

Saltash Area Newsletter

October 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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Consent and Evade

Some of you will remember Sir Humphrey Appleby from *Yes, Prime Minister*. His great skill was to agree warmly, smile politely, and then quietly ensure that nothing actually changed and his own plan went ahead. It was funny on television. It is less funny when it appears in everyday life and it appears more often than we think.

Matthew 21 gives us a moment when Jesus names this pattern with clarity. He tells the story of

two sons. One says 'yes' to his father but never goes to the vineyard. The other says 'no' at first but then gets on with the work. Jesus makes the point gently but firmly. God sees the difference between words and actions. God notices the quiet obedience of the second son. God also notices the polite agreement of the first son that never becomes real.



Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby
in *Yes, Prime Minister*

Scripture is full of this pattern. The Israelites promise to trust God, then long to return to Egypt when things get hard.

Saul agrees to obey God, then keeps back the best livestock for himself. These stories show the same human habit. People say 'yes' with their lips and 'no' with their lives.

Harvest gives us a natural moment to reflect on this. We thank God for the earth, we celebrate abundance and we pray for creation. But we often slip into consent and evade

when it comes to our own habits. We agree that climate change matters. We agree that our consumption needs to change. We agree that living more lightly is part of our Christian calling. Then we quietly carry on as before. Not because we do not care. Often because change is hard, because convenience is powerful and because the vineyard looks tiring.



Friday 2 October
7.30pm, St Stephen's Ch.
Johnny Cowling Concert

Monday 5 October
7pm, The Ploughboy
Harvest Supper

Saturday 10 October
10am to Noon
St Stephen's Church
Harvest Cuppa

Monday 12 October
7pm, Adventure Golf
MOSSAF

Tuesday 13 October
2pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Wednesday 14 October
10am, St Stephen's Church
Coffee, Cake & Chat

Friday 16 October
Noon, START

Sunday 18 October
Noon, SSNF Church Rooms
Harvest Ploughman's

Monday 19 October
2pm, SSNF Church Rooms
Craft Afternoon

Saturday 7 November
10am to 1pm
St Stephen's Church
November Fair

The Bible Course



Starting 10 September for 8 weeks
7pm at St Stephen's

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

Everyone is welcome – whatever your level of knowledge or experience and it doesn't matter if you are only able to come to a few of the Thursday evenings.

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 4 October

St Michael, Landrake 9.30am

St Stephen-by-Saltash

First Sunday Harvest Service 10am

SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph

Harvest Festival 10am

St Erney, Landrake 10.15am

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash 10.30am

Wednesday 7 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash 10am

Sunday 11 October

St Michael, Landrake 9.30am

St Stephen-by-Saltash 10am

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash 10.30am

St Mary, Botus Fleming 11.15am

Tuesday 13 October

Landulph 9.30am

Sunday 18 October

St Michael, Landrake

Harvest Festival 9.30am

St Stephen-by-Saltash

Evensong 6.30pm

SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph 10am

St Erney, Landrake

Harvest Festival 10.15am

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

Harvest Service 10.30am

St Mary, Botus Fleming

Harvest Service 11.15am

Wednesday 21 October

St Mary, Botus Fleming

Harvest Evensong 6.30pm

Thursday 22 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash 10am

Sunday 25 October

St Michael, Landrake 9.30am

St Stephen-by-Saltash 10am

SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash 10.30am

St Mary, Botus Fleming 11.15am

Wednesday 28 October

St Stephen-by-Saltash 10am

The same pattern appears in church life. People say 'yes' to new ideas. Yes to shared responsibility. Yes to healthier culture. Yes to the work of renewal. Then they continue exactly as they were. It is not usually deliberate, it is often a mix of fear, habit and the hope that someone else will do the hard bit. But it keeps us stuck. It drains energy. It creates the illusion of unity while hiding real resistance. It is Sir Humphrey's quiet nod, played out in PCC meetings and conversations.

Jesus invites us to be honest about this. He reminds us that God is not impressed by polite agreement. God is moved by the person who actually steps into the vineyard. Even if they hesitated at first, even if they had to change their mind, even if they start small.

So as we celebrate Harvest, perhaps we can make a gentle commitment. To move from 'consent and evade' to 'consent and engage'. To let our actions match our prayers. To take one small step that honours creation. To take one small step that strengthens our church life. To be the child who goes into the vineyard and does the work God sets before us.

God does not ask for perfection. God asks for willingness. God blesses the quiet 'yes' that is lived out in everyday choices.

Dursona,

Rev'd Laura



Our latest needs are:

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

Make a difference!

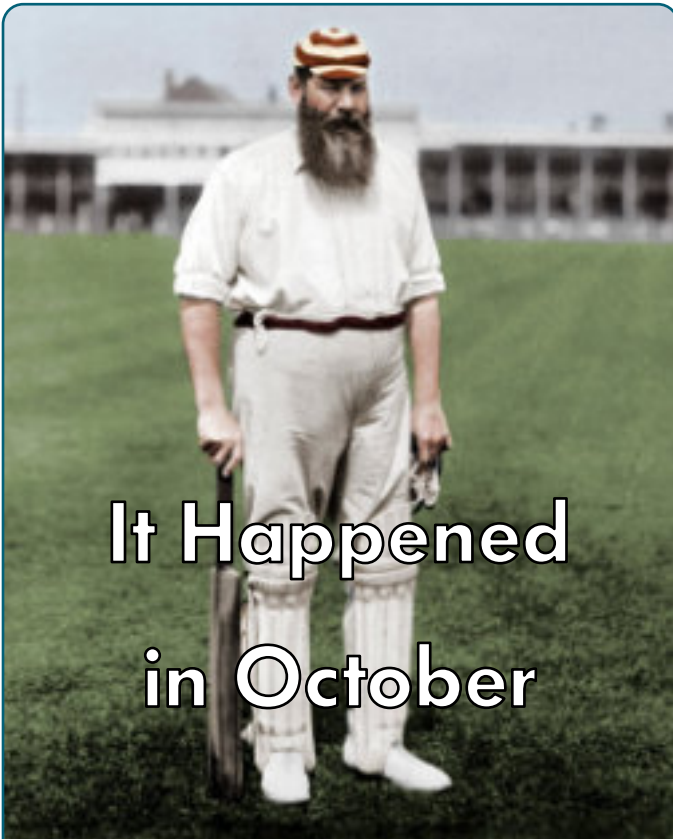
Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op or at St Stephen's or SSNF Churches and/or donate money via the Foodbank website:

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



Holy Communion

As we enter the autumn flu and cold season, please take extra care when receiving Holy Communion. The alcohol content of the consecrated wine is not sufficient to kill germs, and sharing the chalice while unwell can pass infection to others. It is perfectly acceptable in the Church of England to receive bread only, which is still full participation in the sacrament. Please also remember that intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted, as it increases the spread of infection when fingers touch the bread and the wine and also creates other liturgical problems. If you are feeling under the weather, the kindest thing you can do is simply to receive the bread alone so we can care for each other.



It Happened in October

1. In October 1926 this book was published and written by A.A.Milne. What was the book?
2. In Oct 1915 the man often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
3. In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
4. In 1936 200 men marched from their home town to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
5. In 1941 Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after how many years a) 14 b) 18 c) 22
6. 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?
7. 1940 saw the U.S. premiere of which Charlie Chaplin film?
8. In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
9. The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organisation did it replace?
10. In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?

Answers on p4

Recent Events

Sea Shanty Evening



The Spring Tide on 9 September was just right for the unique event planned by the Ministry Choir with David Newman, well-known Saltash Library musician, leading the sea shanties.

The weather was perfect and the choir chose three hymns to set the scene *Wide, Wide as the Ocean*, *Will your Anchor Hold* and *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*.

We then had 10 Sea Shanties including *Anne Glanville* with full audience participation in the choruses.

The Russian wild geese chose to fly into their nesting area closer to Skinham Point which added to the atmosphere.

Thanks to Richard Hosking and Reeford Manning who did the fencing, Wayne John the lighting and Michael at Pineapple's Electricity supply. Also to Faye who taxied people from the nearest parking to the quay and back.

Trelawney and *Cornwall my home* concluded the evening with £109 raised for the community kitchen.

Bacon Butties at St Mary's



A successful bacon buttie event was held in September at the Church Hall, thanks to Heidi and Rob Cory. Card sales and raffle raised £170 for church funds.

During the event the cheque for £1,000, for Ukraine from the Hatt Evening was presented to Charlotte Tait, on behalf of her father Darren, from *Cornwall and Devon Sending Love to Ukraine*.

Recent Events continued

MOSSAF



The MOSSAF Men's Group was thrilled to welcome Archdeacon Clive as our special guest speaker last month. Clive shared his down-to-earth journey to ministry – a wonderful reminder that God's timing is perfect, even when life takes unexpected detours.

Growing up between Cornwall and Yorkshire, Clive's early relationship with faith was mixed. He was baptised Roman Catholic but completely disengaged by his teens. After studying Philosophy at university, he jumped into the student music scene, spending his time working as a nightclub DJ. After graduation, Clive felt adrift. While travelling Europe, he hit a low point, struggling with his mental health. Yet, during quiet, solitary moments hitchhiking and walking through forests, a real sense of purpose and a hunger for meaning started.

Returning to England, Clive channelled that empathy into serving others. He spent nearly ten years on the front line for London's NHS, starting as a Health Care Assistant on an over-65s ward and training as a mental health nurse at Guy's and St Thomas'. Around the same time, he married his wife, Ali, and they welcomed two children. Looking ahead, he felt a strong pull to put God right at the centre of their family life. This led him to the Alpha Course, which he loved so much that he ended up leading it himself. From running cell groups to serving as an Area Dean, his passion for ministry kept growing, eventually leading to his current role as Archdeacon.

The MOSSAF group was deeply encouraged by Clive's transparency. His story reminds us that God uses every chapter of our lives to shape our purpose.

Our next MOSSAF evening is a night of indoor mini-golf, laughs, and friendly competition at Paradise Island Adventure Golf at The Barcode, Plymouth on Monday, 12 October.

For further information on our group, please contact Steve Hookway on 07855 600241 or email stevenhookway@hotmail.com.

Prayer at Harvest

Faithful, loving God, at harvest time I pause to remember your goodness. Thank you for the wonderful things I have: the beauty of your creation, the kindness of others and the hope you give me in every season of my life. I'm grateful for moments of joy, for the people who walk with me in life and for your love. Help me to hold onto that gratitude, even during hard times, and to share that hope with other people.

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. Winnie-the-Pooh 2. W.G. Grace
3. General Francisco Franco 4. The Jarrow March (Crusade)
5. a) 14 6. Clarence Birdseye 7. The Great Dictator
8. Gene Roddenberry 9. The League of Nations
10. The Post Office Tower (now BT Tower)

And is it Not Enough?

by
Malcolm Guite

And Is it not enough that every year
A richly laden autumn should unfold
And shimmer into being leaf by leaf,
It's scattered ochres mirrored everywhere
In hints and glints of hidden red and gold
Threaded like memory through loss and grief,
When dusk descends, when branches are unveiled,
When roots reach deeper than our minds can feel
And ready us for winter with strange calm,
That I should see the inner tree revealed
And know its beauty as the bright leaves fall
And feel its truth within me as I am?
And Is it not enough that I should walk
Through low November mist along the bank,
When scents of woodsmoke summon, in some long
And melancholy undertone, the talk
Of those old poets from whose works I drank
The heady wine of an autumnal song?
It is not yet enough. So I must try,
In my poor turn, to help you see it too,
As though these leaves could be as rich as those,
That red and gold might glimmer in your eye,
That autumn might unfold again in you,
Feeling with me what falling leaves disclose.

Recent Events continued

Wivelscombe Quartet at St Michael's



We had a successful fundraising concert last month, with the wonderful Wivelscombe Quartet whose blend of music ancient, modern and wit kept us entertained for a fabulous evening.

Mothers' Union

At the Mothers' Union meeting on 8 September, Sandra led us in a short service and then welcomed our own Rev Lynn Parker. It was lovely to see her after her long break. Lynn gave a very interesting talk about Cornish Saints. In particular, we heard about St Piran, St Petroc and St Michael. A mixture of myth, legend and history abound in the lives of our Saints but it is clear that many Saints came to Cornwall from the celtic countries of Ireland, Wales and Brittany. They were adopted by the common people because of their service to the county. As we drive around Cornwall we come across many place names remembering our Saints where settlements have been established. It would be very interesting to research them all. We thank Lynn for her visit to our meeting.

Next month on 13 October we are looking forward to meeting with the Rural Dean, Michael Johnson.



**Saturday 10 October, 10am to 4pm,
St Martin's Church, Liskeard**

Cath Woolridge will be joining us as we gather as women in the Church to worship, share food and receive from God.

Tickets: £7.50 from: <https://smartchurchliskeard.churchsuite.com/events/xobkiueg>

St Nicholas & Faith Lighting Appeal

At St Nick's we are working towards obtaining our Bronze Award from Eco-Church and one of the things we are looking at changing is our current lighting system in the Church, (eventually we will look at the same in the hall) from Halogen to LED.

In the long term this will not only improve the lighting, but will be more cost effective. It will also save Richard and Roger going up and down the ladder like a yo-yo. They have recently had to change 20+ bulbs. Unfortunately, the current bulbs aren't lasting and the current fittings are incompatible with LED bulbs.

We have received a very favourable quote and are half way to raising the funds, we still need to find approximately £1,000 towards this. If you would like to donate and help us to make our project a reality instead of a dream, we have setup a JustGiving site, the link is https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andy-evans-5?utm_term=enypNM6Nw&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Open Day at St Michael's Landrake

There will be an Open Church Day at St Michael's, Landrake on 3 October, to find out more about what our parishioners would like to see from their churches (free BBQ light lunch included).

Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk over the Tamar Bridge



On October 31, Halloween, two of St Nicholas and St Faith Church members will be undertaking a sponsored walk in fancy dress across the Tamar Bridge. The money raised will go to St Nick's kitchen fund.

More details to come at a later date, so please look out for them on the pew sheets. *Margaret Evans*

PRAYER

Online Morning Prayers, Mondays, 9.00-9.30am

An invitation to members of all churches in East Wivelshire Deanery. Every week we gather online to pray for the life of our churches and communities across the deanery.

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



Candlelit Supper Concerts

Tickets for each concert are £10, to include supper, and will be available nearer the time.

Friday, 27 November: The DerryAirs

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

Wed, 9 Dec: The Polperro Fisherman's Choir

Come along and enjoy the Christmas Concert.

both at 7pm in St Michael's, Landrake

We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Tree Festival St Nicholas and St Faith

Plans for our 20th Festival are gradually coming together.

This year the Mayor will be opening the Festival.

The trees will be on show from **Saturday 28 November to Friday 11 December**, with take down on 12 December.

Bacon butties and refreshments will be available on the Saturdays and the Burraton Boys will be singing on Sunday 6 December at 3pm. Plus there will be our usual Grand Christmas Draw with the winning tickets being drawn at a coffee morning on Saturday 19 December, 10am to noon.

There will be a sign up list for stewarding in a few weeks time and the full programme will be in next month's newsletter, on posters and on the website.

An Evening with Johnny Cowling

**7.30pm, Friday 2 October
at St Stephen's Church**

Johnny Cowling is a talented Cornish comedian
and was a Pirate FM radio presenter

- Raffle
- Light Refreshments available
- Tickets £12 includes a pasty

Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/johnny-cowling-at-st-stephens-church-saltash>

Or email: event@saltashteamministry.org



Coffee, Cake & Chat

**Wednesday 14 October, and every 2nd Wednesday
10am to 11.30am in St Stephen's Church**



Ploughman's Harvest Lunch

Noon on Sunday 18 October in SSNF Church Rooms

Please sign up at the back of St Nicholas & St Faith
or ring Margaret on 01752 844141. £6.50pp



Harvest Supper

6pm on Monday 5 October in The Ploughboy

Beef Stew, Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Sausage
with Mash and Onion Gravy plus a Dessert. **£15 per person**

There are sign-up sheets in all our churches
or email event@saltashteamministry.com



Craft Afternoon

**Monday 19 October and every 3rd Monday
2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms**



Harvest Cuppa Morning

**10am to Noon on
Saturday 10 October
St Stephen's Church**

**Coffee and cakes
plus food, craft
and gift stalls**

In aid of Church funds



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

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