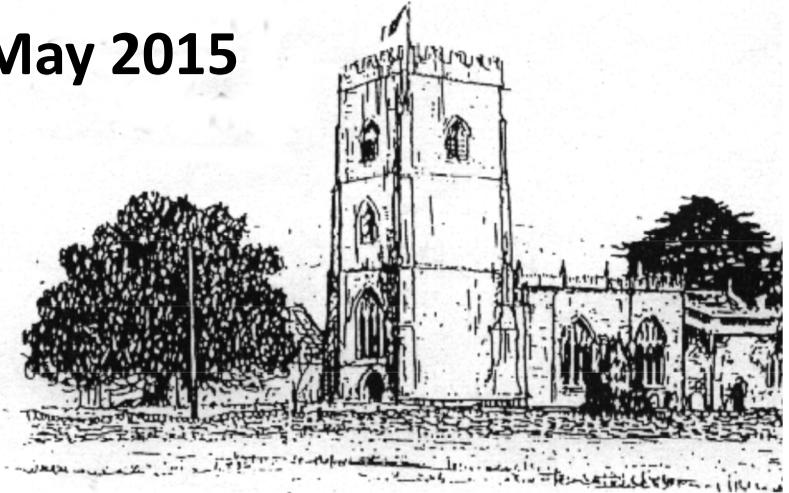


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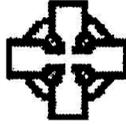
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DONATIONS!

Spring is a wonderful season of hope and renewal- just what we wish for those whom we see every week at our door. For some, their lives seem to be stuck in a rut of homelessness or insecure housing; many are struggling while their benefits are being sorted out; others are rebuilding their lives after a personal crisis. Whatever their situations, we feel deeply privileged to be in a position to meet them at their point of need and to help a little.

Your gifts of food are a vital part of this ministry- without our supporters we wouldn't be able to assist these people in the way that we do, and we acknowledge this with the deepest gratitude! Whatever you are able to provide is put to good use.

Recently we have been seeing increasing numbers of mothers coming to our door. Everyone receives practical support according to their needs, with a chance of a chat and a cuppa.

With our thanks and prayers

Sr. Annaliese, Sr. Rosina

The villages continue to support the CSC through food donations and cash gifts. Draycott PCC gave £350 from the harvest curry night last year. In March we took a large number of Easter eggs- some of them in hand-knitted cosys- to delight the children of St. Paul's. We also took several boxes of tins and other groceries, all in time for Easter.

Food collection for CSC continues throughout the year – in the churches, in the porches of Chris & Nikki (The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke) and Tricia Corrick (Sedany, The Street, Draycott)- or phone 01749 870554 to arrange a collection.

A Lay Worship Assistant's Reflection

May always feels good - it is the Easter Season with Christian Aid Week (10th-16th), Ascension Day (Thursday 14th), Whitsunday (24th) and Trinity (31st) still to come. Christian Aid Week always needs additional house-to-house collectors and the latter three are important, if not essential, occasions for us to gather for worship in our Churches.

However before these there is an election ! As I write politics dominates the media. Fed up we may be but following it is key as our faith cannot just be private it must involve us in the everyday world. Mother Teresa used to say and pray "Christ has no hands on earth but ours to do his will".

Our Bishops urge us to think carefully *and prayerfully* before voting. Their pastoral letter is a worthwhile read.¹ Called 'Who is my neighbour' it reminds us to be like the Good Samaritan - the outsider who did the loving thing - when voting and consider how everyone in our society can live "life to the full". They suggest we should have vision, vote and work for a 'community of communities' (a bit like life in our Benefice but for everyone) and not a 'society of strangers' where most feel alone and afraid. After all we are voting for 'our grandchildren's future'.

Party policies might be judged with the advice of Rev Harry Morton (ex the British Council of Churches) and vote "to do the least harm to the greatest number" with "a bias to the poor". Or we could follow the advice of the Bishop of Leicester at the re-burial of Richard III and vote "not for a ME society but for a WE society".

I wish you well for May 7th. It is not easy but be sure to vote - half the world does not have free and fair elections like ours! And when you vote, pray.... and think where would Jesus want me to use my hand to put his cross?

With every blessing for a joyful May and beyond.

Mike Brownbill

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



Living together beyond polling day

In my early twenties my Christian faith was shaped by a holy, wise and kindly vicar of my local church in central London. Week by week, I absorbed his engaging sermons and inspiring bible studies and looking back I'm so thankful for the seeds of faith sown in that particular lively Anglican Church. But I remember being disappointed when I asked him how a Christian should engage with politics. His measured reply: 'I don't bother much – General Elections only vote one lot of sinners out – and another lot of sinners in!'



Well, whatever 'lot of sinners', local or national, are in or out of office come the 8th May, I believe we have a duty and responsibility to support and pray for them while using our hard won democratic freedom to continue in dialogue about the issues we care about deeply. From education and health to opportunities for the young, the fragmentation of communities or the protection of those most vulnerable, the list goes on because we hold before us a vision of nothing less than the Kingdom of God. As someone has said simply, 'Politics is the art of living together. It's a moral enterprise'. So let's join in enthusiastically with this art of living together, making the intercessory prayer from *Common Worship* heartfelt: '*Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good.*'

We do so as we move through to Ascension Day on 14th May. The strange, dramatic story of Jesus' taken into heaven celebrates our crucified, risen and ascended Lord. Far from detaching himself from our flawed, sinful and suffering world, he wonderfully takes his humanity and our humanity into the very heart of the divine life. As Rowan Williams said: '...the humanity we all know to be stained, wounded, imprisoned in various ways; this humanity – yours and mine – is still capable of being embraced by God, shot through with God's glory, received and welcomed in the burning heart of reality itself.' Whatever challenges we face in our communities and nation, our prayer, concern and longing must always be to help make God's world one where the true value, worth and potential of every human being is welcomed, embraced and held dear.

Archdeacon Nicola

Draycott Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM was held on Sunday 12th April in St. Peter's Church, Draycott. Fourteen of us met, to consider 14 reports on subjects from Accounts to Worship - and to appoint those who will steer us in the year ahead. And we start this on our own - as Sue Rose, our rector, left in March so this year we met without benefit of clergy.

Reports can be viewed at www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk .

Reviewing the year, we realised we have had a lot of fun as well as doing worthwhile things. The Supporters of St. Peter's (SoSP) has organised some notable social events and fundraisers- a 70s disco night at the Strawberry Special, our ever-popular carols in the pub, and two curry nights, also taking place... in the pub (thank you, Mick and Lori). The coffee and cake social morning on the first Saturday of the month in church (between 10:30 and 12) has become a fixture, regularly attracting 30 to 40 people. Why not try it out?

On the more churchy side, we have continued our Second Sunday Service, an innovation that combines Morning Prayer with a round-table discussion over refreshments afterwards. We have also seen two baptisms, two weddings and three funerals in our church. And under their enthusiastic new head Mike Jory, we continue to welcome the school for regular assemblies as well as events such as harvest festival and the leavers' service.

On the financial side, we still pay our dues - bills, repairs and our 'Parish Share' to the diocese. Although we were £2,000 down on the year, our Share will be less next year- so our treasurer was not overly worried. And as a church we paid more than ever to charities.

Our challenge now is to attract a new rector, whilst continuing our regular activities unchecked. The churchwardens are in charge for the time being, and we have appointed the two who have already given us such good service for the last several years - David Cheetham and Thea Oliver. This time they are greatly helped by sharing many responsibilities with Cheddar as well as Rodney Stoke.

Chris Green - PCC Secretary

Rodney Stoke Church Hall available for hire

Thanks to a series of improvements, the Church Hall is now 100% accessible and wheelchair friendly. Enquiries about hiring the hall should be made to Len May on (01749) 870448.

Supporters of St Peter's Update

SoSP (Supporters of St Peter's) have had a very busy time : we had another successful Curry Night: thanks to Mick & Lori at the Strawberry Special for magnificent curries & to everyone who made delicious puds , and everyone who bought tickets & the raffle in total we raised £511 for St Peter's fabric fund.



Then we had our monthly coffee & cake followed by a Lent Soup Lunch, again an amazing array of cakes & variety of delicious soups! The £171.60 proceeds have been sent to Christian Aid.



This was followed by a pub quiz at the Strawberry Special with Lori Toms as quiz-mistress & raised a further £26 for the fabric fund.

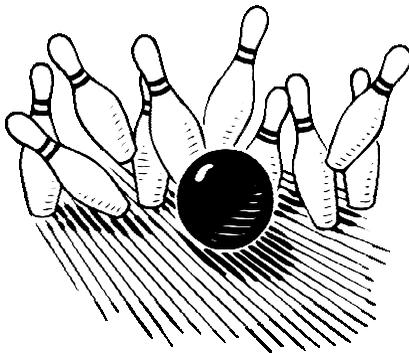
So many people have commented over the years on the deliciousness of the soups and cakes that we are planning to put together a Soup & Cake Recipe book, so if you can bear to share please let us know your secret recipes for inclusion in the book and help us continue to raise much needed funds by enlivening our diets! Please contact any of the SoSP team with your recipes.

The Holy Rollers strike again again.....

The Holy Rollers are rolling again this Summer at the Strawberry Special.

The dates & times of our matches will be available soon, please let Thea (01934 744739) know if you'd like to join us!!

Supporters always welcome!!



New Choir at St Peter's

St Andrew's and St Leonard's have their established church choirs. So, not to be outdone, St Peter's is also starting a choir. Practices are at 7.45pm on Tuesdays at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

If you think you might like to join the new choir, or just join in the practices, there is no audition but please let David Cheetham know (01934 740255).

Men and women are equally welcome.



Lovely Music - Great Talent!

Now's the time to put **Saturday, 27th June at 7.00 pm** in your diary, for a special Petertide concert in Draycott church to be given by two outstanding young musicians - HELENA PAISH, the current BBC Young Chorister of the Year, and the young virtuoso 'cellist WILLARD CARTER - both age 13.

A unique opportunity to hear these talented youngsters together in a wide variety of music - from sacred to secular, ranging from Bach to George Gershwin !

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Please tell your friends, and DON'T MISS IT - more details in next month's magazine.



Music Matters but so do the words!



We take English for granted, though the way we pronounce some words can seem totally illogical to others.

When I give my seminars on choir training and singing in general, I use this sentence:

A baker was busy *kneading dough*. He had *a cough*, and because he was feeling *rough*, and *needing* a rest, he went outside and sat under a *ough* of a tree...

Why the differences in pronunciation ? You and I know how to say those words ending in *gh*, but just think how confusing they must be to someone who is just beginning to learn our language !

Hymns are all about words. The music is tacked on so that we have something to which to sing them. So how much do YOU think about the meaning of the words of hymns as you sing them ?

Are you one of those who wants **your** soul to be praised, rather than praising the *King of Heaven* ? It took me too many years to realise and think about the real meaning of the first line of the famous hymn - which is really saying, *My soul, Praise the King of Heaven*.

When I was at school we'd regularly race through hymns in assembly without giving a second thought to the words. I was one of those who would sing:

Room to deny ourselves a road (big breath)

to bring us daily nearer God,

instead of

Room to deny ourselves, (breath)

A road to bring us daily nearer God.

Commas are a vital part of the singer's armoury, and too many of my cathedral organist colleagues tend to ignore them. Who knows what was in William Chalmers Smith's mind when he wrote this in *Immortal, Invisible*:

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

Did he intend a comma, or not, after *above* ? What do you think ?

Next month - some hilarious misprints.

(Readers may like to know that Easter Sunday's Service paper at Exeter Cathedral carried this acclamation - *Alleluia* - **Chris** is risen!)

Barry Rose

War tears lives apart.....

**.....but love can help piece them
back together**



For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week. This Christian Aid Week (10–16 May 2015) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace. Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear. Could you provide the gift of hope?

- £15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.
- £40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.
- £150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.

General Election Hustings - 12 April 2015



Hustings, organised by the Benefice at Church House, Cheddar on 12 April attracted around 60 people to hear five General Election candidates for Wells constituency - Jon Cousins (Green), James Heappey (Conservative), Helen Hims (UKIP), Chris Inchley (Labour) and Tessa Munt (Liberal Democrat).

Chairman Alan Rayfield introduced the candidates asking them to speak for five minutes each. All emphasised their local credentials, outlined their backgrounds and the local matters that concerned them. Everyone mentioned the NHS, environment, economy and problems specific to rural areas.

Over forty questions had been submitted but a representative selection from five categories took up all the available time: the meeting could easily have continued for another hour!

The first concerned the “me” society, which favours ‘self-fulfilment’ over ‘social responsibility’. Answers went predictably with party loyalties, although all candidates agreed that a moral dimension was needed.

The question on the NHS – “that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 was a terrible mistake”- brought an interesting level of agreement between all candidates, the consensus being that there should be no further political interference with the NHS.

The third question, concerned same sex marriage: on a show of hands all candidates were in favour, except Helen Hims. Tessa Munt stressed that all should be equal under the law. James Heappey’s proviso was that he supported the law of the land but saw the argument from a religious perspective.

Fourthly, the candidates were asked about Britain’s defence capability in today’s world. Here opinions differed most of all: all candidates wanted to support our service personnel while Tessa Munt would reduce our Trident capability and Jon Cousins would renounce nuclear weapons altogether.

Finally, a question on air pollution led to a discussion on energy: Jon Cousins wanted renewables only, but not nuclear, mentioning particularly Severn tidal lagoons; James Heappey wanted to explore wave, tidal, nuclear and solar energy but not wind; Tessa Munt echoed Jon Cousins and Chris Inchley was for nuclear, renewables, but not fracking while Helen Hims emphasised improving conventional forms of energy.

It was a well-mannered occasion. All candidates were earnest and polite!

With thanks to our correspondents

Gordon Jeff *Parish Portrait No. 19*

How many of us, I speculated, had a father who might construct a chemistry lab for us in the cellar, just in case we'd be interested in becoming a scientist; or a model railway with us in the attic, just for the hell of it? Gordon describes his clergyman father as a brilliant man, and his own childhood as incredibly happy. I was an only child, but I wasn't bullied, avoided team sports like the plague, was fortunate with friendships, and managed very well with my love of music and my tennis. (He was a chorister at St Paul's, Heaton Moor, Stockport, a musical landmark at the time.) I was later conscripted to assist with playing the organ, having had organ lessons at school.

Gordon came under the influence of an inspiring English teacher at Stockport Grammar School. He gained an Exhibition to read English at Selwyn, Cambridge, but turned it down in favour of an Open Scholarship to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he became Chair of the Music Society. Before that there was a spell of National Service in Japan. He calls the years from 14 to 24 his 'happy Pagan years'. I didn't attend chapel or church at university. After university I became an administrator at Kings College Hospital, in London, and (now 24) I



began to attend St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and All Saints' Margaret Street, loving the music at each of them. I like to think that it was a performance of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in F Major in the Abbey which led to a kind of conversion experience: a conversion into the reality of God.

Never being one for dogmatism (or religiosity) I struggled, as indeed I believe one should, with the person of Christ. Early Christianity was not about everyone believing the same thing. Before the development of the Creeds ('this is what you must believe') faith was incredibly varied. My understanding of Jesus is as the one who pointed to self-giving love as the path to fuller life for oneself and others. This, to me, is what crucifixion and resurrection symbolize.

Gordon made his way, eventually, to theological college. He came across a book called 'Into God', about the path of contemplative prayer. This opened new doors and led him, later on, to offer retreats for the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. His long-time interest in psychology led him to become a marriage counsellor, and then to undertake group counselling, working with

doctors and social workers. Many clergy wanted to talk, and since then Gordon has offered spiritual companionship to those who seek it.

I ask Gordon, who has just celebrated his 83rd birthday, what retirement has meant for him. Well, I continue to do quite a lot. I am a consultant on spiritual companionship, having done work on this and on Myers Briggs Personality Type with 26 English dioceses and in Australia and in the States. It's all about enabling people to 'exercise their gifts and graces in the church at large'.

Are you going to write a book, perhaps? I ask innocently. Well, actually I have written two. 'Spiritual Direction for Every Christian' went through many reprints and a second edition, and became a religious best seller. 'Am I still a Christian?' was a bit before its time, but might well have been a hit today! This leads me to ask what he thinks is the most difficult aspect of faith for people nowadays, and Gordon frames the answer like this: 'How does one understand a God of billions of galaxies?'

I ask him: What does the Church get right? Well, I think our new archbishop is getting something right: there is a need to get involved in the political things of life. The Jewish thinkers of the Bible could not have imagined faith and politics as two separate things.

What makes me happiest? Well, trite as it may sound, to sit here where we are now, looking out onto the garden where everything is peaceful and quiet...and growing. At my time of life things have calmed down: there is quite a lot of resolution. At the end of the day I know that I don't know anything, and that it's all right not to know anything. It's sometimes called the way: it means that God is too great to be put into words. MLT



A big 'Thank You' to all the Bakers who baked for the Bucklegrave Easter Day Cake Stall.

Your baking raised £172 for the Rodney Stoke PCC – that's a really great result again!

Our thanks to Sue, Dave and family at Bucklegrave for supporting this event.

Tricia's Pantry

'Envy is the basis of Democracy'



Psephology is the study of statistics relating to elections.

In tenth century India, voters cast their ballots by writing names on palm leaves and putting them into a counting pot.

Voting rights of African Americans were not finally secured until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In the United States, members of the House of Representatives run for election every two years.

UK political parties spent 31.1 million pounds during the 2010 election. Seven billion dollars was spent by American political parties during the 2012 presidential election.

The process of interfering with an election with a view to increase the success of one candidate over another is called gerrymandering. The word combines the surname of a nineteenth century Massachusetts governor slammed for redistricting, and the resemblance of the resulting constituency to a salamander.

Disapproving of a legislature as a whole, while approving of one's own candidate, is known as Fenno's Paradox.

A mathematical formula for predicting voter turnout is $(PB+D)>C$, where P is the probability of a vote affecting the outcome, B is the perceived benefit of having a favoured party elected, D is personal gratification derived from voting, and C is the time, effort and cost involved in voting.

Otto von Bismarck once quipped: "People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war or before an election."

In 1981, Bosco Ramos, a black Labrador and Rottweiler mix, was elected mayor of Sunol, California.

Stubbs, a 17 year old cat, is the honorary mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska. Appointed after a write in campaign, he has over 33,000 Facebook followers, and supporters noted he has never raised taxes or broken promises.

In Nevada, an election tie is decided by drawing lots. Sanctioned methods include cutting cards, drawing straws, flipping a coin, or throwing dice.

The most marginal UK seat is Hampstead and Kilburn, held by 42 votes. The most secure is Liverpool Walton, where the incumbent party polls more than 70% of votes.

The 2015 election broadcast will be David Dimbleby's last. He anchored his first in 1974.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Next First Saturday at St Peter's is 2 May

Our monthly first Saturday coffee and cake mornings have proved to be very successful. During the past year we have discovered all sorts of talents; one being those who can knit.



This year people from our community kindly knitted Easter Chicks, which we filled with eggs for the sisters in Bristol to give out. This was much appreciated.

We would like to extend our support for others by knitting Twiddlemuffs for those suffering from Dementia at North Bristol NHS Trust. If you would like to use your knitting and sewing skills to help us support this good cause why not come to our coffee and cake morning on the first Saturday of each month to find out more: contact Karen on 01749 870067 or Janette on 01934 744945.

Coffee and Cake Saturdays are not just about knitting, rather they are a way of meeting friends old and new. These mornings are an opportunity for anyone from Draycott, Rodney Stoke and further afield to meet, chat, share ideas, play a game, or just have some quiet time, whilst enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and delicious cakes, so please join us on the first Saturday of each month in St Peter's Church between 10.30 & 12noon.

Karen Percival

But what exactly are Twiddlemuffs?

Twiddlemuffs are knitted hand muffs with interesting bits and bobs attached inside and out. They are designed to provide simple stimulation for active hands, while promoting increased flexibility and brain stimulation. Many patients with dementia find Twiddlemuffs reassuring and comforting; something to sooth restless hands and minimise agitation. Female patients prefer pastels; males prefer strong contrasting colours. Knitters can easily make Twiddlemuffs; the pattern is very simple.



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Ascension Day Morning Service

Rodney Stoke

7.00 am Thursday 14 May

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The Germans have one word for it of course — Himmelfahrtstag — but in plain English, if the weather is kind, it is simply breathtaking.

Friend's of St Leonard's Village Country Dancing

Sunday 24 May

Brangay Farm

Starting at 2.30pm

Everyone welcome



Honk the Donkey braves the rain

It was a wet Palm Sunday as Honk, and a few other stalwarts, braved the rain for the quarter mile walk from Edcombe Farm to St Leonards. The Dean, the choirs and most of the congregation stayed inside in the dry so it was more a stroll than a procession but Honk carried on regardless.



Friends of St Leonard's Marquee

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

A Maypole

Deprived of root, and branch and rind,
Yet flowers I bear of every kind:
And such is my prolific power,
They bloom in less than half an hour;
Yet standers-by may plainly see
They get no nourishment from me.
My head with giddiness goes round,
And yet I firmly stand my ground:
All over naked I am seen,
And painted like an Indian queen.
No couple-beggar in the land
E'er joined such numbers hand in hand.
I joined them fairly with a ring;
Nor can our parson blame the thing.
And though no marriage words are spoke,
They part not till the ring is broke;
Yet hypocrite fanatics cry,
I'm but an idol raised on high;
And once a weaver in our town,
A damned Cromwellian, knocked me down.
I lay a prisoner twenty years,
And then the jovial cavaliers
To their old post restored all three -
I mean the church, the king, and me. *Jonathan Swift*



Chunky Salmon and Potato Bake



2 tbsp olive oil
350g/12oz new potatoes haved or quartered if large
1 small red onion cut into wedges
½ red pepper, seeded & cut into chunks
2 tomatoes quartered
2 salmon steaks
Lemon wedges to squeeze
Salt & fresh ground pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/ gas mark 6. Heat the oil in a roasting tin fore about 3 minutes, add the potatoes, toss in the hot oil & roast for 30 minutes.
2. Add the onion, peppers and tomatoes and toss in the oil.
3. Arrange the salmon steaks on top. Season with salt and pepper. Roast for 15 minutes until the vegetables are tender & the fish is cooked.
4. Squeeze the lemon wedges over the top & serve immediately.

Sunday Services in May 2015

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
3rd May Easter 5	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
10th May Easter 6	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
17th May After Ascension	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
24th May Pentecost	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
31st May Trinity	10am Joint Communion, Draycott		

Readings for Sunday Services in May 2015 (Year B-St Mark)

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3rd May Easter 5	557	Acts 8:26-40	22: 25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
10th May Easter 6	561	Acts 10:44-48	98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
17th May After Ascension	564	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
24th May Pentecost	567	Acts 2:1-21	104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
31st May Trinity	573	Isaiah 6:1-8	29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

Regular Weekly Events in May

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

Are you free Tuesday morning 1000 -1130?

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Diary May 2015

Sat 2	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake Morning	Draycott
Tues 5	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mother's Union	Cheddar
Wed 6	12 noon	LMG Planning	Cheddar
Thur 7	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn
Sat 9	2pm	Wedding	Draycott
Tues 12	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 13	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Organ Recital	Cheddar
Thur 14	7am	Ascension Day Service atop St Leonard's Tower	Rodney Stoke
	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	6.30pm	Ascension Day Picnic and Service	Wedmore
Sat 16	2.30PM	Messy Church	Cheddar
Mon 18	2.30pm	Messy Church Planning	Cheddar
Tue 19	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 20	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 21	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 23	10 to 1	Tower Open Day	Cheddar
Wed 27	8pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Cheddar
Thur 28	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
Sat 30	12noon	Wedding	Cheddar

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 us know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate this aspect of the Church's care. Contact the Parish Office on 01934



	May 2015 Rotas				
DRAYCOTT					
	3	10	17	24	31
					<i>10.00 am</i>
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	J Jeffries	A Jeffries	C Jeff
Intercessor	R Dingley	A Jeffries	T Oliver	C Green	R Dingley
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames White	D Cheetham	B Rose	B Rose
Readers	J Jeffries	M Heckbert	T Lumley	R Dingley	G Jeff
	T Lumley	R Dingley	C Green	A Jeffries	T Oliver
	A Jeffries		T Oliver	C Green	L Whittle
Coffee	J Jeffries	T Lumley	F Irving	T Heckbert	A Jeffries
Cleaning	J Jeffries	C Jeff G Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	
Flowers	R Chard	R Chard	E Rose	E Rose	N Willis
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	D Banks	C Kembrey	A Newman	C Neave	<i>JOINT</i>
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	
Reader 1	A Percival	S Percival	C Kembrey	A Newman	<i>SERVICE</i>
Reader 2	D Banks	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	<i>DRAYCOTT</i>
Cleaning		J Newman D Johnson		A Percival	
Flowers A	D Johnson	I Sealey	A Percival	D Johnson	L Davey
Flowers P	J Salmon	H Neave	J Holmes	M James	V Andrews

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

Archie Burstow

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

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