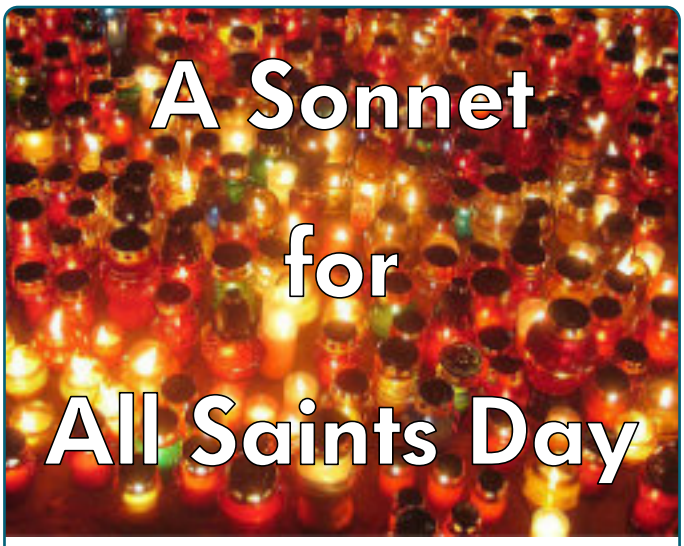
Rev'd Laura




1. Which Saint's feast is on Boxing Day?
2. What are the two former names of the Russian city, St Petersburg?
3. What saintly name is given to an atmospheric glow that appears on the extremities of pointed objects such as ship masts and church spires?
4. Who is the patron saint of lost causes?
5. Which European republic was founded by St Marinus and his Christian followers?
6. What event inspired George Bernard Shaw to write the play 'St Joan'.
7. Where is St Edmund buried?
8. According to folklore, what will happen if it rains on St Swithin's day?
9. Which saint was the first Archbishop of Canterbury and founded the Christian Church in the South of England?
10. Who is the patron saint of doctors?

*Answers on p9*



# A Sonnet for All Saints Day

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

**By Malcolm Guite**

# Prayer for Peace

**Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

# Recent Events

## Bishop Cornish School Harvest Festival

What a pleasure it was to witness St Stephen's Church full to capacity. The Service was conducted by the children with assistance from the Chairman of Governors and staff – well done.

My memories of BC as I call it, go back to the 1970s when I was out for a walk with my late father. We came to the end of Lynher Drive (as far as we could go) and observed a small wooden 'official' notice board stating, "This land has been acquired by the Diocesan Board of Education for the building of a new Church of England primary school." A letter was written to the Diocesan Board of Education and an acknowledgement received stating your daughter, Helen Wills (now Reid), will be the first pupil on the waiting list – there was no building on site at this time, just a field. Work progressed and soon the first half of the building was completed; this allowed for the appointment of teachers and the school was, in due course opened – but only one half of the building, Health and Safety may not allow this to happen today!

*Mary Wills ISM*

## Harvest Lunch at SSNF

Despite the extremely inclement weather, 33 parishioners sat down to our Harvest Lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Lunch consisted of ham or cheese ploughmans, jacket potatoes, numerous salads and puds. Just a little over £180 was made for Church funds.

# Recent Events continued

## MOSSAF

Our October meeting saw our members take on the Bumpy course at Plymouth Barcode's Adventure Golf. All enjoyed a fantastic evening with many a hole-in-one being scored. Joint top of the leaderboard at the end of 18 holes was Arland Burn and Mark Fox (though I'm sure this was more luck than skill!).

November will be our last meeting together for 2024 as we have our end of year meal at the Lord Louis Carvery.

The 2025 schedule is on the way and new members are always welcome to join us from any Church.

## Mothers' Union

Members of Mothers' Union met in October and began with prayers and notices. Unfortunately our scheduled speaker was unable to attend but we had many topics to discuss. Members' Day at Truro was on 29 October so travelling arrangements were on the agenda. We well remember the last time we went by train and some of us had to have a team of strong men to assist us to exit the train when we arrived back in Saltash due to the very high step down!

Another topic was our plan for our Christmas tree at the Festival in SS Nicholas & Faith Church.

Following all our decision making, we enjoyed a quiz which was won by Elizabeth.With all this happening it was soon time for tea and then home.

Don't forget to pop into St Stephens for coffee on the second Wednesday in November (13 November).

## Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church

# Christmas Tree Festival 2024

## Saturday 23 November to Friday 13 December

**FREE ENTRY – donations invited**

## Opening Times

**Saturday 23 November: 10am to 4pm**
Bacon butties available until 1pm.

**Sunday 24 November: 2pm to 6pm**

**Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm**

**Saturday 30 November: 10am to 4pm**
Bacon butties available until 1pm.

**Sunday 1 December: 2pm to 6pm**
The Burraton Boys will be singing at 3pm.

**Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm**
Friday 6th: Brunel School will sing among the trees.

**Saturday 7 December: 10am to 7.30pm**
Bacon butties available until 1pm.
Mulled wine and shortbread after 6pm.

**Sunday 8 December: 2pm to 6pm**

**Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm**

## Grand Christmas Draw

First prize is an alcoholic hamper, second prize £100, third prize a luxury hamper and many other prizes.

## A Rocha Easy Eco-Tips for November

**Green your home**

Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials.

Also, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be suffering from the cold this winter.

Saltash foodbank

### Bank the Food

Point your mobile phone camera at this QR code. Click the link to download the 'Bank the Food' App. This will enable you to see which items Saltash Foodbank needs now!

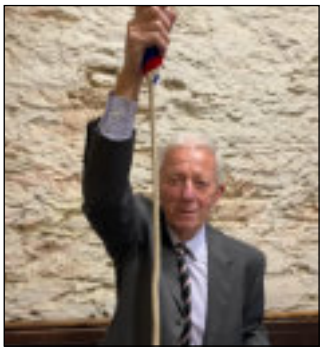
### Make a difference!

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

# A Book to Remember…

**We continue our series in which a member of one of our five congregations is invited to tell us about a book that has been important to them in their Christian journey.**

### Arland Burn



has been a member of St Stephen's for fifty years. He has been a bell ringer here for twenty years. He also maintains the bells and the tower, organises competitions and welcomes visitors.

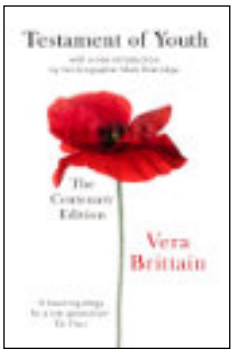
He is part of the men's group MOSSAF. "For me, St Stephen's is our family church, where my children were baptised, sang in the choir and my daughter was married." Although Arland has now moved to Callington, he continues to attend his family church.

### Which book have you chosen?

My book is *Testament of Youth* by Vera Brittain. With Remembrance Day approaching, this book is a reminder of a lost generation. For the author, a young woman from a privileged family, life could not be more perfect until war is declared in 1914. She watches as both her brother and her fiancé leave to fight. She feels that she must play her part and leaves her university studies to become a nurse, serving near the front. She experiences the death of her fiancé on the Somme, and her brother in Italy.

Vera Brittain's daughter, the MP Shirley Williams, states that the memories stayed with her mother for the rest of her life.

### Why is this book important to you?




I find history interesting, as it shows the way we have evolved as a society. Modern history, just before I was born, is something I can particularly relate to.

*Testament of Youth* shows everything that people went through, and how fortunate I have been not to have had to fight for my freedom. This book describes not only the death of young men, but the total weariness that followed World War I.

### Is there a particular section that is important for you?

Vera Brittain's brother died at the end of the war. Soon afterwards, she goes to see where he fell and reflects on the way the War remained part of her, "I could not throw off the War, nor the pride and grief of it, rooted and immersed in memory." She observed how 'critical juniors' who had not known the War, had no comprehension of her experience, "Four years," some say consolingly, "Oh well, what's that? You're young …" She concludes, "and we must just go back and start again once more."

With an irony she cannot have seen at the time, as she travels to the grave site in Italy, she comments on how the fascists are beginning to rise in power.

**'Testament of Youth', Vera Brittain. Virago 2018 (originally 1933).**

If you would like to tell us about a book that has helped you, please email Dave: contactdavepitcher@gmail.com

# Recent Events continued

## New Church Bell Ropes

On Sunday 20 October, the new bell ropes for St Nicholas and St Faith were dedicated by Rev'd Laura. Each of the ropes was donated in memory of a former ringer or in thanks for all the church and tower has meant to them. The sallies are in the Cornish colours of black and gold, to reflect St Nicholas' and St Faith's position as the first church in Cornwall, as one arrives

across the Tamar or Brunel bridge.

We sang the hymn *Ding Dong Merrily on High,* which as Laura pointed out, actually contains no direct reference to Christmas. And anyway, she said, it was good practice for the Christmas not too far ahead!

The tower also has a new carpet, donated by Peter and Brenda Samuels, former mayor and mayoress.

The ropes will be installed by Owen and Kevan Borlase from St Dominic tower over the coming weeks, and it is hoped will ring out for the Darkness to Light service on Advent Sunday.

The donors and the prayer written by Dave Pitcher for the dedication can be found on the website: saltashteamministry.org/the-new-bell-ropes-at-ssnf.html

# Samaritan's Purse

It is that time of year again when we support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. The boxes will cost 50p each this year.

Please contact Margaret Dell on ☎ 01752 846945 to request your box(es) or for more information.

# Recycling for a School Playground

Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy has teamed up with the Recycling for Charity project, in a contest with recycling experts TerraCycle, to win a new playground with a frame made from 100% recycled materials including recycled plastic food storage containers and lids, takeaway tubs, lunch boxes, reusable plastic drinks bottles and tops including baby bottles and sippy cups.

Please empty your cupboards of any broken, stained, tops and bottoms that don't match, or you just have to many! and drop to:

- Brunel school reception
  Monday to Friday
- Saltash Town Library
  24/7 in the side garden,
  located adjacent to the school
- Saltash Scrapstore, 89 Fore Street.
  Open 10am-4pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm.
  Closed Wednesdays and Sundays
- Office at St Stephen's
  Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm

Headteacher Darren Woolner said,
TerraCycle is an innovative recycling program that transforms waste into valuable resources. This initiative not only reduces waste but also encourages communities to actively engage in sustainable practices.

At Brunel Academy, we are thrilled to take part, demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship. As part of this initiative, our school is competing to win new playground equipment, and we need your help!

Project Lead Ali Humphreys said,
Thank you for the amazing community support for our Recycling for Charity project and Brunel school Playground Contest. I can be contacted on ☎ 07305 044049.

Website: south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/recycling.for.charity

# From the Archives

Going through the archives, trying to make sense and create some order to it, I have come across some copies of the original SS Nicholas & Faith Parish Magazine, and reading through J C Boyes' letter of the November 1966 copy, I thought I'd share it with you, as he talks about the creation of the plans for the Lady Altar.

My Dear People

We are now in a position to go forward with the completion of the Lady Altar and the first stage which consists of dealing with that ugly wall behind it will, I hope, will be put in very shortly, when that has satisfactorily been dealt with, the new ornaments can be placed in position and that corner of the church will look better than it has done.

Even when the new ornaments are in position, the scheme will not have finally been completed, as there are other things needed before we can really say that all is as it should be.

It is a matter for gratitude that so much has come in unasked for this project, and I have no doubt that, as time goes by, the further necessary sums will arrive and we shall be able to complete the altar and its surroundings making it worthy of our Lords Mother, in who's honour it stands.

Sometimes, when I am arithmetically inclined, it might be good thing for me to work out just how much we have spent in keeping the parish church in good order and repair and how much has been given for its adornment unasked. It is, I am sure, a matter for gratitude when people come forward willingly, and without being asked, and make an offering for the adornment or maintenance of the parish church. And there has been a good deal of this, I am thankful to say – and it has not all come from a few, it has varied in the givers and the amount given, small sums, larger ones, and not many of the large ones – in other words, this work of responsibility and generosity to the Church has been widely spread.

It is our custom to give the cash collections on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day to the missionary task of the church overseas. Therefore, we shall be doing this on Sunday 27th November, which will be Advent Sunday. Here we have a parish church almost on our doorstep, and the worship, teaching and sacraments of the Church are available for us without too much trouble. For this we ought to be ready to help those who are still without advantages, as easy and frequently as we possess them; but who do desire them and go to a good deal of trouble to secure them. Sunday 27th November will give us all a chance to share what we so abundantly possess.

A last reminder of the Bazaar on Wednesday, 7th December at 3 p.m. We have a few comparatively small money-raising efforts throughout the year: the Bazaar is our only large one, so I hope that we can say that we are not always asking for money at the parish church. A good number of people have a sense of responsibility and there is regular giving in a number of ways. We have always managed to pay our way and have certainly not laid up treasure upon earth! Therefore, this extra help at the one large money-raising "do" of the year is very welcome. I commend it to your support,

Your sincere parish priest and friend.
J.C. Boyes

Upon reading through this letter from JCB, it reminded me of what a "close-knit" family group we are at St Nick's, and that we always pull together when needed.

Unfortunately, this copy of the magazine is damaged, as some pages have been ripped in half, if anyone has an intact copy of this magazine, and are happy to donate it to our archives, it would most gratefully be appreciated. We are also looking for some lockable display cabinets, so that we can display some of the treasures of our archives.

I am also looking to not just have St Nick's in our archives, but to also include our other churches and church families in one archive, I would be grateful for any articles, histories and other items.

Andy, Benefice Historian & Archivist (andy@saltashteamministry.org)

## Peggy Patricia Roseman

**15 December 1933 to 25 June 2024**

Peggy (above right) died in County Down, Northern Ireland where she had been living for several years. Her twin sister Isabelle Chenery died in Saltash in August 2021.

The twins were baptised and confirmed at St Stephen's Church and attended the Sunday school. On leaving Saltash Grammar School, Peggy trained as a nurse in London where she worked for several years. Later she returned as a fully qualified nurse to Plymouth where she met George and they were married at St Andrew's Church in Plymouth. They had a daughter, Alison, who is married with a family and still lives in Northern Ireland.

## New Deanery Website

East Wivelshire Deanery have updated their website. So to find out more about our Deanery: our Churches, our Team, our Vision and more, visit eastwivelshire.org

The site will have more added to it over the coming months. If you notice anything missing, please email Rebecca Giles on admin@eastwivelshire.org

Some of the 'On The Way' information and documents will be added in time, they are currently available at sites.google.com/view/east-wivelshire-deanery/

# Recent Events continued

## Messy Church

At the October Messy Church gathering, we had a congregation of 71 – from small toddlers to grandparents! We celebrated all the gifts that God gives to us, from the Harvest bounty of fruit and wheat for our bread, to the Bounty of the Fruits of the Spirit.

Delicious apple doughnuts and bread cooked over a fire pit were devoured. Baskets were fashioned to hold fruit and the Fruits of the Spirit made into a hanging ornament. The scene in the Church was organised chaos and the companionship and worship was lovely to see.

In addition to our visitors there were eleven helpers who give their time each month to further our service to our community. I am so grateful to these people who keep this programme operating to bring the knowledge and love of God into the minds and hearts of our local families.

*Sandra McKee*

# Recent Events continued

## START

In October, we assembled at Wesley for an interesting talk on HMS Tamar by Bruce Hunt, Vice Chair of our Heritage Centre.

The first vessel to carry this iconic name was built in Saltash in 1757 by John Snooks, to a design by Sir Thomas Slade who drew up the plans for many ships including Nelson's HMS Victory. The 'Tamar' was a Sloop with three masts, 96 feet long gun deck with a beam of 27 feet, armed with 16 x 6 pounder and 14 x ½ pounder swivel guns and a crew of 125.

In 1764, under Commander Patrick Mouat, she was sent out on a two year circumnavigation voyage to research the world and locate and chart the Falkland Islands in particular. HMS Dolphin, under Captain Byron, accompanied the 'Tamar' and in 1765 took possession of the islands and named them in honour of Viscount Falkland. The report on the voyage stated that the Falklands should be colonised. From the Falklands the ships sailed on to South Georgia then on to the Strait of Magellan to chart this as they made their way into the Pacific Ocean. They continued westward past many countries, including Singapore, to cross the Indian Ocean to Cape Town, then via the lonely Ascension Isle on to Antigua, in the Caribbean. Finally they headed north-east to pick up the Trade Winds across the Atlantic to arrive home in 1766. HMS Tamar remained in service up to 1780, gained Honours in the Battle of Ushant in July 1778 and in 1780 was renamed 'Pluto'. Later that year the 24-gun French Privateer 'Duc de Chartres' captured our ship and no-more is known of her.

The current HMS Tamar is a Batch 2 River-Class Patrol Vessel built in 2020 and is the first to be painted in Dazzle Camouflage. This ship is 296 feet long x 42 feet beam; armed with 1x 30mm DS30B Gun, 2 x general purpose and 2 x 0.50 calibre heavy machine guns; crew plus troops 95 max. and operates in Australia and the South Pacific.

**Answers to Quiz on page 2:** 1. St Stephen 2. Petrograd (1914-24), Leningrad (1924-recently) 3. St Elmo's Fire 4. St Jude 5. San Marino 6. The canonisation of Joan of Arc in 1920. 7. Bury St Edmunds 8. It will rain for another 40 days. 9. St Augustine 10. St Luke

# In November

## Memories of the War

**Coffee morning with the Cargreen Singers**
**From 10.30am, Monday 11 November**
**St Mary's Church Hall, Botus Fleming**

## Coffee, Cake & Chat

**Wednesday 13 November and every 2nd Wednesday**
**10am to 11 .30am in St Stephen's Church**

## Landrake & St Erney Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 16 November**
**Sir Robert Geffery Hall**
**2.30pm to 5.30pm**

- £1 adult entry (children free).
- £1.50 per child ticket to meet Santa.
- Exciting stalls and delicious refreshments!

## Craft Afternoon

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

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