

# The Parish Churches of Rodney Stoke and Draycott

**September 2014**



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We have just obtained Registered Charity status which means we can accept gift aided donations. We also now have, as a trustee, a member of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), a fully trained Budgeting Advisor, who has joined us specifically to offer confidential home budgeting advice.

To reach into the nooks and crannies of our communities where so many have hidden issues and where we are pretty much unknown, we need your help to be our eyes, ears and mouthpiece. Eyes to see what is going on, ears to listen to what is said and a mouth to share the news that we are here and to let those in need know that they can get support if they contact one of our agencies or call one of our emergency mobiles so we can guide them and help.

Our current agencies, who issue vouchers, include the First and Middle schools, all the local churches, Sedgemoor Children's Centre (based in Cheddar First School grounds), all the health visitors for the doctors surgeries, the CAB on Mondays 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Baptist Church in Lower North Street, Cheddar (or if closer to Wells) the Mendip CAB at the Town Hall, Market Place, Wells Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 10am – 1pm. If those needing help are unable to get to these centres please advise them to contact one of our emergency mobiles 07992 309369 or 07992 308154.

Our food bank centres open in Cheddar on Saturday & Monday 11am-12.30pm and Axbridge Methodist Church West Street on Wednesday from 11am-12.30pm. Our landline number is 01934 742500.

*Sue Albone, Trustee - Cheddar Valley Food Bank.*

## Letter from the Curate



Dear Friends,

As most of you will know by now I will be moving on shortly to become Priest in Charge at Pilton with Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder. Although I am really excited to take up this new challenge inevitably it is tinged with sadness at leaving Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke.

It has been wonderful over this last 4 years to be part of all three communities and I will take many special memories with me - from your wonderful generous welcome when I first arrived and all the stories we have shared, and of course various memories along the way including the infamous evening in Draycott when our quiz team got a question wrong on the bible (never to be forgotten I suspect).

I would also like to take this opportunity to publically thank Sue for all her support and example through these years and for all the laughter that we have shared.

I am leaving at what I believe to be an exciting time as you write your vision statements and look at what it means to be church in 2014, and of course the plans for a refurbished church house in Cheddar. I pray you will continue to develop your vision for the Churches and look ahead with hope.

Although St Paul sometimes writes some confusing passages there is also an amazing richness in many of his prayers especially at the beginning of some of his letters and as you continue to go forward as a benefice together I would like to steal his words he uses at the beginning of Colossians for each one of you:

*'...asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's\* will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>1</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled\* you\* to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light....'*

Thank you again for making it a special 4 years.

Chris

## Letter from Bishop Peter, Taunton



### Fact, feeling and future

Towards the end of July the Archdeacon of Wells and I were involved in the 'travelling' licensing of Jane Twitty, priest in charge to some of the parishes around Langport. One of the parishes in her care is Muchelney, a village very much in the news during the winter floods. During the licensing, we drove along roads that were impassable to us when we visited at the end of January. The fields which had become lakes in the winter months were now not only dry but filled with bales of hay that had been harvested. On the surface at least the restorative power of nature had got to work.

However, it would be a huge mistake to imagine that life on the Levels has returned to normal. There are many people, particularly in Moorland, who have yet to reclaim their homes and the long-term effects of the flooding, particularly on people's livelihoods and emotional wellbeing will be felt for some time to come.

It was with this thought in mind that earlier this year I commissioned a report on the floods. '*Fact, feeling and future*'\* was published in August and offers a snapshot of the impacts and implications for the affected parishioners of Somerset. The purpose of the report is to inform policy and practice locally and nationally and to serve as a reminder that whilst the waters have abated, people on the Levels still need our help. Although the floods impacted on a relatively small part of the Diocese, those affected were deeply grateful for the practical and prayerful support of friends from across the Diocese and beyond. It gave to all of us a deeper understanding of what it means for us to say that we are 'The Body of Christ.'

You are likely to be preparing for some kind of Harvest celebration over the next few weeks. As you do, please will you continue to pray for those communities still recovering from the floods and that God will continue the work of restoration and renewal.

+Peter Taunton

\* [www.bathandwells.org.uk/faithandmission/fact-feeling-and-future](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/faithandmission/fact-feeling-and-future)

## **St Peter's Draycott – Where are we going???**

Back in the spring the congregation of St Peter's was invited to an Away Day (well, actually morning) to think about our Church; it's past, present and future. After coffee on arrival, Rev Andrew Hemming who was leading our time together, soon got us going; from thinking about our concerns he moved us on to create a time line for our church, marking national and local significant events and recording our own highs and lows. The final section of the timeline was projected into the future so that we found ourselves writing down hopes and dreams, ranging in scope from the achievable to more blue sky thinking possibilities.

It was all very exciting but as ever, there was the danger that it could all end there, a danger we were determined to avoid. SoSP (The Supporters of St Peter's) and the PCC have both been setting up new initiatives that address some of the issues that came up when we were away, but we wanted to be more intentional about our mission, so at our last meeting the PCC decided to adopt a Vision Statement. We don't want this to be a straight-jacket and we certainly don't want to move towards a culture of targets and sanctions but we do want to try to ensure that what we do is the right thing for us and our village at this moment. This is the Vision Statement we agreed:

**St Peter's seeks to be a Church that :**  
**opens our doors to the whole community**  
**opens our activities beyond our walls**  
**opens our minds in worship, prayer and study.**

Our new monthly Saturday morning coffee and cakes opens our doors to the community, as do the school services and our various concerts and events – and we would be delighted to welcome more activities or groups.

As a Church we really enjoy spreading our wings beyond the church building and particularly value our links with the Strawberry Special; the quiz nights, skittles evenings, jumble sales and curry nights are all part of this as well as one of my personal high lights of the year; the carols in the pub evening!

We are also experimenting in worship with a new style service once a month, less formal and lay led, which has got off to a great start. We are looking at different ways to think about our faith, this year's Lent course, which was based on a film may show as a different way to engage our brains.

So, if you have ideas that may move us closer to our vision, or think we are barking up the wrong tree, do get in touch and let us know your thoughts.

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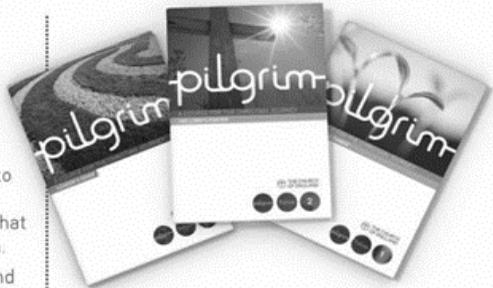
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## Passing the Baton



With the recent Commonwealth Games Gold medal success of the English 4 x 400 metres relay team still fresh in our minds, this short article takes a quick look at passing another baton - in this case a musical one - and I write it whilst three days in the past week are still fresh in my mind.

**Monday**: On the platform of a remote railway station in the South of France, we said farewell to our host (for whom I had played an organ recital). Andrew Wilson-Dickson and I had first met at Guildford Cathedral over 50 years ago - he had just left school and came for some organ lessons. All these years later he is still active as a teacher, composer, expert on early music, as well as being the author of a much-admired book *The Story of Christian Music*.

**Tuesday** : After 17 years of singing tenor in the world-famous *King's Singers*, Paul Phoenix 'retired' from the group - passing on the baton to his younger successor. Paul and I had first met in the mid 1970's when he came to be a chorister at St.Paul's Cathedral. Widely admired throughout the musical world, he first shot to fame as the boy soloist in the haunting *Nunc Dimittis* that closed the television adaptation of John Le Carre's *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*.

**Wednesday** : At his holiday venue in Wells, we met up again with Robert Sharpe, now the distinguished organist and Choirmaster at York Minster. In the mid-1990's Robert had just left school, and came to St.Albans Abbey to be organ scholar, and it was that experience that he says helped to shape his musical future.

At sometime in the 'race of life', all who read this will have passed on their own batons. What a joy it is for us all to see the recipients now doing the same !

Barry Rose

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## Tricia's Pantry 'September in the Rain'



The studio wasn't then famous, and the manager still had doubts about the four young men he'd signed. Though charismatic, they'd failed to impress record labels, and he'd not heard a memorable composition. He'd planned a cover for their first single. They walked into EMI Studios wanting to record their own stuff, novel even then for professional singers.

The Beatles recorded Love Me Do in September 1962. Scribbled earlier by the dreaming teens, "another Lennon McCartney original" scrawled across it, there were several changes before McCartney led vocals, allowing Lennon to play harmonica. The harmonica had been nicked by Lennon during the group's earlier German trip. There were also uncertainties around drums, causing discomfiture between producers and three drummers, including newcomer Ringo Starr. Afterwards one participant quipped: "By the time it came out I was rather sick of it. I didn't think it would do anything."

Love Me Do reached number seventeen in UK charts in October 1962, and number one in the US by 1964. I Want to Hold Your Hand, She Loves You, Can't Buy Me Love, A Hard Day's Night and I Feel Fine all accompanied it to Billboard number one in 1964, starting a pop music juggernaut that would make the Beatles the best selling band in history, shifting 600 million records.

The famous studio name gathered momentum from 1969. Recording what would become Abbey Road, the band considered Everest as an album title, after cigarettes favoured by a sound engineer. Confronted with going to the Himalayas to shoot an album cover, however, the band balked. "Look, I can't be bothered to schlep all the way over to the Himalayas for a cover. Why don't we just go outside, take the photo there, call the LP Abbey Road and have done with it?"

In ten minutes it was done, the four on the crosswalk as they stood. Renamed Abbey Road studios in 1970, the venue and nearby crosswalk are now a place of pilgrimage for thousands. Both have been given Grade II listed status as sites of outstanding cultural significance.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

## Decline and Fall



This is a shameless ego trip.

I began as an organist as a schoolboy, by helping in my parish church where my father was the Rector. The choirmaster and organist was the North of England representative of the Royal School of Church Music, and the choir was outstanding.

A rude awakening followed with National Service, but on my very first Sunday in the army there was a desperate call for a pianist, which I was able to answer. Eventually I was posted to Japan during the Korean war, and regularly played a weird Hammond electronic organ in the garrison church.

Organ playing lapsed at Oxford University, but I chaired my college music society and then as an administrator at Kings College Hospital London, I became deputy organist at a Dulwich church and deputised for miles around. Wells Theological College followed, where for the second of my two years I was college organist, playing for daily services a little organ in the Cathedral Lady Chapel (hand blown!...but by someone else!).

My high point came in August 1960. In those far off days, the Theological College led the Cathedral services while the Cathedral choir was on holiday, so for four whole weeks I played the magnificent four manual Cathedral organ for evensong every weekday and for all three services on the Sundays.

From there it was all downhill all the way. Nearly all clergy overwork, and being undisciplined I'm afraid I only practised when I was required to play, which over many years was only occasionally, though sometimes playing for the Sisters of the Church in Richmond, where I was part-time chaplain for 10 years. I did, however, initiate the rebuilding of two organs along the way.

It was only on retiring to Draycott over 17 years ago that I found myself struggling desperately to recover just a fraction of lost ground to play sometimes twice a month, until we miraculously found ourselves at St Peter's with no less than three brilliant organists. No way would I struggle to play when any of them were available to raise our spirits.

Today, in an emergency, I can just about play hymns and simple voluntaries, but it's anxiety-making on both sides, in contrast to the delight of listening to Barry, David and Ian!

*Gordon Jeff*



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Because it has been such an incredible success , we are looking for more lovely, generous, committed volunteers to read on a regular basis with students aged 13-16 who have low reading levels. It has proved to be really effective with students who had previously made little progress with their literacy, and at last they are beginning to catch up with their peers.

Volunteers will be given training on how to help support their student and this constant relationship with a positive role model has made all the difference to teenagers with significant reading difficulties.

Ideally volunteers are needed who can spare half an hour three times a week to read with their student and there is some flexibility around timing. We will also need to do a background check to ensure the safeguarding of our students.

If you feel you could spare the time to help make a real difference to these students' prospects in their education, and for life, then please get in touch with Rev Sue and she will pass your details on to the School.

Thank you again.

*Ellie Roylance – Learning Support Leader – The Kings of Wessex Academy*

## Green Shoots: Somerset Otters



Having rashly offered to write a regular piece under the broad heading of “the environment”, I realised that my first task was to find a name for the series. I settled on “Green Shoots” (better suggestions gladly received) because, although a rather clichéd term, it seemed to me to capture something of what I see around me: the recovery of some butterfly species, eco-homes showing a way to live less intrusively, organic growing in our villages, wild flower meadows protected and restored.

It was an article in the Somerset Wildlife Trust’s newsletter that alerted me to a recovery that I found particularly exciting:: the return of the otters to the Somerset Levels. The article in question was a note of thanks to our own Clé Boyd who had just retired from many years as a monitor of otter sprainting sites (collecting otter poo, as she explained). Otters are incredibly retiring, and the main way to keep track of their numbers is to assess the amount of waste they leave, normally in particular areas such as underneath concrete bridges over Rhynes. For someone like me who, having grown up in the 70s had come to think of otters as an animal that had disappeared forever, the new growth in numbers thrills me. It seems that it was pesticides in the water that killed off the otters in the 60s and 70s. The poison entered the food chain with unexpected consequences for animals such as the otters and birds like peregrines. The banning of those substances has permitted the recovery, together with the dedicated oversight of many volunteers like Clé. They are not yet safe; many of their established sites were washed away by the floods, but it seems as though they are here to stay.



Chatting to others I was amazed to hear of the prevalence of otters around us. A plumber working for us, who lives on the Glastonbury Road in Wells, talked of watching badgers play in the river by night. An otter was probably spotted in the moat in Wells in the recent survey of their numbers. Even more locally, it has been reported that otters have moved into the artificial lake around Nyland Manor. I have only seen an otter in a zoo – I am now hoping against hope that I’ll spot one in the Rhynes around Rodney Stoke and Draycott. How brilliant would that be!

*Alison Jefferies*

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## Rodney Stoke Harvest Festival and Supper Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

To celebrate another good year on the farms and in our gardens you are very welcome to come to St. Leonard's Harvest Service followed by a 'Bring and Share' supper and Auction of Produce in the hall at 7.30pm.

Please bring a dish of food to share (savoury or sweet), a drink of your choice and enjoy the company.



### Another classic English summer's day.....

Crowds massing, arrows being shot, goals being scored, rats being splatted, bells rung and the towers being climbed, dogs attendant on their proud owners, pets exhibited a plenty, teddy bears lovingly entered, a trickster dog, faces being painted, fancy dress, the village stocks home for miscreants, produce and plants for all, bric a brac and books, a tumbling tombola and a ravishing raffle, hot dog and ice cream and cakes and fancies and tea and coffee and soft drinks a plenty for all and a venue to match the occasion.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Rodney Stoke Pet Show at Manor Farm, courtesy of John and Rosemary Counsell, was a storming success and raised the amazing sum of £1365.45 profit.

There were so many people involved in the event! The Saturday team laughed and joked their way through the morning as marquees, tents and gazebos were efficiently erected and secured. The Sunday team erected games, manned sideshows and stalls, prepared superb refreshments, judged various sections of the show, ran extra entertainments and generally made it the afternoon so enjoyable for all. At the end of the show helping hands cleared up with consummate skill and all was safely gathered in by early evening.

The committee extend very grateful thanks to everybody who helped make the afternoon another absorbing memory in the Lexicon of FOSL events over the last 36 years!

*Steve Percival*

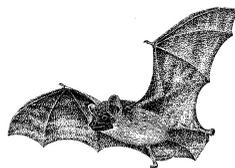


### Stoke Street Scarecrows

Visitors to this year's Pet Show were greeted by a guard of honour of scarecrows lining Stoke Street. One of them, created by Honor Neave, outside Anchorage House, was somewhat overdressed for the occasion. He was Admiral George Brydges Rodney, 1st Baron Rodney of Rodney Stoke and, perhaps second only to Nelson, as the most successful of our naval commanders in the age of sail. In a later edition we will remind you of his exploits.

## Bat Evening at St Peter's Church Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm

Over the past few months the welfare of our local bats has been an issue in Draycott. This is because of the re-roofing of the school and the possible siting of the proposed pedestrian crossing. In order for us to learn more about these fascinating little creatures S.O.S.P. will be hosting a crepuscular conversation (that's an evening talk and bat walk to you and me – bats being crepuscular creatures, active at dusk.) Jon Hill, the wildlife expert from Cheddar Gorge, will tell us more about our British bats and hopefully we will be able to identify our local species. He will bring bat monitors with him so that we can hear the sounds they make as they emerge from their roosts. The evening will be suitable for both children and adults and we hope many of you will join us. Donations will be shared between the Supporters of St Peters and the Somerset Wildlife Trust.



*Tricia Lumley*

### Repair work at St Peter's

We had to have some stonework repairs on the bellcote carried out during the summer, where iron ties had rusted and burst the stone. They have now been replaced by stainless steel ties, so it shouldn't happen again, but this is becoming a common problem in old buildings. Didn't architects 150 years ago know that iron would rust and expand?

At the same time it was necessary to take down the stone cross from the gable of the south transept, and you can see it now lying on the floor of the nave. It's very broken; in fact it's difficult to see how it managed to stay up at all. There used to be five crosses on the roof, including the one on the porch, but the western one has been gone for some time, and now the southern one has followed it. The eastern cross is metal, and the remaining two stone crosses seem to be fine – for the moment. Does anyone have a bright idea about what we could do to replace the missing crosses? It's rather like the question of what to put on the famous empty "fourth plinth" in Trafalgar Square. Any of you who have had work done on a house roof will know that the biggest item of the cost is that for scaffolding, and I'm afraid our Fabric Fund is very much depleted now. We'll have to have some more fundraising activities to build up the fund again.

What other works have we done this year? The crypt has been completely cleared out of leaves and debris and the drain has been dug out and cleaned for quite a depth. It seems to be working fine now and keeping the crypt dry. At ground level, the oak doors have been oiled and the ironwork Hammerite-ed, and they do look very good now. The entrance lych-gate has been treated in the same way, but unfortunately it's been "let go" in the past, so it will never really look good again, but it should last for a few more years.

Finally, the church and the school have had the joint car-park resurfaced. It's not a very satisfactory car-park at the moment, since many drivers are using it uninvited and also because the exit onto school lane is not safe – you can't see traffic coming from your right. We'll see what we can do about these difficulties.

*David Cheatham*

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Of all the places for being jolly,  
And getting rid of melancholy,  
Would be to a good big fair:  
And I went. And it rained in torrents, drenching  
Every horse, and sheep, and yeoman,  
And my shoulders, face, and hair;  
And I found that I was the single woman  
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Thomas Hardy

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25g (1Oz)  
butter  
1 Lg red on-  
ion cut into  
slim wedges  
600g (1lb 5oz)  
pork fillet,  
thinly sliced  
300ml ( ½  
pint)  
hot chicken  
stock  
200 ml(7floz)  
crème fraiche  
2 tbsp Dijon  
mustard  
2tbsp  
wholegrain  
mustard  
6tbsp  
chopped  
parsley  
Mashed pota-  
toes or crusty  
bread to  
serve

### Creamy Pork, Apple and Mustard Pan-Fry



- Heat the oil & butter in a large frying pan, add the onion & apples & cook over a medium-high heat for 5 minutes, turning & stirring occasionally, until golden brown & starting to soften. Remove with a slotted spoon & keep warm.
- Add the pork to the pan & cook over a high heat for 5 minutes until golden & cooked through. Return the onion & apples to the pan with the stock & bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 3 minutes until the stock has been reduced by half, then add the crème fraiche & mustards & heat through for 2 minutes.
- Stir in the parsley, then serve hot with mashed potatoes or crusty bread if liked.

### Sunday Services in September 2014

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 12	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 13	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30 Second Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b> Trinity 14	8am BCP Communion 10am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship for the whole Church family	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 15	8am BCP Communion	10.30am Joint Service to celebrate Chris's ministry in the benefice.	6.30pm Harvest Festival

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

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 12	353	Ezekiel 33: 7-11.	119: 33-40.	Romans 13: 8- end.	Matthew 18:15-20.
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 13	359	Genesis 50: 15-21.	103: 8-13.	Romans 14:1-12.	Matthew 18:21-35.
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b> Trinity 14	367	Jonah 3: 10-end of 4.	145: 1-8.	Philippians 1: 21-end.	Matthew 20: 1-16.
<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 15	372	Genesis 28:10-17.	103:19-end.	Revelation 12: 7-12.	John 1: 47-end.

### Regular Weekly Events in September

<b>Monday</b>	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 9.30 Beginners Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho 10.30 Intermediate Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Rodney Stoke 7.30pm Pilgrim Course (From Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> ) Cheddar 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Assembly in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds when at 11.30) 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Draycott
<b>Thursday</b>	9am LMG Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
<b>Friday</b>	10-11.30 St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15 St Andrew's Choir practice
<b>Saturday</b>	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10-12 Open Office, Den, Cheddar (except 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday when at Draycott)

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## Diary for September 2014

Tues 2	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	12	LMG Planning, Den	Cheddar
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	2.15pm	MU Annual Service	Cheddar
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 3	10.45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship Planning	Cheddar
	8pm	Ministry team	Cheddar
Thurs 4	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Sat 5	10.30am	St Peter's Coffee and Cakes	Draycott
<b><i>Rev'd Chris on Retreat all week</i></b>			
Tues 9	10-3	Chapter Quiet Day	Berrow
Wed 10	12-2	Area advisors meeting	Wells
Thurs 11	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
Fri 12	11am	M E Fed Foundation Committee	Shipham
	2pm	FoSA meeting	Cheddar
Sat 13	10-12	Office	Cheddar
Mon 15	10-4	Rev'd Chris at CMD	Wells
Tues 16	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2-4	Rev Sue on CMD (Training)	Wells
	7.30pm	First session of Pilgrim	Church House
Wed 17	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	R Stoke PCC	Stoke
Thurs 18	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	10am	Bible Society Meeting, Den	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Cheddar PCC	Parish Office
Fri 19	6.30pm	Bat Walk at Draycott	
	7 4 7.30	Cheddar Harvest Supper	Church House
Sat 20	2.30pm	Messy Church	Church House
Mon 22	10am	Rev Sue to Abbey House	Glastonbury
Tues 23	10.30am	KoW Harvest Service	Cheddar
Wed 24	10am	Joint Chapter with Bishop Peter	Charterhouse
	10.30	KoW Harvest Service	Cheddar
Thurs 25	9.00	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	10.30	KoW Harvest Service	Cheddar
	1pm	Cheddar First School visit	Cheddar
Sat 27	10.30	Diocesan Service for Women Priests	Wells
Tues 30	2.30pm	Rev Sue to DBP	Wells

## DRAYCOTT

	7	14	21	28	Oct 5
<b>Sidesman</b>	R Dingley	A Jeffries	C Jeff	G Jeff	R Dingley
<b>Intercessor</b>	President	C Green	T Oliver	R Dingley	President
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<b>Readers</b>	T Lumley J Jeffries R Dingley	C Green T Oliver	G Jeff C Jeff T Oliver	R Dingley T Oliver L Whittle	T Lumley J Jeffries R Dingley
<b>Coffee</b>	A Jeffries	T Lumley	T Heckbert		F Irving
<b>Cleaning</b>	J Jeffries H Jeffries		T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries H Jeffries
<b>Flowers</b>	A Wills	G Salt	G Salt	Lucy C	Lucy C

## RODNEY STOKE

<b>Sidesman</b>	C Kembrey	C Neave	J Newman	<b>Service</b>	A Percival
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	<b>Barry</b>	Michael
<b>Reader 1</b>	A Newman	C Kembrey	D Banks	<b>at</b>	I Turner
<b>Reader 2</b>	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	<b>St Peter's</b>	C Kembrey
<b>Cleaning</b>		A Percival		L Moore H Neave	
<b>Flowers A</b>	I Sealey	A Percival	D Johnson	L Davey	TBA
<b>Flowers P</b>	F Pitman	H Neave	M James	V Andrews	

### From the Registers:

#### **Baptisms:**

*We welcome into the Church family: Audrey Oliver and Angus Richards*

#### **Marriages:**

*We ask God to bless the marriage of: Gary Jubb and Isabel Higgs (2<sup>nd</sup> August)*

#### **Funerals:**

*Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:*

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