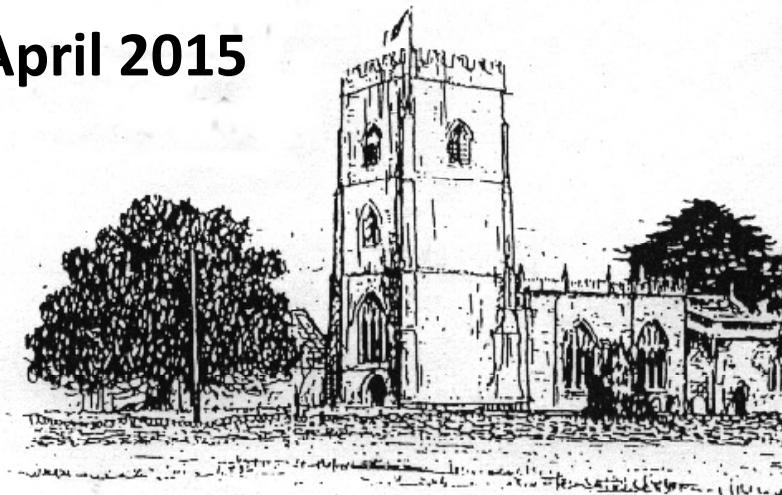


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A Churchwarden's Reflection

First let me wish you all the Joy of the Resurrection!

We are now in the season of Easter celebrating together the wonderful gift of new life and the hope it brings to the world.

But what does Easter mean to us?

Well of course there will probably be some chocolate involved, in the form of a bunny or eggs, and the breaking of our Lenten fasts. But above all for us as Easter People, this season reveals the realisation of God's promise of eternal hope and daily renewal.

Another great truth about Easter is that we can have no resurrection hope, no Easter celebration, no risen Lord without the darkness of Good Friday. It was through Jesus' self-sacrificial walk to the darkness of Calvary that made salvation and hope ours, so that when we are faced with darkness we can be reassured that our God brings victory out of despair.

Travelling through Good Friday and rebirth of Easter we must seek new ways to share God's love without losing the core of our shared story: that for us Jesus gave himself willingly to death, for us God resurrected him, thus Jesus became the bridge by which we are reconciled to God.

The truth of the Gospel is important, not the comfort that we find in our traditions. If we learn anything from the Easter story it is that Jesus calls us out of despair and into hope, out of our old lives and into new life. Holding tightly to old traditions and ways might hinder others from encountering our Gospel message.

The Benefice vacancy is now well underway and the Ministry team, Church Wardens and PCCs have been busy working together writing Parish profiles and compiling "person specs" ready to advertise for our new Rector.

So in the spirit of resurrection, let's be willing to shed all that does not contribute to God's mission, let's embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and together seek new ways to share his message of hope with the world.



Thea Oliver

Vacancy News from the Benefice Ministry Team

Last month the three PCCs of the Benefice held a joint Benefice meeting, led by Nicola Sullivan (our Archdeacon). The newly appointed Rural Dean, Revd. Sharon Crossman was also there. Nicola led discussions, suggesting a timetable and plan of action for appointing our new rector.



The first item covered was our Benefice Profile. This describes the key features of each particular church, which points to the challenges that lie ahead, and sets out also a vision for the future - not only for each individual church, but also for the benefice as a whole. This has been started, and all three parishes have made a contribution (churchwardens have so far led on this). But it needs more work.

Nicola recommended we ask Graham Dodds (in the Diocesan School of Formation team) to work with a small committee from all three churches to explore the future needs of the benefice - such as growth, mission and greater engagement with the community. We want to encourage anyone in our church and village communities to contribute their ideas - please contact churchwardens and Ministry Team representatives (details elsewhere in the magazine).

If the profile can be agreed by the end of April, the Benefice could then advertise in the *Church Times* and on the Diocesan website in May, and interview candidates later in June. If an appointment can be made according to this timetable, then the new Rector may be in post as early as October. However this is an ambitious timetable and many things might delay the process.

Part of this meeting covered "Section 11" requirements - each Parish declared their selection panel representatives, agreed to produce a Profile for the Benefice, and agreed to advertise for a new Rector.

Jim Reeve, Churchwarden, St Andrew's, Cheddar; Chris Green, Reader, Draycott.

April's prayer for the vacancy

God our Father, you love us and have called us to be your body in this place.

At this time of change please send your Holy Spirit to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may bring new life to our community.

With your heavenly wisdom, guide those who are choosing our new Rector. May that person be a wise and gentle shepherd, who will work with us to fulfil your purpose for the church in these parishes, in obedience to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Take the Election prayerfully and seriously



Elections are in the air. No, don't turn over the page! I'm not joining the pre-election morass of words and promises although I do support my fellow bishops in our Pastoral Letter that caused such a fuss in February. You can find it on the diocesan website if you haven't seen it. The basic message is: politics have become somewhat sterile and self-interested – so turn out and vote to improve things.

But there are other elections too. In your parish church, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will occur during April. It's an opportunity to choose churchwardens and church council members. And, maybe, even stand for election yourself. It's too easy in church life to grumble about how 'they' do things: but perhaps the right thing is to take part and help to do it better.

Then there are elections to Deanery Synods. The old joke is that a Deanery Synod is 'a collection of people waiting to go home.' I would like that to change to 'a collection of people listening to God and each other'- as together we navigate the tricky waters of the future of our churches.

Actually, your Deanery Synod members are rather important. They have to elect a new Diocesan Synod this year – and I am very keen that our Synod helps grasp the many opportunities and challenges that the Church is currently facing. And lastly, a new General Synod is to be elected this autumn. Any church member can be a candidate, but Deanery Synod reps are critical, because they actually choose who gets elected.

So, take the General Election prayerfully and seriously. But please also take our church elections seriously too. You might be one of the people God is calling to serve his church by taking on a role as PCC member, Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod representative. It could be you! That is something to think and pray about.

With warm best wishes

+Peter Bath and Wells

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 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 – 10.45am at St Andrew's Cheddar

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

6:00pm at 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.

0800 St Andrew's, Cheddar

0930 St Peter's, Draycott

1000 St Andrew's, Cheddar

1115 St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke.

Village Agent warns—Don't get stung by Pension Scams

Our Village Agent warns that, whatever their other merits, the Government's recently announced pension changes are opening the floodgates to a veritable tsunami of pension-related frauds and scams. It is as if the duty of care is being thrown to the winds, leaving the public at the mercy of a vast array of financial predators. The box below reproduces the warnings given in a recent publication from the Pensions Advisory Service.

A lifetime's savings can be lost in a moment

Pension scams are on the increase in the UK. For most people the offers are bogus and you will probably lose most, if not all, your savings. You may also be liable to tax charges of over half the value of your lost pension for taking an 'unauthorised payment'.



Check the facts before you make an irreversible decision.

Pension scams can take many forms. Some will appear to be legal, and some scammers may even suggest that the Government has asked them to contact you. They may be presented as unique investment opportunities and try to get your attention by offering a free pension review. You may be encouraged to transfer your pension quickly, and they may even send documents to you by courier in an attempt to pressurise you to sign.

Watch out for these common features of pension scams:

- Use of phrases like 'one-off investment opportunities', 'free pension reviews', 'legal loopholes', 'cash bonus', 'government endorsement'
- Victims are approached out of the blue over the phone, via text messages or even in person on the doorstep.
- Involve transferring money or investments overseas as they are harder or impossible to recover
- Offer access to your pension pot before age 55
- Provide no member copy of any documentation
- Encourage victims to speed up transfer of their money to the new scheme.

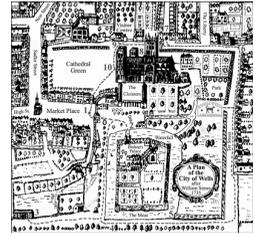
Once you've transferred your pension, it's simply too late. Most victims will lose their entire pension and may have to pay a large tax charge on top.

Before you sign anything, remember to call The Pensions Advisory Service on **0300 123 1047** and, if you have already accepted such an offer, please call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**.

Please contact me about this or any other issue that is worrying you-

Jacky Smith Village Agent, 07950 782436 or email jsmithva@somersetcc.org.uk

Wells – a City of Foreigners!



When our friend John was rationalizing his book shelves recently he passed over a fascinating account of the social fabric of Wells in the late middle ages written by a Canadian academic¹.

Did you know that in 16th Century Wells, over 60% of the lay population were designated as 'foreigners'? This was a typical figure for towns of the time and it had climbed up from 50% over the preceding 100 years. The precise meaning of the term has changed, but it has always implied a distinction between those who properly belong – the burgesses - and those who do not. Also the burgesses were having difficulties replacing themselves. Not only were many of their sons dying before they could succeed them and establish families but, more critically, fewer and fewer outsiders were coming into the city as immigrants.

In medieval times, citizenship was conceived in terms of the rights of participation in civic activities, the privilege of involvement in the political process and access to sources of economic advantage. That said the burgesses of Wells at the time were possibly more cosmopolitan in origin than their successors today.

The 'foreigners' were significantly poorer too with only a fifth aspiring in their lifetime to join the ranks of Burgesses. They lived in what were seen at the time as the less salubrious parts of the city – Southover, Queen Street and St Cuthbert Street—and remained socially and economically humble. Surprisingly there seems to have been little friction between the burgesses and the foreigners who, when the occasion arose, made common cause against the oppressions of church and state.

At any one time about 20% of the population received food aid and financial support from the city's various civic institutions. There were also Alms Houses for the infirm and broken down that were widely supported by the entire community. The evidence is that the city provided some protection for its own while at the same time there was no history of using bye-laws to drive vagabonds and other unemployed wanderers or beggars from the city. Their presence indeed was sometimes ascribed to the excesses of the various ecclesiastical bodies.

How little things have changed.

Rob Walker

¹ David Gary Shaw 'The Creation of a Community - the City of Wells in the Middle Ages' OUP (1993)

Music Matters 'I did it my way'



The favourite hymn for funerals these days seems to be *Lord of all hopefulness*. Jan Struther wrote it as an “all-day hymn”, with verses describing morning, noon, evening and night, but we can equally well think of it as an all-of-life hymn. Other much-used hymns are *Love divine*, *Thine be the glory* and the various translations of Psalm 23. For me, the best has always been *Abide with me*, a true resurrection hymn recalling as it does the meeting with the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus (see Luke 24 v 29).

One of our Lay Readers tells me that he conducted a service at the crematorium recently where the family had chosen *Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning*. I don't know whether you'd call that an appropriate hymn in the circumstances or not.

When funeral parties ask the organist to play a particular piece during the service, it's most often *Nimrod*. This lovely music comes from Elgar's *Enigma* variations, and describes his friend AJ Jaeger (“Nimrod” was Elgar's joking nickname for Jaeger, which means “hunter” in German – see Genesis 10 v 9). The melody is founded on falling sevenths on every degree of the scale, suggesting trying and failing but never giving up. Other effective pieces are Walford Davies's *Solemn Melody*, Thalben-Ball's *Elegy* and Samuel Barber's *Adagio*.

At one recent funeral, for a lady who had led a very varied life, five of her friends (but none of them knew each other) spoke briefly about different aspects of her life and then we listened to a few minutes of “music for reflection”: Ravel's splendid *Pavane* played on the piano. It's lovely to have music to listen to rather than just using it to cover other actions.

It's becoming increasingly common nowadays for the coffin to come in and out to recorded music, perhaps a song which is particularly poignant for the family. *Time to say goodbye* sung by Andrea Bocelli could be moving and appropriate, but I think you'd have to be pretty self-satisfied to choose to go out with the Frank Sinatra number mentioned in the title!

David Cheetham

'Taken by Storm' - the human cost of climate change



Christian Aid has just published 'Taken by Storm' drawing attention to the devastating effects of climate change for communities worldwide, particularly in badly-hit poorer countries, being forced to change their way of life. While last year's floods here in Somerset received massive media coverage, the voices of those suffering even greater impacts elsewhere have largely gone unheard.

In the report's foreword Dr Rowan Williams, Chair of Christian Aid, says: 'These are stories from some of the poorest people in the world. Those who suffer most acutely have done least to contribute to it; and there is a deep injustice in this. Among all the facts and statistics, the summits and debates, it is essential for us to remember the specific human faces of those who suffer because of climate instability.'

Far from being a vague threat in the distant future, a warming world is very much a present reality, with global temperatures already having risen by 0.8°C since the industrial revolution. Stronger storm surges, heavier rain, and scarcer resources are part of what countless people across the world live with daily, with far fewer resources to deal with it than we have here in the developed world.'

As well as showing the different ways people are experiencing a distorted climate, the report outlines some of the ingenious ways people are adapting their lifestyles to survive. Measures range from farmers receiving weather forecasts by text message in Kenya to the introduction of saltwater resistant ducks in flooded Bangladesh. Despite this resilience, the report is clear that adaptation measures offer only a short term respite.

People living on the front line of climate change are the canaries in the climate coalmine, but their plight is more than just a warning of what many other parts of the world can expect. These are individuals paying the price for the actions of wealthy nations and people grown rich through continued dependence on polluting fossil fuels. It is vital that politicians hear their voices and heed the warnings of the IPCC to make tackling climate change a priority if we are to pass on a safe planet fit for future generations.

The Church of England co-sponsored the recently published research-led study ‘Emergency Use Only’ which provides a fact-based insight into the realities of poverty in the UK today. It examines why people turn to foodbanks, how their use fits with wider coping strategies, and what might be done to reduce the need that leads to their use (much of which is the result of the failures of Iain Duncan Smith’s Department of Work and Pensions). Finally it presents an action plan to help the next government put its house in order.

Key research findings

- Food banks are predominantly a last-resort, short-term measure, prompted by an ‘acute income crisis’ – something which had happened to completely stop or dramatically reduce their income.
- Income crisis could be caused by sudden loss of earnings, changes in family circumstances or housing problems. However, for between half and two thirds of the users the immediate trigger for food bank use was linked to problems with benefits (including waiting for benefits to be paid, sanctions, problems with ESA) or missing tax credit.
- Many food bank users were also not made aware of the various crisis payments available and even fewer were receiving them.
- 19-28% of users had recently had household benefits stopped or reduced because of a sanction and 28-34% were waiting for a benefit claim which had not been decided.
- Many food bank users faced multiple challenges, including ill-health, relationship breakdown, mental health problems or substantial caring responsibilities. Many were unable to work or had recently lost their job. The frequency of bereavements among food bank users was also a striking feature.

Action Plan for our Government to reduce food bank use

- Improve access to short-term benefit advances: increased awareness, simplify claim processes and improved data collection to identify support needs.
- Reform DWP sanctions policy and practice: increase access to hardship payments, clarify communications about sanctions, mitigate the impact whilst a sanction is being reconsidered and address issues for Housing Benefit.
- Improve the ESA regime: ensure claimants are not left without income whilst challenging a decision made because of missing medical certificates or missed appointments.
- Sustain and improve access to emergency financial support through Local Welfare Assistance Schemes and the Scottish Welfare Fund.
- Ensure Jobcentres provide an efficient and supportive service for all clients.
- Improve Jobcentre Plus Advisers’ awareness of, and ability to respond to, mental health problems.
- Improve access to appropriate advice and support.

Alan Rowntree *Parish Portrait No. 18*

So well is Alan known for his books and talks that I had mistakenly thought of him as a lifelong local historian, forever having pored over the remains of days gone by. But no, this interest was sparked off by his purchase, in 2003, of what was once an old barn, in Draycott. A former Smithy, it had become a slaughterhouse, then a wood carver's, and now Alan's home. He made it his task to find out about this history, and from there his interest in things local began to ripple outwards. What was the relationship between Draycott and Rodney Stoke? How far back can they be traced? What makes them special? He is currently enquiring into the disputes, in medieval times, between Glastonbury Abbey and Wells Cathedral. 'I like looking at other pieces of the jigsaw.'



Alan was born in Ipswich, the youngest of four children. His family moved to Enfield when he was two and he attended a Quaker boarding school in Saffron Walden, where he preferred sport to study. He describes his two daughters, Joanna and Nancy, as 'both quite academic'. Alan was not regarded as such in his earlier years. 'I left school with a handful of O levels and proceeded into banking. 'I'd had no interest in history whatsoever – they said my knowledge could be put on a postage stamp!' In a way my life is quite upside down. I'm ready to go to university now!'

His mother, who is 101, lives in Winscombe, where she remains well, and still gets up at 5am each day to do her baking. She was born in Berlin during the First World War. Her parents were English, and her cousin was David Lean, the film director.

'I began as the proverbial office boy, and progressed to become personnel manager in a London headquarters of Barclays Bank. Sadly, my marriage broke up during this time, and I was, for a while, quite unwell – though I never took any time off work.' Alan had taken on responsibility for working with the blind and partially sighted staff. Following a retraining programme, after 32 years in banking, redundancy followed. He went straight into a job as fundraiser of a school for the visually impaired in Chingford.

Alan relates easily to people: sociable, gregarious, and easy to talk to. Even the most taciturn of locals, dubious at first of this 'London upstart', succumbed to his charm and gave up the secrets of their families and their land. He enjoys watching major sports events at the Strawberry Special, and participating in their quiz nights.

He is a 'birthright' Quaker, but supports the church 'for those for whom it means much', and as an important part of the life of the village. He is also a lover of Anglican choral music. I asked Alan about the Rowntree family and the Quakers. 'My grandfather traced us back a long way. There were four brothers and the eldest started the chocolate business. We are descendants of the youngest of these brothers. Many things appeal to me about the Quakers: the ability to be comfortable with silence, the stillness, the open-mindedness and the tolerance. Yet I find these qualities, too, in members of both churches. I feel very comfortable in these villages. There is a great cross-section of people here in Draycott, and people perhaps move around a bit more on foot than they otherwise would, because of the shop. I like being open to people, and with my personnel work I became used to being with anybody and everybody.'

'Am I lonely, living here alone? It's a good question. Alone isn't the same as lonely...but sometimes you see a robin, or you come back from an interesting evening or something happens – and you want to tell someone about it, so sometimes, yes.'

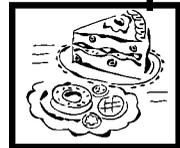
How would Alan like to see the future of our villages? His answer is unsurprising for a local historian who has become very fond of the past: 'I would love it all to be put back to how it once was.' He reflects for a moment and smiles: 'But then I wouldn't be here!'

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'April hath put a spirit of youth in everything'



April: a grand month for space tales.

On April 12, 1961, the Soviet Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. Son of a carpenter and milkmaid, Gagarin studied foundry work and tractors before volunteering to fly at an air cadet weekend. A decade later, he beat twenty others in selection, assessed as excelling in character, reactions, and practical math and navigation. At 5 foot 2, he was also a good fit for the capsule. With a cry of "Let's go!" he lifted into history, completing a single orbit; on the return leg he ejected at a height of seven kilometres, parachuting into a farmer's field and asking for a telephone.

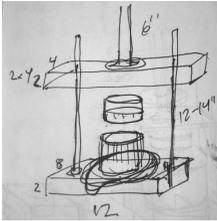
On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 lifted into the Florida sky. Fifty six hours into the flight, an exploding oxygen tank deprived Apollo 13 of critical oxygen and power. The result was a fraught but successful return to Earth for astronauts Fred Haise, Jim Lovell and Jack Swigert. Lovell later called it a successful failure, and the mission holds a unique record to this day: saving power and using the Moon's gravity to slingshot the craft back to Earth, Apollo 13 passed farther into space than planned, making it the furthest manned mission from Earth thus far, at 248,655 miles.

On April 12, 1981, the Space Shuttle Columbia lifted off, the first reusable space vehicle. Also the first space vehicle to have a manned test flight, vaulting Bob Crippen and John Young into orbit. The flight was Crippen's first. Trialling so many new systems made for a sharp learning curve: the noise from the main engines caused the tailfin to shake worryingly, and white paint splintered off the external fuel tank onto the orbiter's windows. For the rest of the Shuttle programme, the tank remained its unpainted orange. Struts, flaps, doors and landing gear were seriously damaged; Young later admitted that, had he known, he and Crippen would have ejected during launch, resulting in destruction of the entire vehicle. Not so great for TV.

Much better, we watched amazed as this otherworldly glider ghosted to a halt in the Mohave desert.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

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April 5 th	Jane Holmes	Fay Pitman
April 12 th	Honor Neave	Ann Percival
April 19 th	Vicky Andrews	Lesley Davey
April 26 th	Jane Holmes	Megan James
May 3 rd	Denny Johnson	Joan Salmon
May 10 th	Isabelle Sealey	Honor Neave
May 17 th	Ann Percival	Jane Holmes
May 24 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
May 31 st	Lesley Davey	Vicky Andrews
June 7 th	Joan Salmon	Isabelle Sealey
June 14 th	Fay Pitman	Ann Percival
June 21 st	Honor Neave	Lesley Davey
June 28 th	Vicky Andrews	Joan Salmon
July 5 th	Denny Johnson	Megan James
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Sept 6 th	Jane Holmes	Joan Salmon
Sept 13 th	Vicky Andrews	Megan James
Sept 20 th	Denny Johnson	Honor Neave
Sept 27 th	Isabelle Sealey	Fay Pitman



Rodney Stoke Church Hall is now available for hire

Thanks to a series of improvements funded by the PCC with help from the Heritage Lottery Fund and FOSL, the Church Hall is now 100% wheelchair friendly. It has a new access ramp, with safety railings, a widened hall doorway, a new outside light and a stair lift giving access to the upper floor. Enquiries about hiring the hall should be made to Len May on (01749) 870448.



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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Dreams



What dreams we have and how they fly
Like rosy clouds across the sky;
Of wealth, of fame, of sure success,
Of love that comes to cheer and bless;
And how they wither, how they fade,
The waning wealth, the jilting jade -
The fame that for a moment gleams,
Then flies forever, -dreams, ah -dreams!

O burning doubt and long regret
O tears with which our eyes are wet,
Heart-throbs, heart-aches, the glut of pain,
The somber cloud, the bitter rain,
You were not of those dreams - ah! well,
Your full fruition who can tell?
Wealth, fame, and love, ah! love that beams
Upon our souls, all dreams - ah! Dreams.

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)



Chocolate Tiffin Squares

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plus extra for
greasing
200g (7oz) plain
chocolate broken
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cherries,
chopped
2 tablespoons
desiccated coco-
nut**

1. Grease a 15x15cm (6inx6in) baking tin. Gently heat the butter, 150g (5oz) of the chocolate and the golden syrup in a saucepan until melted and smooth. Stir in the crushed biscuits, apricots, cherries, and coconut until evenly coated in the chocolate. Tip the mixture into the prepared tin and roughly spread level.
2. Melt the remaining chocolate in a microwaveable bowl in a microwave on Medium, checking every 30 seconds until melted and smooth. Drizzle over the biscuit mixture. Cover and chill in the freezer for 15 minutes until firm.
3. Cut into 8 squares and serve with coffee.

Sunday Services in April 2015

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
5th April Easter Sunday	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
12th April Easter 2	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	3pm Family Service
19th April Easter 3	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
26th April Easter 4	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins

Readings for Sunday Services in April 2015

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
5th April Easter Sunday	542	Isaiah 25:6-9	118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20: 1-18
12th April Easter 2	547	Acts 4:32-35	133	1 John 1: 1-22	John 20: 19-31
19th April Easter 3	551	Acts 3:12-19	4	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
26th April Easter 4	554	Acts 4:5-12	23	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10:11-18

Regular Weekly Events in April	
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 nd 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 10-12pm Open Office, Cheddar

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Diary April 2015

Wed 1	10am	BCP Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Lent Groups Plenary Session	Draycott
Thurs 2	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	6.30pm	Joint Passover Service	Cheddar
	8pm	Maundy Thursday Liturgy	Cheddar
Fri 3	10am	Good Friday reflections for all ages	Cheddar
	2pm	Words and Music for Good Friday	Cheddar
Sat 4	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake	Draycott
Tues 7	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mothers Union	Cheddar
Wed 8	11.30am	Mothers Union Communion	Cheddar
Sat 11	2pm	Wedding	Draycott
Tues 14	2pm	Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 15	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7pm	Deanery Synod	Highbridge
Thurs 16	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 18	2pm	Bishop of Taunton's Farewell Service	Wells
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
Tues 21	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 22	8pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Cheddar
Thurs 23	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Sat 25	2.30pm	Wedding	Rodney Stoke
Thurs 30	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge

Home Communion

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DRAYCOTT					
	5	12	19	26	May 3
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Intercessor	C Green	A Jeffries	R Dingley	T Oliver	R Dingley
Organist	B Rose	I Ames White	B Rose	D Cheetham	D Cheetham
Readers	J Jeffries	G Jeff	R Dingley	G Jeff	J Jeffries
	T Lumley	R Dingley	A Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley
	L Whittle		C Green	T Oliver	A Jeffries
Coffee	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	F Irving	C Jeff
Cleaning	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff			H Jeffries
Flowers	All Hands	Phoebe's	C Jeff	C Jeff	R Chard
	EASTER	Wedding			
RODNEY STOKE					
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Oranist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	A Newman	D Banks	I Turner	H Neave	A Percival
Reader 2	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey	A Newman	D Banks
Cleaning		S Kembrey		P Hills	
		J Symes		J Holmes	
Flowers A	EASTER	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Flowers P					

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