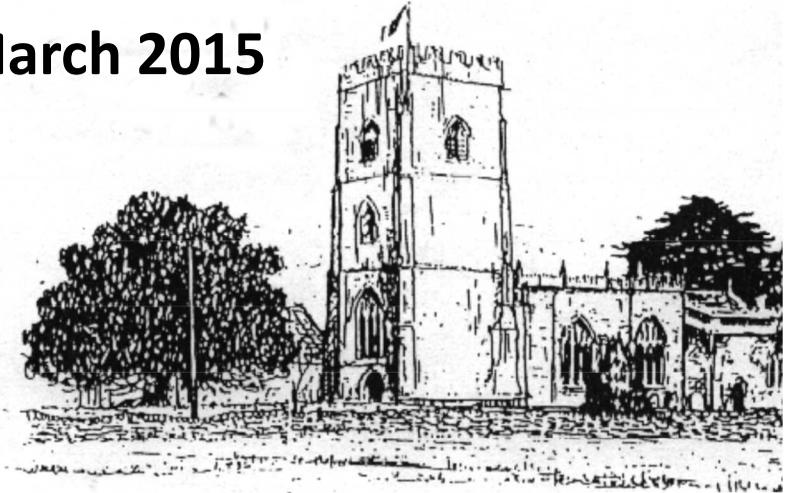


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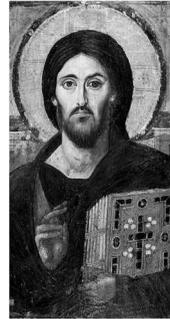
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## NOT from the Vicarage



Dear Friends,

I just wanted to write and thank you all for the wonderful send off you gave the whole family on February 1<sup>st</sup> – and indeed in the weeks leading up to our departure. We shall all treasure the kind words spoken at the lunch party, quite apart from your truly generous gifts. The Sat Nav still await fitting as we are contemplating a new car, but rest assured by the time I actually start the new post it will be up and running. We are also still surrounded by flowers and cards.

We finally reached the stage today when we hoovered through the new house, which always suggests to me that we have reached a tipping point in unpacking that makes the idea of cleaning have some validity. All the boxes inside the house have now gone, though we daren't look in the garage yet. It will be some time before we stop moving things from pillar to post trying to find the 'right' place for everything but we certainly begin to feel that this is now home.

We have had an amazing time with all of you over the last 6 years and we do thank you for your companionship along the way. At a Quiet day recently we were told that the root of companionship is 'con pan' or 'with bread' suggesting travelling and sharing together. I hope that you have also enjoyed this part of your journey, as we have done, and that God will be with you as you travel on.

God bless you all,

*Sue Rose*

Your ex-Rector

### It's First Saturday again at St Peter's

SOSP invite everyone to join us at St Peter's for our Lent Coffee & Cake followed by Soup Lunch raising funds for Christian Aid on



**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**10.30am to 1.30pm.**



## From the Benefice Ministry Team

After the partying last month with the Rev. Sue leaving, I wonder how many are thinking- what now? How will the churches in the brave new Cheddar Benefice cope without a rector to pull them all together?



Well before she left us Rev Sue thought of that! Here are some of the arrangements that she put in place, and what to do to make use of them.

We always had a joint Ministry Team to help plan services across the benefice - but this has been revamped for the interregnum. Eleven worship leaders from the three parishes are meeting once a month, chaired by Judith Rose. It has representatives from the three parishes - for Draycott these are Chris Green and Thea Oliver, and for Rodney Stoke Steve Percival and Jo Turner- and we also have Alistair Glanvile, Reader and long standing friend of Rodney Stoke. This group will draw up a rota of services in the three parishes, and find people to take them. It will also make sure the responsibilities for special services - weddings, baptisms and funerals- are all being met (points of contact for these can be found elsewhere in the magazine). And it will oversee the other things that have been managed centrally- such as the weekly Pew Notes and Parish Diary (again, contacts are provided).

So what may change? Well there will be some modifications to services- but not too many. Existing Sunday morning services will stay. Draycott will keep its Second Sunday Service of morning prayer. Rodney Stoke will continue with BCP Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday, led by Alistair Glanvile- and will be starting its new Sunday afternoon family services on the second Sunday. Cheddar, too, has started a monthly lay led service. And we will continue with our joint Benefice services every fifth Sunday.

Nobody ever knows how long an interregnum will last, but it is only sensible to plan for a long haul. If there are matters you want to raise with the Ministry Team, please approach any of us. Or get in touch with your Church Wardens - or with the Cheddar Parish Office, by email or by phone. And we will use these pages to keep you informed.

With all the very best wishes of the Ministry Team for the months ahead.

*Chris Green, Thea Oliver, Steve Percival, Jo Turner*

## Christians must play their full part in society



I'm writing this letter on the day that the church celebrates Candlemas – the day that Jesus is presented by his parents at the temple in Jerusalem. Along with their new born son, Mary and Joseph brought a sacrifice of two pigeons, the offering permitted in the Law of Moses for those too poor to afford a lamb. Despite their lack of wealth, however, these peasants from Galilee carried in their arms the child that we have come to believe as the Saviour of the world.

From the very beginning the Christian faith has had a deep empathy with those who are both born into poverty as well as those who have been thrown into poverty for whatever reason. The creation of a community where all are valued and especially those who are marginalised or excluded through poverty or disease is a key part of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom of God as we know from our reading of the gospels.

And yet, according to Cole Morton writing in the Independent on Sunday at the beginning of February, 'the richest people living in this country now take a greater share of the total wealth than they did at the beginning of the century. The poverty gap is wide and getting wider.'

In a few weeks time we will be voting in a General Election. There are some strong voices that argue that politics and religion should be kept separate. However, the Bishop of Derby, Alastair Redfern, argues convincingly in his book 'The Word on the Street' that all public debate is theological debate. 'Public debate is God's children trying to decide who we are, where we are going and how best to proceed.'

A key part of our discipleship is God's invitation to each of us to engage with that public debate so that we can play our full part in the well being of society for the sake of the Kingdom.

*+Peter Taunton*

## **Celebrating Easter in the Benefice**

Easter is the most significant festival for Christians. It is when we remember the events that led up to Jesus' death, the first Good Friday and the triumph of his resurrection. But it is not just about looking back, for these events have a profound significance for our own lives today so do come and join in.

### **Palm Sunday 29 March 10.00am at St Leonard's Rodney Stoke.**

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem to great acclaim. Starting out at 10 am, 'Honk' the donkey will lead the worshippers from Edcombe Farm in Stoke Street, the 400 metres to St Leonard's where there will be a joint Communion Service for all the churches of the Benefice. The preacher will be John Clarke, Dean of Wells.

### **Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm at St Peter's Draycott.**

A plenary session for the Lent groups on 'The Commandments'. Everyone welcome.

### **Maundy Thursday 2 April 6.30pm Passover Supper in Church House, Cheddar.**

As a practising Jew, Jesus would have most likely shared the Passover meal with his disciples. All are welcome but please sign up at one of the churches so we get the numbers right. The cost will be £5.

This will be followed at **8.00pm at St Andrew's Cheddar** by a meditative Communion Service ending with 'Stripping the Altars' and a vigil.

### **Good Friday 3 April 10.00 – 10.45 am at St Andrew's Cheddar**

An opportunity to pause and reflect on the events of Good Friday and its significance for our faith, followed in the afternoon at **2.00 – 3.00 pm** by music and meditation.

### **6:00pm, St Peter's Draycott**

A service of meditation, readings and Taize music for Good Friday.

### **Easter Day, Sunday 5 April**

Come and celebrate the resurrection at one of these Communion Services.

**8.00am St Andrew's, Cheddar**

**9.30am St Peter's, Draycott**

**10.00am St Andrew's, Cheddar**

**11.15am St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke.**

The House of Bishops letter<sup>1</sup> about the 2015 General Election, which is echoed by this month's letter from the Bishop of Taunton, seems to have nettled the consciences of some of our politicians, particularly those who have been enthusiastic proponents of 'austerity economics'. Is being mocked by Ian Duncan Smith in the Daily Mail for 'dwindling relevance' and 'railing against the market economy, consumerism and the legacy of Margaret Thatcher' not a surefire sign that our Bishops have hit the nail square on the head. Their careful, cogent analysis of the shortcomings of politicians, and their politics, repays close study and rings true but at 52 pages it defies reduction to a single sound bite! To give you a flavour of what they have to say, here are a few extracts:

## Who is my neighbour?

A Letter from the House of Bishops to the People and Parishes of the Church of England for the General Election 2015



- It is vital to find better ways of talking about many fundamental questions facing us today. To name only a few of the major questions which contemporary politics seems determined to avoid, we need a richer justification for the state, a better account of the purposes of government, and a more serious way of talking about taxation. Most of all, we need an honest account of how we must live if generations yet to come are not to inherit a denuded and exhausted planet.
- It is not a matter of ticking off these issues one by one in election manifestos and speeches. Decent answers to the questions facing the nation will only emerge when politicians start to promote a dialogue with the people about a worthwhile society, how individuals, communities and the nation relate to each other, and the potentials and limitations of politics in achieving such ends.
- The different parties have failed to offer attractive visions of the kind of society and culture they wish to see, or the distinctive goals they might pursue. Instead, we are subjected to sterile arguments about who might manage the existing system best. There is no idealism in this prospectus.
- The time has surely come to move beyond mere "retail politics", where parties tailor their policies to the groups whose votes they need, regardless of the good of the majority, whilst lobbyists, pressure groups and sectional interests come armed with their policy shopping lists and judge politicians by how many items they promise to deliver. Instead of treating politics as an extension of consumerism, we should focus on the common good, the participation of more people in developing a political vision and constructive ways to talk about communities and how they relate to one another.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2170230/whoismyneighbour.pdf>

## A Fashionable Rood Screen

For many years, I have been intrigued by the proliferation of flowering tulips all the year round in St Leonard's. They are clearly to be seen at the top of each of the sections of our rood screen – 5 in each section. I think they are also to be found amongst the intricate carvings of the 1625 beam above the rood screen. The date and the cartouche that encloses the initials E.B. (for Edward Rodney) have to be the reasons for the abundance of the tulip motif.

In the period 1550 to 1640, the craze for planting tulips struck Europe; developing to the extent that in Holland bulbs of the latest varieties were bought and sold by 'entrepreneurs' gambling huge sums of money. Fortunes were made and lost. At an auction in Alkmaar in February 1637 a single bulb of the variety *Admiral van Enkhuisen* realised 5,400 guilders – enough to buy a town house in the best quarter of Amsterdam at the time.



In short the 'Tulipmania' bubble burst in 1637, just like the South Sea Bubble of 1720, the Dot.Com Bubble of 1998 and the Banking Bubble of 2008. The Dutch, being a practical, careful people, invented the modern world of markets, commodity trading and global enterprises in the early 1600s and it seems that, following the law of unintended consequences, speculation, bubbles and recessions are an inseparable part of the world they created. They remain with us to this day.

But, coming back to our tulips in St Leonard's, Edward Rodney in 1625 would have been very aware of the fashion for tulips which extended to the use of tulip motifs for decorative purposes, particularly for those who were unable to afford the real thing. He must have instructed the carver to make tulips a special feature of the design. But maybe there was more to it than that and, just as the 'wool churches' like St Cuthbert's in Wells often pay some homage to the sheep as the source of their magnificence, perhaps Edward Rodney was 'something in tulips'?

But what a wonderful legacy he has left us.

*Chris Kembery*

## Music Matters



Music matters - or at least it does for some of us. I happen to be totally dead to ... dancing, ballet, mathematics, football ... and those for whom these are exciting clearly pity me for what they say I'm missing. But at the same time on my part I feel sadness for those for whom music means little or nothing, and perhaps also for those who live with earphones banging noise for hours on end, simply deadening them to awareness of the real world around them.

I can't myself make any clear distinction between 'secular' and 'sacred' music, because both at their best are celebrating the Life we have been given. I recall when still at school, listening to Vaughan Williams' 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony and being more moved than ever previously in my life. But I think that if we are listening in a church or cathedral, the music, combined with the setting and atmosphere, are more likely to move us not only to ponder things in depth, but also to take us into what I can only call lesser or greater religious experiences.

At the end of what I call my ten happy pagan years, I took to attending services at St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. One afternoon, after evensong at Westminster Abbey, followed by a superb Bach Prelude and Fugue, I can only say that on one side of Parliament Square I did not believe in God, while on the other side, there was no question about it.

Readers might possibly like to sit down to ponder what influences music might have had on their lives, and what pieces of music have been important to them, and why.

But music needs our attention if it is to affect us at any depth. It's not just to be there as a background noise (though Erik Satie wrote what he called 'musique d'ameublement' – 'furniture music'!). Beethoven once pasted 13 successive amending strips of paper over a passage of music before he was satisfied.

I reckon we can simply sit and give music our full attention in the present moment. Or we can be more analytical and ponder the form, the pattern and the development. Or we can listen, as it were, in the future, trying to guess where the composer is going with the next bit of melody, harmony or orchestration. With run-of-the-mill music we may well get it right! But with inspired music, what happens next is so different from what we expect as to be truly exciting.

Music matters, so let's give it our undivided attention!

*Gordon Jeff*

## Was it ‘The Great Escape’?

People who weren't able to get to the service at Cheddar on 1st February might like to have a record of the occasion. We were welcomed into the church to the sound of the senior brass ensemble from Kings of Wessex Academy, conducted by Ann Higgs. Rather naughtily, they finished with the theme tune from *The Great Escape*. The band then went on to accompany the processional hymn *Lord, for the years*.



The lessons, for the Feast of Candlemas, were read by Steve Percival and Chris Green, and the prayers of intercession were led by Thea Oliver. Revd Sue used her sermon to reflect on six years as rector of our three parishes, Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke. Drawing on the Gospel (the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple) and the arrival of her own first grandchild Hattie, she likened this experience to motherhood. As her dear children, the parishes had often been sources of joy, and sometimes exasperation! But we have also grown, and were - she hoped – ready to embark on the next part of the journey without her.

Cheddar choir was augmented for the occasion by a number of singers from Rodney Stoke and Draycott, and made a well-balanced and thrilling sound. They sang two anthems during the communion, accompanied by Wayne Hahn, and then at the end of the service finished with *The Lord is my Shepherd* – better known as *The Vicar of Dibley*. Joanne Turner was at the piano, and the soloist, most appropriately, was Libby Rose.

After the service, a great number of people moved over the road into St Andrew's House to share an excellent lunch. The pantomime had only just ended the night before, but everything had been expertly cleared away. How lucky St Andrew's people are to have this spacious building to hold their parish functions in. There were short speeches from Jim Reeves, Chris Green, Megan James and Archdeacon Nicola Sullivan, thanking Sue for the many developments she had seen though in her six years in this benefice. Among the presentations made was a SATNAV, which Sue said would be invaluable for finding her way around the county to visit curates in her new post of clergy training.

*David Cheetham*

## David Sheldon

David was a Churchwarden at St Peter's for 40 years. This photograph shows David handing over a cheque for £200 for St Peter's funds from the proceeds of 'The Laurels' Autumn Fete on the occasion of Thea Oliver, Richard Dingley and Thea's mum taking Communion to 'The Laurels' on 10 February.

He was in great form that day, looking well, and made a short speech. He died very suddenly with little warning on 13 February. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him.



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## Honor Neave *Parish Portrait No. 17*

The cottage shines a brilliant white in the February sunshine and, having negotiated the muddy, uphill track, I find Honor waiting, restraining the dog by the conservatory door. I think the dog had been a bit too keen to locate (or relocate) some missing chickens.

I begin by asking Honor how long she has lived in this lovely, remote, extraordinary place. 'For ever!' she replies. 'My father was given the option to buy this house at the end of the war, so the house came into the family in 1945. It used to be two cottages, for gamekeepers or workmen.' She indicated where the original front door would have been, and another latched door into the second cottage. 'When I was a child, a lady lived on the other side there.'



Honor's father died when she was a baby, and when she was about fourteen her mother was remarried, to the Vicar of Draycott. They lived for some years in what was then the new vicarage. Honor describes Roan Saunders as a lovely man, a progressive thinker, who was like a good friend to her. When he retired she was 16 or 17, and they moved into this house, which became, once again, her home.

Honor attended the Cathedral School in Wells, where she first met Chris. 'We never spoke. We were too shy!' She left after 'O' Levels and, following a spell at Strode College, spent four years studying textile design at the Somerset College of Arts and Technology. I remark on some of the textiles in the room and mention William Morris and Laura Ashley. 'I went through my William Morris phase, and I've always loved Laura Ashley. I've always been delighted by pattern, design and colour. I love the Impressionists, too. I go to antique fairs and flea markets to buy Laura Ashley fabrics, and for the past seven years I have sold the things I made at the Country Market in Glastonbury. I like rag rugging, embroidery and trawling for vintage lace, which I can incorporate into my work.'

Chris and she met again at a friend's birthday party after they had left the

school, and, seven years later became engaged. They were married in Rodney Stoke Church in 1983. Sadly, her mother died in the November before the wedding.

Chris and Honor have lived in many places: Yorkshire, Anglesey, Ilchester, Somerton...(seven moves in six years!)...before they moved into this house twenty-five years ago. For the third time it became Honor's home. They have three children, James, who joined the Services, Matthew, who lives in South Horrington and works on the financial side in Clarks, and Lindy who works with gold and silver design in Worthing.

Honor tells me that, now the children are grown up, she is able to spend more time supporting Rodney Stoke Church. She has recently become a member of the Friends, and a PCC member. 'You have to remain optimistic about the future of our church. We all want to see it continue as a living church, not a closed one!' We talk about the hope that there will always be new people to step in and take up responsibilities for the future.

'My favorite place? Well, it has to be sitting on the top of the Mendips, having just done the climb, and looking out across the Levels. When am I happiest? When all is well within the family; when your children are happy.'

I ask what she would like to do if she could make the world a better place. 'High on my list would be feeding the world, so that nobody is hungry: yes, feeding the hungry. And wrapping up all those children in Syria. It's overwhelming – there are so many diverse needs. No, it doesn't make me angry, just sad: there are so many natural disasters, and our man-made disasters just make it all so much worse.'

We come out again into the sunshine, streaming across the hills around us, challenging the frosty air. Honor loves all the signs of the changing seasons, which are so evident in this beautiful place. 'There are already primroses, so I know that spring isn't that far off!'

*MLT*

## Tricia's Pantry 'Beware the Ides of March'



Some birds are meant to fly.

On 5 March 1936, the first Supermarine Spitfire lifted into the air in Southampton. Not yet a perfect lady: rudder too sensitive, top speed too low. A few alterations, and her trademark elliptical wing gave an edge in speed and manoeuvrability, while her Merlin heart roared reassuringly above Britain throughout WW2. For pilots, the plane combined a technical prowess and ease of flight which made her beloved. "You don't get into a Spitfire," one said. "You wear it." Respect too from enemies: "The bastards can make such infernally tight turns," bemoaned a German ace. "There seems to be no way of nailing them." By the time the last had rolled out in 1948, over 20,000 had been built.

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The speed imparted an almost surreal quality for pilots. "The only thing that tells you you're moving," one said, "is that occasionally when you're flying... you can see all these 747s 20,000 feet below you almost appearing to go backwards." Concorde, however, always flew on the edge of financial viability, and following the September 11 attacks and a crash near Paris, the plane became unprofitable.

Yet still loved. As the final Concorde flight dropped slowly over west London towards Heathrow, lurching office workers stood up on village greens and applauded.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

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## What's on in Rodney Stoke

### Follow 'Honk' the Donkey on Palm Sunday in Rodney Stoke

Come and join Rodney Stoke's traditional Palm Sunday procession at **10am** on **Sunday 29 March**.

Led by 'Honk' the donkey, courtesy of Rebecca Mann, the procession will set out from Edcombe Farm on Stoke Street (just before the Mill Way junction) to walk to St Leonard's Church .



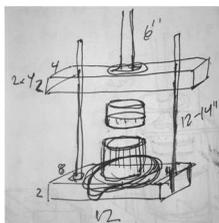
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## Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

### A light exists in spring



A Light exists in Spring  
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At any other period —  
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad  
On Solitary Fields  
That Science cannot overtake  
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,  
It shows the furthest Tree  
Upon the furthest Slope you know  
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step  
Or Noons report away  
Without the Formula of sound  
It passes and we stay —

A quality of loss  
Affecting our Content  
As Trade had suddenly encroached  
Upon a Sacrament. *Emily Dickinson*

## Creamy Mushroom and Ham Bake



**450g/1lb medium  
floury potatoes**  
**75g/3oz button  
mushrooms,  
sliced**  
**75g/3oz sliced  
ham cut into  
strips**  
**1 small onion,  
thinly sliced**  
**75ml/2½floz milk**  
**75g/3oz herb &  
garlic cream  
cheese**  
**15g/½oz butter**  
**Salt & black pep-  
per**

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F. Grease a shallow ovenproof dish.
2. Parboil potatoes in boiling water for 5 mins. Drain & allow to cool slightly. Skin potatoes & slice thinly. Arrange a layer in the bottom of the dish.
3. Add layer of mushrooms, ham & onion.
4. Repeat layers, finishing with a layer of potato. Lightly season the layers.
5. Heat milk & cheese in small pan, stirring until combined. Pour over potatoes.
6. Dot the top with butter & bake for about 45 minutes, or until potatoes are tender & the top golden

## Sunday Services in March 2015

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Lent 2	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 3	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Mothering Sunday	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Family Service
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Passion Sunday	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday	10am Joint Communion, Rodney Stoke Procession with 'Honk' the Donkey starts out from Edcombe Farm, Stoke Street at 10am		

## Readings for Sunday Services in March 2015

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Lent 2	510	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	22: 23-end	Romans 4:13-end	Mark 8: 31-end
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 3	514	Exodus 20:1-17	19	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2:13-22
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Mothering Sunday	125	Exodus 2: 1-10	34: 11-20	Colossians 3: 12-17	Luke 2: 33-35
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Passion Sunday	522	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	51:1-13	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday	529	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	31: 9-16	Philippians 2: 5-11	Mark 14:1-15

### Regular Weekly Events in March

Monday	9.30 Beginners Line dancing, Cheddar Church House 10.30 Intermediate Line dancing, Cheddar Church House
Tuesday	8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15 Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds when at 11.30)
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

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## Diary March 2015

Tues 3	9am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mothers Union	Church House
Wed 4	10am	BCP Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 5	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
Fri 6	2.15pm	Woman's World Day of Prayer	Cheddar Baptist
	6pm	SOSP Curry Night	Draycott
Sat 7	10-12pm	Open Office	Cheddar
	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake Morning & Lent Lunch	Draycott
Tues 10	2pm	Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
	7pm	Joint Benefice PCC	Cheddar
Wed 11	11.30am	MU Communion	Cheddar
	12.15pm	LMG Planning	Den
Thurs 12	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare (TBC)
		Arts Festival by local schools	Cheddar
Sat 14	10-12pm	Open Office	Cheddar
Tues 17	10.30am	Greenhill Communion,	Cheddar
	4.30pm	Licensing of Rev Sue Rose in Bishop's Palace	Wells
Wed 18	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 19	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar (TBC)
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Fri 20	7pm	Concert - Cheddar Valley Voices	Cheddar
Sat 21	10-12pm	Open Office	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
Wed 25	10am	Healing Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 26	9am	LMG Moring Prayer	Axbridge
	7pm	FoSA Concert – Wells Cathedral School	Cheddar
Sat 28	10-12pm	Open Office	Cheddar
Sun 29	8pm	SOSP Quiz Night at The Strawberry Special	Draycott

### Home Communion

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March 2015 Rotas						
<b>DRAYCOTT</b>						
	1	8	15	22	29	April 5
<b>Sidesman</b>	R Dingley	C Jeff	G Jeff	J Jeffries		R Dingley
<b>Intercessor</b>	T Oliver	A Jeffries	C Green	R Dingley		C Green
<b>Organist</b>	D Cheetham	I Ames White	B Rose	D Cheetham		TBA
<b>Readers</b>	J Jeffries	R Dingley	G Jeff	T Oliver	UNITED	J Jeffries
	T Lumley	L Whittle	T Oliver	R Dingley	at RODNEY	T Lumley
	R Dingley		C Green	A Jeffries	STOKE	L Whittle
<b>Coffee</b>	C Jeff	T Lumley	F Irving	T Heckbert		J Jeffries
<b>Cleaning</b>	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert		J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff				H Jeffries
<b>Flowers</b>	LENT	LENT	Mothering Sunday Posies	LENT	LENT	LENT
<b>RODNEY STOKE</b>						
<b>Sidesman</b>	A Percival	T Symes	D Banks	A Newman	C Kembrey	C Neave
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne	Joanne
<b>Reader 1</b>	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey	A Newman
<b>Reader 2</b>	C Kembrey	D Banks	A Newman	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave
<b>Cleaning</b>	L Moore		R Mann		M Banks	
	H Neave		N Tame		S Wild	
<b>Flowers A</b>	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT
<b>Flowers P</b>						

## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### **Marriages:**

*We ask God to bless the marriage of:*

Robert Bennett & Sophie Richens (21<sup>st</sup> February)

### **Funerals:**

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

Beverley Howe, Joan Bentley, Brian Mapstone,

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