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Special Services for Easter

Monday of Holy Week - 14th April

Stations of the Cross at Cheddar Roman Catholic Church

Wednesday of Holy Week – 16th April

7.30pm - Lent Group Plenary at Draycott

Maundy Thursday – 17th April

6pm Passover at Cheddar

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion at Cheddar

8pm Maundy Thursday Communion at Draycott

Good Friday – 18th April

10am – Words, Music and Action for Good Friday
at Cheddar

2pm – Reflective words and music at Rodney Stoke

6pm – Taize service at Draycott

Easter Day—20th April

8am Easter Fire and Communion at Cheddar

9.30am Easter Communion at Draycott

10am Easter Communion at Cheddar

11.15am Easter Communion at Rodney Stoke

Update on Rev Chris:

By the time you read this Chris will be home after a successful operation. It will take a while before she is moving around easily; the skin graft area is particularly uncomfortable. Chris still waits to discover whether radiotherapy will be advised but for now she is delighted to be back at home. She has been very touched by all the cards and good wishes she has received.

Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

Finally after all the rain we have had a couple of days of sunshine, and what a difference it makes! Our gardens are exploding with colour and our hearts seem so much brighter too. It doesn't take away the preceding greyness, or wetness, of the last few months - and certainly the people down on the levels will not be forgetting this last year any time soon, nor must we forget them!



We can go through periods in our lives when all can seem dark and dreary, and at those times God can be very distant. We can lean on the faith of others to give us hope; indeed at this sort of time the much loved prose poem 'Footsteps' can seem very apposite:

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there was one only.
This bothered me because I noticed that
during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord, that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there has only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"
The Lord replied,
"The years when you have seen only one set of footprints,
my child, is when I carried you."*

In the church year the season of Lent can sometimes feel like such a grey period, culminating with the darkness of the death of Jesus on the cross. For Christians this is followed by the joy and colour of Easter, with its promise of light, life and love. As we move through Lent to Easter I hope that, just as the light of the sun has broken through the depressing wet weather of the winter, so the Son of God may break into your life with his light. Happy Easter!

Sue Rose

Bishop of Taunton in “solidarity” with hungry Britain

The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Peter Maurice is to fast every Wednesday throughout Lent as part of a new campaign to address hunger in the UK. He joins 40 other high profile faith leaders, celebrities and food bank volunteers across the UK who are taking part in a fast over the Lent period.



Bishop Peter says: “The number of people needing food aid is still rising. This is an opportunity to show solidarity with the thousands going hungry in Britain today. I pledge to fast every Wednesday between now and Easter, and I urge others to consider showing their support too, by taking part in a nation-wide day of fasting on 4 April.”

The national grassroots campaign, End Hunger Fast was announced last month, as 27 Anglican bishops signed an open letter calling on the UK Government to act on the growing hunger crisis in Britain. Today’s step in the campaign comes as the Trussell Trust releases new data revealing the extent of food bank use in UK and an academic report into Household Food Security commissioned by the Government comes out in favour of the Bishops’ call to End Hunger Fast.

Figures published by the leading food aid charity the Trussell Trust reveal that between April and December last year, over 70,000 people in the South West were fed by Trussell Trust food banks. Nationally, this figure was over 600,000. Adding to this picture is the steep rise in malnutrition admissions to local hospitals. Last year NHS Trusts in Somerset, admitted 215 people, up from 30 in 2008, a 700% increase. Nationally admissions are up from 3,000 to 5,500 since 2008, an 80% increase.

End Hunger Fast is organising an online campaign to encourage citizens around the UK to take part in a national day of fasting on 4 April. You can pledge to join the day of fasting at www.endhungerfast.co.uk

END HUNGER FAST FACTBOX

*The massive growth in the numbers going hungry has been fuelled by rapidly rising food prices (up 30.5% in the past 5 years), stagnant and falling real incomes, unemployment, casualization of work, capping increases in benefits to 1% rather than indexing them to inflation, and incompetency in and so-called reforms to the benefit system – **a shocking 30% of those visiting food banks do so because their benefits have been paid late, and a further 15% because they are under sanction** . The value of out of work benefits has fallen by 50% relative to average income in the last 30 years. This is an enormous moral failing. It constitutes a historic abdication of state responsibility and support for the most vulnerable. But this is not just a problem for those on benefits: those in work face a real risk of hunger too. The great majority of households in poverty are in work.*

Tricia's Pantry Now that April is here



Cooked, slighted, exalted - a slightly different memory of British naval tradition than rum, sodomy and the lash.

On April 29, 1770, James Cook landed in Botany Bay, the first European to visit that coast. In an interwar period he might have had few opportunities for distinguishing himself. Yet the farm labourer's son from Whitby did just that: having cut his teeth surveying the St Lawrence during the conquest of Quebec, he mapped the eastern coast of Australia, the west coast of North America from Oregon to the Bering Strait, circumnavigated New Zealand and Hawaii, and skirted Antarctica. In 1779, Cook came into conflict with native Hawaiians who clubbed him down in the surf and, feeling him a deity, cooked him to preserve his remains. Cook was cooked.

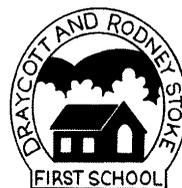
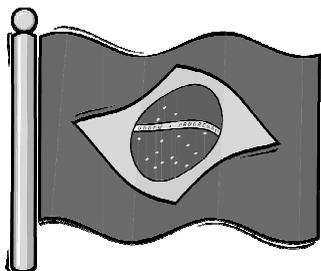
On April 28, 1789, the Bounty's crew mutinied. Stock villain William Bligh had sailed Bounty to Tahiti to collect breadfruit plants and thus provide a transplanted food to Caribbean slaves. The plants needed more maturation, requiring a lengthy unplanned stopover after which Bligh's crew preferred Tahitian women to their duty. Sensitive Bligh was not, but neither was his discipline unique. Yet seaman he was: set adrift without charts and in an overloaded launch with only inches between water and gunwale, he bailed and navigated his way 4000 miles to safety. Exonerated, on a later voyage he transported breadfruit, although the slaves refused to eat it. The mutineers fared little better: when found on Pitcairn only one remained with several women and children, almost all the other men having died in infighting.

On April 2, 1801, a hero burnished his growing reputation at Copenhagen. A star on the rise but dogged by personal indiscretions, Horatio Nelson destroyed the Danish fleet at anchor. He reportedly ignored withdrawal orders, clapping his telescope to his blind eye, insisting he couldn't see his admiral's signal; the order actually gave permission to withdraw but didn't order it. The image of unflinching courage fueled Nelson's fame and the daring do of the British navy. When legend becomes fact, print the legend

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Viva Brazil!

February stood out for us as we all went on a journey to Brazil. With the World Cup taking place there this year, we thought what it a good opportunity it would be to get better acquainted with the country. We started off with a drumming day. Organic Rhythm came into school and everyone had a chance to have a go at beating out carnival rhythms on the big drums, augmented by whistles and shakers. Everyone took part in a performance for parents at the end of the day.



During the course of the week the children worked hard on putting together a display for the corridor that leads down to the hall. Now, as you travel down the length of it you are transported to a South American rain forest complete with frogs and parrots.

The children also had an opportunity to find out about the things that are produced in Brazil. It was no surprise that chocolate was the favorite one. Mrs Wills told the children all about its production and gave them lots of different types for them to try. They all ended up making three or four chocolate sweets to take home to their Mums for Valentine's Day.

On the last day of the week Mrs Collins and Mrs Watts very nearly refused to come to school as we had in a company called Zoo Lab. They came to show us some of the animals to be found in a rain forest, including snakes and spiders. Fortunately the snakes and spiders were they were very well behaved and Mrs Collins and Mrs Wills were coaxed into attending after all!

What is next for us here at school? Well, in April we will be having the old roof replaced. We have had a roof designed to take care of our resident bats and when the new roof is on they will have a veritable batty Hilton in which to live!!

Cathy Lowe

HYMNS (occasionally) ANCIENT AND (sometimes) MODERN

A recent innovation at St. Andrew's, St. Leonard's and St. Peter's has been the introduction of the latest edition of the much venerated hymnbook ANCIENT & MODERN, and in future issues of the magazine, we plan to take a more detailed look at its contents and presentation.



But, for the time being, I wonder how many readers know about the history of this best-selling hymnal - over 150,000,000 copies - yes, that's One Hundred and Fifty MILLION - sold in the first hundred years of its life !

Published in 1861, and containing just 273 hymns, Hymns Ancient and Modern owes its origin to the zeal and dedication of the vicar of Monkland, a small Herefordshire village with its tiny parish church of St Cosmas and St Damian. It was here that Henry Williams Baker became vicar in 1851, and from here that he edited the new hymnbook, gathering new words and melodies from contemporary sources, whilst also adapting and arranging older texts translated from Latin and Greek, fitting them to Gregorian melodies. He even adapted a folk-like tune to fit one of his own (and several) hymns in the new book - *Praise, O praise our God and King* - he called it *Monkland*, and you can find it in our new book.

No hymnbook lasts for ever. There is always the work of new writers, both of words and music, and Hymns A & M has had its fair share of revisions over the past 150 years. Until the 1950's, the great majority of churches used what was known as Hymns A & M Standard Edition, which had twice been carefully edited and revised by Sydney Nicholson, then organist of Westminster Abbey, and later, founder of The Royal School of Church Music. That was superseded in 1950 by Hymns A & M Revised. Then thirty three years later (in 1983) the New Standard Edition was published, and now another 30 years on, here is yet another version.

Watch this space for a careful and considered assessment of the new book we are now using.

Barry Rose



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Crisis – and not just at Christmas



Catching up on the charity mail the other day I came across one that cheered me- a thank-you from Crisis at Christmas. For some years I have supported this charity - assuaging my guilt and my excessive seasonal consumption perhaps. I learned that they had welcomed nearly 5,000 homeless people into their centres in different UK cities; that over the nine days they are open, they offered not just hot meals and a bed, but health checks, hairdressing, dentistry, financial advice- and warmth, sociability, and safety. They help people to get back on their feet, and often into houses and jobs. Volunteers worked over 17,000 shifts. Perhaps one day I will be one of this army. Until then, I hope that the 6 guests I paid for last year will have good memories, and lasting benefits.

But the charity also works and campaigns for the needs of the single homeless throughout the year. It has a network of 'Crisis Skylight Centres' that are working all the time. Their branch in Oxford (our closest- a town with a shocking lack of affordable housing) has a cafe and a job advice centre. It offers classes in art, drama and carpentry, reading, maths, computers and English- free to the homeless or the 'vulnerably housed'.

And Crisis funds research. Homelessness has increased rapidly since 2010. Sleeping rough- the tip of this iceberg- has risen by 37%, and cuts in housing benefit and local authority homelessness services will make this worse. But the root cause is *not* mainly lack of houses. All the homeless could be accommodated in properties that now stand empty. There is a vicious spiral of rising prices and low wages (look out for the Crisis 'Shut Out' campaign). What will break this cycle? Certainly building more houses that only the well-off can afford to buy is no solution. Realistically, more people will need to rent. It is by helping in the supply of decent and affordable *rented* accommodation that we will do most to help ordinary people avoid homelessness and sub-standard housing.

Chris Green

Something for everyone



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Kerala	Homs
Ferrara	& for all the Boy
Regio Calabria	Scouts of America?

St George's

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Thea 744739, Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945.

See you all at St Peter's on Saturday 5 April

COLIN SYMES *A Parish Portrait No. 9*



Colin was born in 1936, the only child of Maurice and Olive Symes. He grew up in a busy and happy home in West Harptree. During the war his father, an imaginative and entrepreneurial man, was in charge of the Home Guard: a real Captain Mainwaring, says Colin. His father's skills were so in demand, that military service was constantly deferred. "Dad went from farming to a bakery, to being a crane driver...and many other things". Colin often accompanied his dad at work on Saturdays – a family partnership which was eventually to extend to the acquiring and running of the Bucklegrove Caravan Park, from 1965 to 1986. This involved, at the beginning, modernising, expanding and putting in flush toilets and electricity. Colin recalls that they took the pipes and wiring straight across the road – "but nobody seemed to mind!"

Colin hadn't enjoyed school very much, but he loved the work with his father, who, after the war, started a business charging accumulators. Colin (now 11 years old) met the customers, and it was his job to sell them other things. (This reminded me of another member of Dad's Army, who seemed to deal mainly in silk stockings!)

His musical interests are often underrated, and Colin still awaits his audition to join the choir at Rodney Stoke, or to perform in the Autumn Concert. He played drums in his parents' dance band for 28 years, at one time entertaining the American troops stationed on Mendip. Later he learned the clarinet. Bell-ringing has become an increasingly important activity for him. "I'm not very good at it. The new people there are now teaching me things: the speed of ringing, the distance between the bells sounding, and the methods of change ringing. I'm trying to keep up as we learn new methods." There is something here about old dogs...but, being Colin, he is enjoying the new tricks.

Colin and Jo met at a Saturday village dance at Chew Stoke. Colin was 15 and Jo was 14. The next day they went for a bike-ride together. Jo invited Colin home for tea that day...and they have, says Jo, been together ever since.

National Service lasted from 1954-1957, and Colin went into the RAF as an electrician, servicing planes. He was sent to Cyprus during the Suez Crisis, and remembers having to camp on an airfield in tents, with shots and explosions all around them. His section was the first to fit and wire up coloured smoke for aircraft – the beginning of the technology which is seen today with the Red Arrows. During that time he and Jo wrote to each other every day, and they still have the letters.

"How do you cope with Jo?" I ask, mischievously. Colin replies: "I once said to her:

'I'm not going to argue with you Josephine, because I know I'm right'." Jo chuckles at this memory. But their partnership has been going strong since that day 62 years ago. They were married in 1957, in St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke and have three children, Sarah, Tim and Tony. They have five grandchildren.

The Church has always played an important role in Colin's life. In the 60s he was Vicar's Warden at St Lawrence, East Harptree, and Jo became the Treasurer. Both of them rang the bells, and both sang in the choir. At Rodney Stoke, Colin is well known to be the man who can fix things. If it's broke, take it to Colin, or ask him what to do. Colin masterminds the lighting for Christmas and concerts at Rodney Stoke Church, and, less obviously, keeps up with the weed killing and clearing the drains. He is inspired by the history of Rodney Stoke Church, the Rodney Family, and the monuments, and.... "I do believe there's a God up there. When I've asked, it has usually happened!"

Being with Colin for this interview is to be reminded of his genial, placid and friendly approach to everyone, his interest in absolutely everything, and his willingness to help or lend a hand wherever he can. It is also to be reminded of that wonderful partnership with Jo. Finally, I ask: "What gives you the greatest happiness, Colin?" He replies: "Completing a job so that it's well done. Always doing the best you can."
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Dates for your diary from SOSP

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More details in next magazine

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April 20 th	Isobelle Sealey	Fay Pitman
April 27 th	Ann Percival	Honor Neave
May 4 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
May 11 th	Lesley Davey	Vicky Andrews
May 18 th	Joan Salmon	Jane Holmes
May 25 th	Fay Pitman	Isobelle Sealey
June 1 st	Honor Neave	Ann Percival
June 8 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
June 15 th	Jane Holmes	Lesley Davey
June 22 nd	Vicky Andrews	Joan Salmon
June 29 th	Isobelle Sealey	Fay Pitman
July 6 th	Ann Percival	Honor Neave
July 13 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
July 20 th	Lesley Davey	Vicky Andrews
July 27 th	Joan Salmon	Jane Holmes
Aug 3 rd	Fay Pitman	Isobelle Sealey
Aug 10 th	Honor Neave	Ann Percival
Aug 17 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
Aug 24 th	Vicky Andrews	Lesley Davey
Aug 31 st	Jane Holmes	Joan Salmon
Sept 7 th	Isobelle Sealey	Fay Pitman
Sept 14 th	Ann Percival	Honor Neave
Sept 21 st	Denny Johnson	Megan James
Sept 28 th	Lesley Davey	Vicky Andrews

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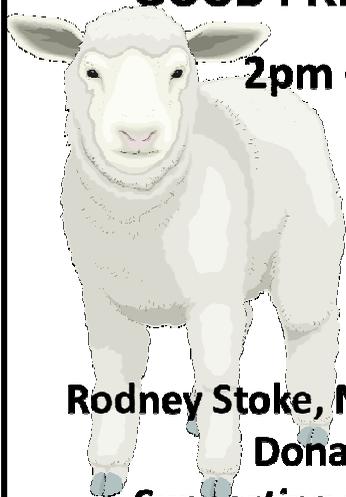
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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

The Lamb

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee,
Gave thee life, and bade thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, wooly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?



Little lamb, I'll tell thee;
Little lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a lamb,
He is meek, and He is mild,
He became a little child;
I a child, and thee a Lamb,
We are called by His Name.
Little lamb, God bless thee!
Little lamb, God bless thee!

William Blake

Pork Fillet in Mustard Cream Sauce (for 4)



700g (1½lb) pork fillet or tenderloin, cut into 1.25cm (½ inch) slices.
15g (½ oz) butter
15ml (1tbsp) veg. oil
1 garlic clove, skinned & crushed
150ml (¼ pint) medium dry white wine
50ml (2tbsp) mild wholegrain mustard
Salt & pepper

1. Slightly flatten each piece of pork with a rolling pin or meat mallet.
2. Heat butter and oil in a large frying pan and fry the garlic for 1 minute without browning it. Add meat and brown on both sides.
3. Push meat to one side of the pan and pour in the wine. Stir to loosen any sediment at the bottom of the pan, then add the soured cream and mustard. Mix the meat into the sauce and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

Time for an Apology



It makes me feel deeply ashamed when I think of the way this country of ours deals with the asylum seekers and refugees who find themselves in our midst. Speaking for myself I would like to apologise unreservedly for the way many of them are treated in my name. No one could really think that G4S, SERCO or the Home Office reflect Britain at its best.

Is it such an unusual experience to reflect that many of the special people who have enriched my life have been refugees or the children of refugees? One taught me humanity, humility and the elements of fluid mechanics : more English than the English but more German than the Germans with a twinkle, tweeds, immaculate Swan Vesta technique, a Rover and a pipe. Another, a colleague, who came over with his sister on the Kinder-transport from Czechoslovakia, stood out as a beacon of modesty, decency and fair mindedness in an otherwise murky world. And some of my closest personal friends have more than something of the refugee in their backgrounds.

Looking out of my own immediate circle, it is plain to see that, within my lifetime, refugees have greatly enriched life in these islands and helped make this country a much better place for us all. They have helped raise our national esteem by, for instance, carrying out Nobel Prize winning work in the laboratory, like Max Perutz, or turning in Ashes winning performances like Basil D'Olivera. They have also brought home Olympic Gold as well as helping us to define our national culture as did Nikolaus Pevsner (who we forgive for missing the Burges font when he gave St Peter's the once over all those years ago).

As a nation we should see it as a privilege to be asked to offer asylum to asylum seekers and to treat refugees as honoured guests. We should offer them the opportunity to rebuild their lives amongst us with dignity and purpose. The activities of the G4Ss and SERCOs of this world need to be consigned to the oblivion of history.

Rob Walker

Sunday Services in April 2014

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
April 6th Passion Sunday	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
April 13th Palm Sunday	10am Family Communion with Palm Procession and incense	9.30 Second Sunday Service	4pm Palm Sunday Family Service with Palm Procession
April 20th EASTER	8am Easter Fire and Eucharist 10am Easter Eucharist	9.30 Easter Communion	11.15 Easter Communion
April 27th Easter 2	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Sung Mattins

You may notice the following change to the service schedule this month:

- ◆ Rodney Stoke begins its 2nd Sunday rotation of 8am or 4/6.30pm services.

Readings for Sundays in April 2014 (Year A – St Matthew)

Date	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
April 6 th Passion Sunday	130	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	130	Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45
April 13 th Palm Sunday	137	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	118: 19-24	Philippians 2: 5-11	Matthew 21: 1-11 and/or Matthew 26: 14 to end 27
April 20 th Easter	215	Jeremiah 31: 1-6	118: 14-24	Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 28: 1-10
April 27 th Easter 2	221	Acts 2: 14, 22-32	16	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-end

Regular Weekly Events in April

Monday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 9.30 Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho 10.30 Intermediate Line Dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Rodney Stoke 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15 Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School assembly in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds when at 11.30) 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Draycott
Thursday	9am LMG Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30 St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15 St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10-12 Open Office, Den, Cheddar (except 1 st Saturday of the month when it is at Draycott)

Diary for April 2014

Tues 1	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	10.30am	KoW Easter service	Cheddar
	12 noon	MU Lent Lunch	Church House
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 2	10.30am	KoW Easter service	Cheddar
	2pm	CVC Planning,	Ch Baptists
Thurs 3	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	10.30am	KoW Easter service	Cheddar
	12 noon	3 rd Sunday Planning	Parish Office
	12.30pm	St Andrew's Lunch Club	The Riverside
Fri 4	2.30pm	D&RS School Easter Service	Draycott
	6.30pm	YES! Group	Parish Office
Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee and Cakes plus Open Office at St Peter's	Draycott
Tues 8	12.30pm	Chapter	Weare
Wed 9	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Rodney Stoke Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Church Hall, RS
Thurs 10	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 12	4pm	Holy Marriage	Cheddar
Sun 13	6pm	Draycott Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Peter's
Mon 14	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	RC Church
Tues 15	10am	Annual Oils service	Wells
	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Maundy Thursday 17	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	6pm	Passover Supper	Church House
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Cheddar
	8pm	Maundy Thursday Communion and Vigil	Draycott
Good Friday 18	10am	Words, music and action for Good Friday	Cheddar
	2pm	Reflective Words and Music for Good Friday	Rodney Stoke
Sun 20	pm	Cake sale	Bucklegrave, RS
Tues 29	10am	RStAAG	Parish Office
	6pm	Bible Society Spring event	N St Chapel

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April 2014 Rotas

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	6	13	20	27	May 4
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Readers	J Jeffries T Lumley R Dingley	R Dingley T Oliver C Green	G Jeff T Oliver L Whittle	R Dingley C Green G Jeff	T Lumley J Jeffries R Dingley
Coffee	F Irving	T Heckbert	J Jeffries	T Lumley	C Jeff
Cleaning	J Jeffries H Jeffries	C Jeff G Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries H Jeffries
Flowers	LENT	Palm Sunday	EASTER All Hands	A Wills	A Wills

RODNEY STOKE

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Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Michael
Reader 1	D Banks	I Turner	A Percival	R Mann	H Neave
Reader 2	H Neave	S Percival	A Jeffries	A Newman	C Kembrey
Cleaning		S Kembrey J Symes		P Hills J Holmes	
Flowers A	LENT	LENT	EASTER	Ann Percival	Denny Johnson
Flowers P			Team	Honor Neave	Megan James

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

We welcome into the Church family: Nyah Yi-Yin Alida Hale, Rose Maureen Howley, Layla-Brooke Hordern, Katie Rose Parkes

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

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