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## **Bringing in the Draycott harvest to St. Paul's, Bristol**

I recently took up a full car-load from Draycott's church and school harvest festivals to the Community of the Sisters of the Church in the heart of St. Pauls. We also contributed cash - £350 - half of the proceeds of our Strawberry Special Curry Night.

I talked with Sister Annaliese as she cleared the table for lunch – ten including some volunteers. She told me that there are over 60 volunteers at different times including retired professionals and recovering addicts. For some the community has become the family they never had.

I asked where support comes from these days. She tells me there are perhaps fifty churches who give more or less regularly – and a larger number of schools, mostly giving at Harvest. Each week the community gives out 200 bags of food to all who come asking for it- and this is where the tins, jars and packets we collected will end up.

What does Sister Annaliese notice has changed in the last year or so? She answers immediately - hardship caused by holdups in people's benefits, and by a reduction in its value. There is an increase in the proportion of families as opposed to single individuals, and an increase in families where one or more parents is in regular work.

Is there any case that sticks in her mind? She thinks; "*There was mother with three children who had declared a part-time job, then lost the job after a few weeks. In the meantime her benefits had been withdrawn. It took the benefits office six weeks to restore it, due to a bureaucratic muddle. We supported her through that. Perhaps if she'd been less honest she would not have lost out. And this example is typical!*".

In a letter afterwards thanking us for our cash donation, Sister Annaliese wrote:

*"I can't tell you how wonderful it is to have the resources to be able to top up their meter keys, provide food and help in other ways as well, for example by giving a washing machine to a family, and making it possible for children to take part in school trips and clubs. We are already having to buy in tins of food, as the supplies from our Harvest Appeal have been already given out."*

*Chris Green*

***At St. Peter's we will be collecting food and gifts to take to Bristol for Christmas. We need these by the end of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. CSC are unable to give out toys for children "as there are too few of us to deal with this - so sadly we cannot accept toys. After much thought and prayer we have decided to give Argos vouchers to families with children – so we ask for money donations for this. And we also need money to help people with gas and electricity."***

***Deliveries can be made to: The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke – Sedany, The Street, Draycott – Barn Close, Wet Lane, Draycott – St. Peter's Church, Draycott. Or ring for a collection - 01749 870554.***

## From the Vicarage



They say a week is a long time in politics, well I would have to say that much can change in a month too. It is only a month since I heard that I would be leaving this benefice and moving to Wells in February to take up a new appointment in the diocese.

Deciding to apply was really difficult because the honest truth is that I did not think it was the best moment either for me or for the churches here either. However one thing I have discovered about walking with God is that his timing and ours are radically different and that when we are obedient he honours all of us. So, although I am sad to be leaving so much sooner than I had anticipated, I am confident that God has his plans for you in mind too just as he has his plans for me.

This is, of course, our Christmas edition - and Christmas of all times is when we think of God doing things in his own time and his own way. I remember once seeing a musical play called 'Alter-Nativity', put on by a local church, where the whole premise of the play was that the ancient prophets and kings tried to take over God's plan for salvation. They could not believe that a poor couple from a remote province could possibly be the vehicles of human redemption so they tried to organise the great and the good to be present and to re-schedule the event in more suitable surroundings – as you would imagine, their re-structuring failed - and God achieved his purpose in his own way.

So, as we prepare for Christmas – and a new year, with its challenges and surprises, I leave you with this advent prayer from Christian Aid:

*In our watching and our waiting, come, Lord Jesus.  
In our hopes and in our fears, come, Lord Jesus.  
In our churches and our homes, come, Lord Jesus.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Bless and surprise us  
as we look forward to your birthday. Amen.*

A very happy Christmas to you all,

*Sue Rose*

## The Adventure of Christmas

I passed a shop this summer which had Christmas goods and Christmas cards on offer - and it was still only August! Every year shops seem to start their Christmas displays a week earlier. But in the annual rush to Christmas (which we all have a sinking feeling about) we risk losing a great deal. In particular we lose the distinctive emphases of Advent which is a season of preparation and expectation.



In Advent we are invited to be still, to be watchful and to be prayerful and to prepare ourselves to celebrate once again the birth of Christ. The word Advent suggests both 'Event' and 'Adventure' and Christmas is both of those things. Christmas is when we remember the birth of a baby in a stable in Bethlehem: a baby who was God himself. This was God taking our nature upon himself and putting into effect his great plan of love, whereby we might be reunited with our Creator. That stable in Bethlehem may seem a long way away from us, but God's love is the same. This is an event for us and our families today - an event to be celebrated.

But Christmas is also an adventure. It was an adventure for the shepherds who 'returned glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen' (Luke 2:20). It is an adventure for us as we open our lives and our homes to God. It is an adventure as we look forward to 2015 and all that that may mean for us. It is an adventure as we trust ourselves and those we love to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

So let me challenge you to take time this Advent to make a space in the rush to pause, to be still, to reflect and to prepare for the wonder and joy that is Christmas. Let us pray that all our church services and activities will help us draw nearer to God and help us to concentrate on the great 'event' and great 'adventure' which is at the heart of all we are celebrating. Furthermore, let us ensure that this Christmas is centred more around the coming of Christ and the needs of others, and less around ourselves.

May God grant you a peace - filled Advent and a joy-filled Christmas.

*+Peter Bath and Wells*

## Draycott & Rodney Stoke Annual Collection

### ***Box Opening—a change in procedure this year***

I would ask all box holders to come along to the Coffee and Cake morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Draycott. I will open your collection box and count the money there so you can know straight away the contribution you have made and take an empty box home. This will be a social time and more information will be available on the current Childrens Society projects. Anyone who would like a collection box in their home is also welcome to pick one up, or if you would like to start sooner you can contact me and I will supply one. Of course, if you can't get along to the Coffee and Cake, I will be happy to collect your box as usual.

*Tricia Lumley 01934 740253*

**Join the First Saturday strong at St Peter's on Saturday 6 December and Saturday 3 January between 1030 and noon. Get**

together to "put the world to rights"  
or simply to enjoy a  
"companionable silence".



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## Rodney Stoke Christmas Fayre

***A big thank you to everyone involved.***

***Over £700 raised for St Leonard's.***



**Tricia's Pantry**  
**'The value of an idea lies in the using of it'**



Precocious, perhaps, but not immediately appreciated. Alienating his teachers with constant questions, he was home schooled from the age of twelve. Home experiments, causing several explosions, made life stressful for his parents. He funded his experiments with a job as a railway newsboy, selling candy, and accessed great libraries along the route. He was fired when a clandestine experiment set fire to the train. He built his own telegraph, became a telegraph operator at sixteen, but couldn't stop experimenting. He lost the job after wrecking the office, and decided to set up his own.

Thomas Edison invented many things, including the phonograph and motion picture camera. He was not the first to the electric light, but he made it stick. Previous attempts were impractical, too expensive, or required too much power to be realistic. Edison ultimately realised a carbon filament provided the best combination of cost, power requirements and duration. On December 31st, 1879, crowds flocked to Menlo Park, New Jersey to see it lit up by electric light.

An associate of Edison's, Edward Johnson, had the first Christmas lights. In 1882, as director of the Edison Electric Light Company, he ordered eighty red, white and blue bulbs for his tree. Though dismissed as a stunt, it soon caught on, and larger stores began to have Christmas light displays to attract customers. In 1895, the White House had an electrically lit Christmas tree. But they were still for the well to do. In 1917, Albert Sadacca, whose family owned a novelty lighting business, suggested marketing Christmas lights to the masses, both to capitalise on the business and reduce harm to those who still lit their Christmas trees with candles. Albert hit on the idea of painting the bulbs different colours. By the 1960s Albert and his brothers ran the NOMA Electric Company, the largest supplier of Christmas lights in the world.

In December 2013, David and Janean Richards of Canberra, Australia, claimed a Guinness World record for installing 502,165 illuminated decorations around their home, raising A\$140,000 dollars for charity. This year, a million lights are planned.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*



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**Don't miss the Singing Bishop and all the other musical treats**

**Sunday, 28th December at 7.00 pm, Draycott Church.**

Yes, it's the Roses' annual concert (Barry and Nicola) and, as in previous years, they will be joined by a very special guest artiste.

But before you read about this year, those of you who came to last year's concert were treated to some lovely singing by 11 year old Helena Paish, one of Barry's pupils. As this goes to print, the news is breaking that Helena has just won the final of the BBC Young Chorister of the Year Competition (held in St. Paul's) out of many entrants from all over the United Kingdom - so you'll soon be seeing and hearing her on TV and radio - remember, you heard her first, here in Draycott!



This year's guest is something special too - a real Bishop, and one who, just a few weeks ago, preached (but didn't sing) in Wells Cathedral. Bishop Martin Shaw, now living in Exeter, is an accomplished soloist in several styles of music, and at one stage of his ministry, sang the services in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. We are delighted to have persuaded him to come to Draycott, and he has promised not to give a sermon, unless it is in song!

Nicola and Barry will be cooking up lots of inimitably festive musical treats to suit all tastes - solos and duets - and these will be complemented by seasonal mince-pies and mulled wine.

Please do come and support us, and bring all your friends.

Tickets (still only £10.00 - and half price for children under 16) include refreshments, and can be obtained from Draycott Post Office or Thea Oliver (01934-744739) as from 1st December; all proceeds to church funds.



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*(If you are a collector please bring along your  
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*Thank you*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
from 10.30am to 2 pm**

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**Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School's**

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singers to swell our ranks so if you would like to join us please contact Thea  
(01934 744739) for more information.

**Thank You!**



## **Peace on earth, Goodwill towards ??????**

Watch out - there's a musical mutiny on the horizon ! (actually, it's about the words, NOT the music).

If I have any say, we will not be using our new hymnbook for some Services over Christmastide - instead, we'll sing some of the 21 well-known and well-loved seasonal hymns and carols from the good old Bethlehem Carol Sheet - still available (and also FREE of charge).



Why ?

Is it just me who has a *bête noire* about the unnecessary and sometimes clumsy alteration of well-known hymn and carol texts used by the editors of our new hymnbook, in an effort, so it seems, to avoid using the word 'men'? Certainly, they are not consistent (see verse 2 of the Advent hymn No.51 *The Lord will come, and not be slow* as just one example), but that's for yet another follow-up article - sometime.

Back to Christmas. Although we do manage to retain the original '*peace to men on earth*' in verse 2 of *O little town of Bethlehem*, the memorable and still topical words of *It came upon the midnight clear* have taken a real battering - perhaps annihilation would be a better description ! And, horror of horrors, they omit verse 2 ('*and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world*'), thus destroying the unfolding of the poem.

The Christmas Story, as told in the Gospels, remains unchanged - we read that the angels proclaim 'peace on the earth, goodwill towards men', so why not still sing that, rather than '*Through all the earth goodwill and peace*'? And although this hymn was written 165 years ago, its message still rings so true today - think of those who incite war in Syria, Iraq, and elsewhere in the Middle East - to me it seems appropriate to continue to use '*and man at war with man hears not....*', rather than '*and nations, still at war....*' ? Altered in the cause of inclusivity ?

Quick - let me see if I find the Bethlehem Carol Sheets....

*Barry Rose*

## **Don Banks   Parish Portrait No. 15**

I was born in Wells, where I lived for the first 21 years of my life. My dad, a fireman, was a very genuine and friendly person, who was much liked. My mother was always laughing and joking, easy and sociable. At home we all got on well: my three brothers, one sister and myself. I went to St Joseph and Theresa's School: only 80 pupils, and no sport. But it was a good school, and I loved art best of all: drawing and (later on) wood and leather carving. Stick-making became one of my enthusiasms, and I was proud to present the last Bishop of Bath and Wells with a bishop's crook which I had made for him. At the school I also enjoyed history, and that interest has remained with me throughout my life.

Although my dad was a fireman and my grandfather a steam engine driver, I thought that I



might become, as I grew up, a stone mason, or possibly a boxing champion. In fact I did an apprenticeship as a confectioner, and I like to think I can still ice a cake better than Mary can!

I did my National Service in Egypt, and became fascinated by the culture and the people, many of whom became my friends. I have kept that love of other cultures and people with different backgrounds – and especially for Egypt. Mary and I went there recently to celebrate our anniversary. After the army I was with the Milk Marketing Board in Wells for 6 years, specializing in the storing and grading of cheese. This led on to 34 years in the cheese business, travelling regularly to different parts of the country.

The story has been told before of my meeting with Mary when she was 16 and I was 19 and of our marriage in Draycott Church. Her brother, George, took me shooting (I had learned to use a rifle in the army) and thanks to George I was bitten by the bug. I became county champion for clay pigeon shooting in 1974. Ashley Hann and I had started the clay pigeon shoot in 1965, first on the Mendips, then on the Levels where it is now. People remark that you can't miss with a shotgun. I say: come and try it and see. And they miss! The 'pigeon' is travelling at 40-45 mph, and it's no easy target. There are one or two crack shots who can do it with a rifle – but not very many.

After early retirement from the cheese business, I became a chief instructor for a cor-

porate entertainment company in Blagdon – a post I held for 24 years. I am still instructing every week, running shooting sessions and corporate days. I am proud that I taught Peter Wilson to shoot: he was the champion at the last British-held Olympics. I taught him when he was a pupil at Milfield School.

I was a PCC member at Rodney Stoke for 40 years, until I retired last year. Mary and I are keen supporters of united events across our three churches. I believe we should all be working together even more. We love going to Cheddar and Draycott and I strongly support new ventures: services, music and the like. It is my view that the whole world has to move forward, or we stagnate. I have a very open mind on beliefs, and I don't like being too dogmatic. Truth can be found in many places, and other beliefs and religions are fascinating.

My other passion has been the Friends of St Leonard's. They still meet at our house and we continue to raise money for the fabric of the church. It has been a joy to help fund the repairs to the (dangerous) tower steps, the upgrading and renovation of the Hall and, over the years, for many and difficult repairs to the historic church building itself. This work was overseen with great care, for many years, by the late Eric Booth.

Next year Mary and I will have been married for 60 years. We are proud of our 2 daughters, Donna, in Wells, and Lorna in Portishead, and we have five grandchildren.

Memorable days? Well, I suppose when I crashed a glider at Locking. I wrote it off... and walked away. But I've done likewise with three cars, I'm afraid. I think the most memorable of all was perhaps when my first child was born in 1959. I was the proudest dad in the world!

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# St Leonard's Church—Conservation of Monuments

## Fund Raising Reaches 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Target

Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, we have now raised one third of the funds needed to conserve the monuments in the Rodney Chapel and the two listed tombs in the churchyard. The promised donations range from £10 from a lady in Oregon, USA to £8500 from the Church Buildings Council. The major donors, and the monuments they wish to help preserve are:

	<b>The AllChurches Trust</b> £1,000 (unspecified use)
	<b>Church Buildings Council</b> £8,500 (£5,000 to Chapel Monuments £3,500 to listed Tombs)
	<b>Francis Coales Charitable Foundation</b> £4,000 (Sir Thomas Rodney)
	<b>The Leche Trust</b> £5,000 (Anne Lake Monument)

### Do you have any old photos or other pictures please?

Have you any old photographs, slides or other images of the monuments in the church or churchyard?

During the conservation work, we have to keep a record of the work being done so that we have a complete history of the process from beginning to end. We would also like to extend the range of pictures on the church website, and we may produce an updated pamphlet for visitors to the church. Although there are plenty of black & white and colour photographs of the monuments in their present state, we have none that show the colours that were on the monuments, but which have now faded away.



If you have any pictures that you think maybe of interest, we would very much like to see them and possibly to make use of them. We would copy and return them, taking great care not to damage them. We can copy photographic prints and pictures up to A3 size, negatives and slides.

For more information, please call Ken on 01749 870999. Thank you!

# Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

## Christmas Bells



I HEARD the bells on Christmas Day

Their old, familiar carols play,

And wild and sweet

The words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom

Had rolled along

The unbroken song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,

A voice, a chime,

A chant sublime

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,

And with the sound

he carols drowned

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,

And made forlorn

The households born

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;

"For hate is strong,

And mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and  
deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

The Wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men."

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (189-82)*



### Little Eccles Mince Pies

500g block  
all-butter  
puff pas-  
try  
Flour, for  
dusting  
450g  
mince-  
meat  
1 egg  
white,  
lightly  
beaten  
Golden  
Caster  
Sugar

1. Roll pastry out to about thickness of 50p piece on a floured surface, and cut out 10cm circles, then re-roll & cut out until you have about 18 circles.
2. Place 1 tsp of mincemeat in the centre of each circle, brush the edges with egg white, then gather together tightly to completely encase the mincemeat.
3. Flip the pies over so the sealed edges are underneath, then squash them with your hand so you have a small puck-shaped pie.
4. Cut 2 small slits in the top of the pie, brush generously with egg white & scatter with sugar. The pies can now be frozen for up to 2 months, Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6 & bake for 15 minutes from raw or 20 mins from frozen.

## Sunday Services in December 2014

	<b>Cheddar</b>	<b>Draycott</b>	<b>Rodney Stoke</b>
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist 2.30pm Messy Christingle 4pm Christingle Service	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service 4pm Laurels carols 6.30 Strawberry Special carols	8am BCP Communion
<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	8am BCP Communion 10am Family Service 6pm Candlelit Carols	9.30 Christmas Carols	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b> The Holy Innocents	8am BCP Communion 10am Joint Communion	At Cheddar	11.15 Matins

## Readings for Sundays in December 2014 (Year B – St Mark)

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<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	444	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2,8-end	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	448	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end	126	1Thess.5: 16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent	452	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16: 25-end	Luke 1:26-38
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b> The Holy Innocents	1152	Jeremiah 31:15-17	124	1 Corinth. 1: 26-29	Matt 2: 13-18

	<b>December 2014 Rotas</b>					
<b>DRAYCOTT</b>						
	7	14	21	24	25	28
			<b>Carols</b>	<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	
<b>Sidesman</b>	R Dingley	G Jeff	J Jeffries	C Jeff		
<b>Intercessor</b>	President	G Jeff	R Dingley	T Oliver	T Oliver	
<b>Organist</b>	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	B Rose	B Rose	B Rose	<b>Joint Service</b>
<b>Readers</b>	J Jeffries	G Jeff		G Jeff	T Oliver	<b>in Cheddar</b>
	T Lumley	T Oliver	TBA	T Oliver		
	R Dingley	L Whittle		R Dingley		
<b>Coffee</b>	F Irving	T Heckbert	C Jeff			
			T Lumley			
<b>Cleaning</b>	J Jeffries	G Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert		
	H Jeffries	C Jeff				
<b>Flowers</b>	Advent	Advent	Advent	All Hands		
				Festival		

				<b>Carols</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Matins 11.15</b>
<b>Sidesman</b>	A Newman	C Kembrey	C Neave	Volunteers	Volunteers	J Newman
<b>Organist</b>	Joanna	Joanna	Michael			Barry
<b>Reader 1</b>	D Banks	A Newman	C Kembrey			D Banks
<b>Reader 2</b>	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave			S Percival
<b>Cleaning</b>		F Pitman				
		J Drane				
<b>Flowers A</b>	Advent	Advent	Advent	D Johnson		D Johnson
<b>Flowers P</b>				M James		M James

## Diary December 2014

Tues 2	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Thurs 4	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
	7.30pm	Draycott and Rodney Stoke Choir	Barnetts Well
Fri 5	5pm	Festive Night	Cheddar
Sat 6	10.30am	Open office at St Peter's Christmas Coffee and Cakes Sale	Draycott
	10.30am	Children's Society Coffee Morning	Old Vicarage
Tues 9	12pm	Chapter at Abbey House	Glastonbury
Wed 10	11.30pm	MU Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 11	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Fri 12	10am	Messy Church Planning	Den
Sat 13	10am	Open Office	Cheddar
Mon 15	2.30pm	Christmas Singalong	Church House
Tues 16	10am	KOW Christmas Service	Cheddar
	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 17	10am	KOW Christmas Service	Cheddar
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 18	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	10am	KOW Christmas Service	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Fri 19	10am	Cheddar 1 <sup>st</sup> School Christmas Service	Cheddar
Sat 20	10am	Open Office	Cheddar
Wed 24	4pm	Crib Service	Cheddar
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Rodney Stoke

### Home Communion

It is one of the great privileges in ministry to be able to bring communion to the elderly and housebound or those who are temporarily unable to get to church due to injury – do let Rev Sue know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate this aspect of the Church's care. Contact the Church Office on 01934 742535.



## Sunday Services in January 2015

	<b>Cheddar</b>	<b>Draycott</b>	<b>Rodney Stoke</b>
<b>January 4<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b> Baptism of Christ	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service	4pm Family Worship
<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany 2	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany 3	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Communion	11.15 Matins

### Readings for Sundays in January 2015 (Year B – St Mark)

	<b>Page</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>January 4<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany	38	Isaiah 60: 1-6	72: 10-15.	Ephesians 3: 1-12	Matthew 2: 1-12
<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b> Baptism of Christ	462	Genesis 1: 1-5	29	Acts 19: 1-7	Mark 1: 4-11
<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Epiphany	465	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	139:1-5, 12-17	Revelation 5: 1-10	John 1: 43- end
<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Epiphany	473	Genesis 14: 17-20	128	Revelation 19: 6-10	John 2: 1-11

<b>January 2015 Rotas</b>					
<b>DRAYCOTT</b>					
	4	11	18	25	Feb 1
<b>Sidesman</b>	R Dingley	N De3vitt	C Jeff	J Jeffries	R Dingley
<b>Intercessor</b>	President	C Green	T Oliver	A Jeffries	President
<b>Organist</b>	B Rose	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	D Cheetham	TBA
<b>Readers</b>	J Jeffries	T Lumley	G Jeff	R Dingley	T Oliver
	R Dingley	T Oliver	C Jeff	A Jeffries	R Dingley
	L Whittle	C Green	T Oliver	President	L Whittle
<b>Coffee</b>	J Jeffries	T Lumley	T Heckbert	A Jeffries	F Irving
<b>Cleaning</b>	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff			H Jeffries
<b>Flowers</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

<b>RODNEY STOKE</b>					
<b>Sidesman</b>	A Percival	T Symes	D Banks	A Newman	C Kembrey
<b>Organist</b>	Michael	Joanna	Michael	Barry	Michael
<b>Reader 1</b>	I Turner	A Percival	A Newman	S Percival	A Newman
<b>Reader 2</b>	C Kembrey	D Banks	H Neave	I Turner	A Percival
<b>Cleaning</b>	P Hills		J Newman		A Percival
	J Holmes		D Johnson		
<b>Flowers A</b>	D Johnson	L Davey	L Davey	J Salmon	J Salmon
<b>Flowers P</b>	M James	V Andrews	V Andrews	J Holmes	J Holmes

## Diary January 2014

Fri 2	3pm	Holy Marriage	Cheddar
Sat 3	10.30am	Open office at St Peter's	Draycott
Tues 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 8	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	12.30pm	Lunch Club (to be confirmed)	Riverside
Sat 13	10am	Open Office	Cheddar
Tues 13	12.30pm	Greater Chapter meal	Weare
Wed 14	11.30am	MU Communion	Cheddar
	12noon	LMG Planning, Den	Cheddar
Thurs 15	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Cheddar PCC, Den	Cheddar
Sat 17	10am	Open Office	Cheddar
Tues 20	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	7pm	CVC Unity Week <i>Christians Against Poverty</i>	Cheddar
Wed 21	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 22	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	10am	Bible Society Action Group Meeting	Cheddar, Den
	7pm	Deanery Synod	
Sat 24	7pm	LMG Beetle Drive	Church House
Sun 25	3pm	STARR Dress Rehearsal	Church House
	4pm	Plough Service	Priddy
Thurs 29	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	7.30pm	STARR Panto – Robin Hood	Church House
Fri 30	7.30pm	STARR Panto – Robin Hood	Church House
Sat 31	2.30pm	STARR Panto – Robin Hood	Church House
	7.30pm	STARR Panto – Robin Hood	Church House

### **Regular Weekly Events in December and January**

Sunday	5pm STARR rehearsal, Church House
Monday	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 7pm STARR rehearsal, Church House
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10-12 Open Office, Den, Cheddar (Draycott 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of month)

## ***From the Registers***

### ***Baptisms:***

*We welcome into the Church family:* Ellie Brice, Esther Boorman, Chloe Stott and Anja Critchlow.

### ***Marriages:***

*We ask God to bless the marriage of:* Andrew Simpson & Sarah Mann

### ***Funerals:***

*Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:* Ruth Florence Martha Lange, Nicolas Martin Mehlig, Marjorie Freda Watson. RIP

### **Hello from the other side of Wells from Leah and myself.**

I wanted to say a huge thank you, both for your wonderful send off and very generous gift. I have put the money towards a wood burner for my living room (which I am already enjoying immensely, as is Leah of course) and I also completed the last 2 books in the bible commentary series I have been collecting (so am eagerly awaiting Habbakuk to come up in the Lectionary!!).

It really was a privilege being your Curate and I thoroughly enjoyed being with you all over the last 4 years, which have flown by. You have all helped me begin to understand what ministry is about (although I know that will be a lifetime's journey) and it is because of all your support that I am able to begin this role here, however daunting it currently seems, so thank you all.

To paraphrase St Paul rather badly I continue to hold you all in my prayers and I will always look back with gratitude for the time I spent with you all.

I wish you all a peaceful and Christ filled Christmas.

Chris



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