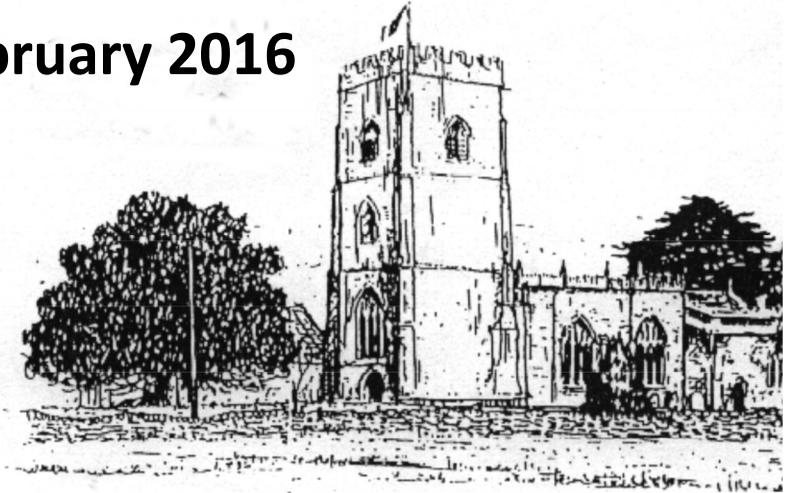


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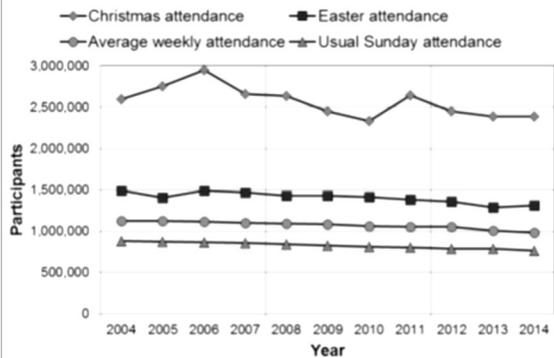
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‘Lies, damned lies and statistics’*

‘Just before Christmas the Church of England published its latest attendance statistics. Judging by the chorus from the popular press they present a picture of continuing, terminal decline. The headline figures show that just under one million people attend the Church’s Sunday services each week - 830,000 adults and 150,000 children. As a whole this confirms a continuing downward trend with a 12% decrease over the past decade. Digging a little deeper than the average tabloid, a different picture emerges.



The data show that 2.4 million attended a Church of England Church over Christmas 2014 and 1.3 million a service at Easter. Additionally, 2.2 million people attended special Advent services for the congregation and local community while 2.6 million attended them in civic and school settings.

The data also highlight the other work of the Church of England. Every week of the year it carries out around 1,000 weddings, 2,000 baptisms, and 3,000 funerals. Some 12% of births are marked by a Church of England infant baptism or thanksgiving service and 31% of deaths by a Church of England funeral.

Statistics never tell the whole story. Churches do many things that are not captured by attendance data alone. They include running homelessness services, hosting foodbanks, educating a million children a day in as well as providing welcome and accompaniment to the least, the last and the lost in our society.

Of course the Church of England, like the rest of us, needs to embrace change. It has to adapt to the growth of knowledge and the realities of our modern world including the emergence of the 24/7/52 society. It is not just about the statistics of attendance.

Rob Walker

**The phrase refers to the use of statistics to bolster weak arguments and cast doubt on opposing views – techniques beloved of many a politician. Mark Twain, perhaps acting in revenge, quoted the British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli as saying ‘There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics’ but there is no other evidence that he ever said it. Perhaps he wished he had!*

A view from the pew

A belated Happy New Year to everyone, and the beginning of a new era for our Benefice with the arrival of our newly appointed Rector, the Reverend Stuart Burns.

Stuart has been Rector of the Benefice of Down St Margaret with Hollymount in the Diocese of Down and Dromore, in the Church of Ireland, for the past seven years, having been originally ordained in South Africa. In addition he spent six years as a team vicar responsible for three parishes in the Diocese of Salisbury and so is equally familiar with the distinctive ways of the Church of England.



The decision to appoint Stuart was unanimous, based on a common feeling that he has a clear commitment to preaching the Gospel and sharing God's love, not only with our existing congregations, but also with the wider community, of all ages.

This has been a lengthy process, but only because the Parish representatives wanted to be sure that they commended the right person. However there have been hidden benefits during this period, not least helping to bring the three parishes closer together. Thanks are due especially to the Benefice Ministry team, who have ensured that our worship has continued seamlessly from week to week, and the many others who have worked hard to keep everything moving smoothly forward.

Stuart's licensing service will be conducted by Bishop Ruth and Archdeacon Nicola on Saturday 7 May, at 5pm, followed by refreshments in Cheddar Village Hall (Church House). We eagerly look forward to welcoming Stuart, and his wife, Lorna, who is an Early Years head teacher and will follow him here at the end of the school year. They have two sons, Joshua and Matthew, who are both currently at university.

I know that Stuart is excited about coming to be Rector of our Benefice, and I am sure that he and his family will receive a very warm welcome from everyone. Please hold Stuart in your prayers, as he prepares to begin a new ministry among us. We wish him God's blessing for a long and successful future in his new role.

Jim Reeve

Letter from the Bishop

Did you know that 2016 is designated as the Year of the Monkey in the Chinese calendar? And the UN calls it the Year of Pulses – not the one that beats blood around our bodies but rather “nutritious seeds for a sustainable future”. (Last year was the Year of Soil!)



I wonder what you will make of this New Year. How would you like to recognise it? The year in which you achieve a promotion at work? Gain qualifications at school? Have a year free from pain or ill health? Mend a relationship? How about seeing this year as one when you can pass on the good news of the love of Jesus to someone you know?

Did you know that on average the decline in numbers in church attendance across the Church of England amounts to about 1 person per congregation per year? Just imagine what could happen if you introduced one new person to church this year. And if each of your fellow church members did so too then we would see an amazing reverse of the trend!

But frankly it's not about reversing the decline in our church numbers is it. Much more important is that there are people around us who are missing out on knowing that God loves them. And we can do something about that through our prayers, our care and our words.

So who might you pray for this year? Is there a neighbour, family member, work colleague or a friend who could really do with God's blessing this year? And as you pray, listen out for what God might say to you about being the answer to that prayer. Perhaps you could be the one who shows them they matter to someone.

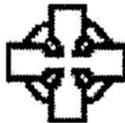
And how about your church community? What might you do together to send a message of love to your parish, the people you live among and serve? And in so doing think about how you might tell them that your act of kindness and care comes with the love of God attached!

With love and prayers for you all this New Year!

+Ruth Taunton

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Christmas 2015

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Thank you very much indeed for your wonderful and generous deliveries for our Christmas food parcels. We cannot tell you how much the bags we give are needed and appreciated, most especially at Christmas.

It is a great joy to us that due to your generosity we are able to pass on- not just the basic foods as we do throughout the year, but also the festive items and gifts which mean such a great deal to those who have very little. For many, Christmas is a particularly difficult time, so our bags take on a special significance and everything you send is a sign to our callers that they are not forgotten.

With our love and blessings

Sister Annaliese, Sister Rosina (Sister Sue is off sick at present)

On my visit to 82 Ashley Road in December I took a car-full of Christmas treats and the usual cans and packets of food- and individual cash donations that added up to over £100. It really is most heart-warming and humbling to see the piles of articles that are being readied for the Christmas season, and to meet some of the volunteers. 'Loaves and Fishes' is not so much a project, more a living parable.

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.

Chris Green

Lent Groups

The message of Christmas has been given and now Lent is with us early this year. Discussion and Prayer Groups start week beginning Monday 15 February for 6 weeks and end with the Plenary Session (Get Together) on the evening of Wednesday 23 March at St Peter's, Draycott.

Information sheets for the various groups have been placed in St Leonard's and St Peter's. For further information please contact Marie Pearson on 01934 742091 or at pearsonm7014@gmail.com.

The study book this year is "Lent for Everyone, Luke: Year C" by Tom Wright. (£4). Those not able to attend a group may pick up a copy from me as I have a stock. Copies will also be available at various church services. *Marie Pearson*

Ash Wednesday Communion

Wednesday 10 February 2016

There will be Holy Communion Services with Ashing at

11.30am St Andrew's Church, Cheddar

7.30 pm St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke

'Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on foreheads as a sign of penitence and humility, with the spoken reminder 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return'. The use of ashes and rough sackcloth to indicate mourning, deep repentance or humility goes back over 3,000 years and intersects many cultures. The ashes are a grimy reminder that we are created from, live and die as humble, earthly stuff.'

St Leonard's Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting

7pm Thursday 14 April 2016 Rodney Stoke Church Hall

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As a new initiative, the DBE is looking to develop a 'pool' of volunteers who would be willing to serve as foundation governors to fill existing and future vacancies. In order to do this, we are working with SGOSS (School Governor One Stop Shop), a government funded, not-for-profit organisation who help recruit governors to schools across the country. Look out for the advertising campaign that will be coming to your parish soon!

For more about governance in Church of England schools, visit the Bath and Wells website at www.bathandwells.org.uk and click on the 'Supporting Children and Young People' tab, then on 'School Governance'.

If you think that school governance isn't for you, or that you can't commit the time, then how about volunteering as an Admissions Appeals Panel Member?

Sometimes, parents are unsuccessful in securing their preferred school place for their child and on the occasions that this happens, they have a right to appeal the decision. Independent panels are set up to hear the appeal and if it is a church school, then the panel needs to have a church representative on it. Full training is provided by the Diocese's Admissions Consultant.

For further information, please contact the Education Department at education@bathwells.anglican.org . We look forward to hearing from you!

Tricia's Pantry

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."

February's a hopeful month - by then six weeks of winter have already gone, and the morning commute rolls under increasing glimmers of sun. Spring is on the way.



There wasn't always a February, to Romans at least. Their ten month calendar, concerned with when to sow and reap in Europe, began with the spring equinox and ended in December. The winter had no distinctive months. This changed as Romans attempted accurate representation of the lunar - and later, the solar - year. Two months of 28 days were created, although this was thought unlucky, so days were added to what would become January.

The Romans called the second month Februarius, referring to a time of purification before spring. For Saxons, it was sol monath - cake month - as cakes were given to the gods, or sprout kale, as cabbages and kale would sprout. Among the most beautiful? The Finnish helmikuu, or "month of the pearl," so called as droplets of melt water accumulate on the ends of tree branches, resembling pearls on refreezing.

It's unclear why the second month of the year got short shrift in terms of days, but it also creates some special attributes. February can pass without a full moon - this will happen in 2018 - and the month also expands with leap years; then, as now, we still grapple with keeping time.

Cold February is packed with hopeful expectations on rebirth and love. The Celts regarded it as the beginning of spring; for North Americans, it's all about Groundhog Day, on which if the emergent groundhog sees his shadow, six more weeks of winter ensue, or an earlier spring if he doesn't. The occasion arose from similar European observances. A similar European expression "when the cat lies in the sun in February, it creeps behind the stove in March" captures the theme.

And there's love in the air, Valentine's following a Roman superstition regarding the day on which birds choose mates for the spring. If a lady saw a robin flying on that day, she would marry a sailor; if a sparrow, a poor man who would make her happy; if a goldfinch, a rich man.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Romance on Stoke Street?

Monday night was blessed with a clear night, fullish moon and stars. Our carollers responded with good heart and voice. For a while we followed the 'westward leading' mysterious star house by house. There was extra significance about our journey this year accompanied as we were by little Arthur in his push chair nobly pushed along the Wells/Stoke Road by Rachel. Not a sound did he make but wide awake and smiling was he. Our thanks to Ron and Fay for welcome hot mulled wine and to one and all for a rousing rendition of 'Joy to the World'.



On we sang up magical Scaddens Lane with its mysterious darkened hedge rows, looming ash trees and lurking ditches but cheerful portals. Arriving at the night world of Stoke Wood we took our rest. Honor and Chris gave great welcome. We supped, munched, chatted and counted our takings with due probity.

Tuesday night saw some rain but a great turnout. Mounting our chariot at RSI Rob and Arthur's trailer was bursting at its seams with a cheerful band. Following Butts, Brangay, and down past St. Leonard's we trilled happily from the trailer in fine voice. Down Barrows Wood to Lower Stoke Farm and on to Honeyhurst where excellent cooking smells reminded us of life going on behind the facades. By now the rain had joined us and certain unmentionable parts of the body were letting us know. We apologise to some houses we missed due to the weather. On up Millway and still mounted we sang out with loud acclaim.

On foot we trudged the final stretch of Stoke Street until at last we gathered at the doorway of Hollybrook Farmhouse to shed clothes and boots in the hallway and sink gratefully into the warmth and comfort of the living room. This room has witnessed the romance of carol singing by Rodney Stokers for decades. Sadly, this year there was no Claud but his memory lives on and he would have loved the occasion. Jane and Amanda revived us with mulled wine and nibbles. We all hushed to sing some Hollybrook favourites, See amid the winter's snow, In the bleak mid-winter, O little town of Bethlehem. This year Felicity had brought the twins Alice and Laura who with Isabelle and Madeline sang Away in a Manger and Silent Night with the rest of we carollers joining in softly after the first verses. This room had the mystery of real Christmas.

Thanks to generous villagers, £235 was raised and this will be divided between Children's Hospice South-West and D&RS First School. *Steve Percival*

Music Matters

The year moves on



As you read this, we shall just be putting away Christmas for another year. We shall take down the much-admired coloured lights along the church path in Draycott and put the nativity figures back in their boxes.

In the supermarkets, the Christmas season begins on 1 Nov (as soon as they've packed up any unsold Hallowe'en masks) and ends on 24 Dec when they sell the last cracker. In the church, Christmas begins on the night of 24 Dec and lasts until Candlemas, 40 days later.

This year, we shall be celebrating Candlemas with a united benefice service in Rodney Stoke at 10.00 on Sunday 31 Jan. The joint choirs will be welcoming Jesus, the "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning", in a lovely anthem written by Malcolm Archer, who used to be Director of Music at Wells Cathedral and now works in Winchester.

Because Easter falls so early this year, on 27 Mar, there will be very little gap between Candlemas and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Flowers will disappear from our churches and the music will be sombre, but wonderful, starting in Draycott with the poignant anthem "Turn Thy Face from my Sins", written by Thomas Attwood, who was a favourite pupil of Mozart in Vienna.

I can't finish this article without thanking everyone involved in the Carol Services in our churches. The Rodney Stoke service on Christmas Eve was packed, as always, including lots of children and music old and new, and helped by the new audio system, which makes it much easier for people at the back of the church to hear the service. We won't quickly forget "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year".

Draycott's service on 27 Dec was also nicely full, and the augmented choir sang beautifully. But the most memorable parts were Nettie Wills making us all sit up with her humorous (but thought-provoking and bang-up-to-date) performance of "No Room" and then single-handedly saving the church from certain destruction when one of the altar candles turned itself into a Roman Candle and threatened to set fire to the whole building.

David Cheetham

Judy Pearce *Parish Portrait No. 26*

An interest has to be declared in this portrait. Judy produces wonderful lamb, pork and beef and there is a fair bit of it in my freezer!

Judy came to Rodney Stoke 28 years ago. Born in Failand, near Bristol, she and her husband Maurice (a childhood acquaintance who came from Barrow Gurney) wanted to live in the country and sought an affordable “garden with a house”

After qualifying as a Dietician in Leeds, Judy worked for 10 years at the Children’s Hospital in Manchester (although she chose to live in rural Derbyshire). She loved her job working with sick children but could not believe how unlucky some families could be. She wanted to be at home for her own children, but thinks that inside she always wanted to farm.



With a very enthusiastic gardener for a father Judy thinks some of his skills and love of growing things rubbed off. Her mother came from a farming family but discouraged anyone from taking it up as she said there was no money in farming. Her upbringing was in a rural environment and that is where she feels she belongs.

A commitment to good food which has its roots in her career as a nutritionist has driven Judy to develop her business growing organic vegetables, keeping organic chickens and rearing animals where welfare is the priority. Food, where possible should be produced and consumed locally.

After a time running the Draycott playgroup, she helped out with lambing at Scadens Farm and then acquired 3 “suck lambs” and 3 ewes a few years later. Pigs followed, but she felt she would love a cow. By that time she was working in cooperation with a local farmer producing vegetables and he said “why not get one?” Daisy, who came as a calf and was looked after as almost just another family member, breeds calves which are suitable for beef. She provides Judy with milk, some of which she makes into butter with the skimmed milk fed to the pigs; self-sufficiency being Judy’s philosophy in her food production.

Judy’s vegetable business is a Community Supportive Agriculture scheme. The customers buy shares and get a share of the vegetables each week; they have to take the rough with the smooth; when the supplies are plentiful they share the

surplus but at other times there is less. The end of April/May is a “hungry gap”. In a scheme of this sort the shareholders can actually be involved in the practical aspects, but this is more likely in an urban area and does not happen here.

Judy does most of the work herself. She has some limited help from a friend who provides cover when she goes away; the work is 24/7 but she has managed to have some time away each year. She enjoys the flexibility of being self-employed but animals need attention twice a day every day.

Judy’s family reflects her values. Husband Maurice was brought up on a farm and can turn his hand to help. Nick is a raft guide and kayak instructor in Norway. Clare, a zookeeper is soon to be married and wants to have a home in a village where she can replicate her childhood way of life. Jenny, the youngest has worked in Canada in outdoor pursuits; she is a vegetarian who did not like eating the animals who had grown up with them. Judy accepts that the animals going for meat is part of the cycle but is sad to see cows that she has reared for 2 ½ years go to the abattoir.

The current pace of the business suits Judy, although there is always room for another customer. She has to run it in a professional way and has annual Soil Association inspections for which records must be kept. She does not advertise a great deal and relies mainly on word of mouth.

Judy is passionate about her work; she has great affection for her cow Daisy now 13 years old. In spite of the heavy demands she finds time to be a bell ringer and be involved with the Friends of St Leonard’s. The bell ringing came about after she expressed disappointment that the bells were not rung on New Year’s Eve and she was invited to join the team to put that right. Judy rather played down the work involved for the Friends but she is usually there at the heart of their events whether it is a Wassailing evening, a Halloween party or Carol Singing! SMW

An evening with the Rodney’s

desperados, rakes and freebooters of a bygone age

St Leonard’s is home to the family monuments of the Rodney’s, a clan whose exploits make BBC TV’s ‘Wolf Hall’ look like a rather tame vicarage tea party. Come and find out more!

7pm Saturday 19 March St Leonard’s Church Rodney Stoke

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Supper in Rodney Stoke Village Hall afterwards included

Supporters of St Peter's 2016 Programme

We have yet another full calendar of events lined up for this year, here is a taster of things to come dates will be confirmed nearer the time so please lookout for posters and this Magazine for more information.

As always we will be hosting our monthly Coffee and Cake morning on the first Saturday of each month, where we enjoy welcoming old friends and new, villagers from near and far and visitors to our lovely area.

12th February- Curry Night – Strawberry Special

5th March - Lent Soup Lunch –St Peters Church

April -Jumble Sale TBC

7th May – Cake Stall – St Peters Church

June - Stall at the Strawberry Fair TBC

July – Walking Treasure Hunt TBC

August – Summer Skittles TBC

September – watch this space..

1st October - Michaelmas Fayre – St Peters Church

Curry Night TBC

November- Stall at Rodney Stoke Christmas Fayre TBC

December – Soup Lunch - Carols at various venues TBC

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St George's Day Supper

Saturday 23 April

A date for your diary & watch this space!



Rodney Stoke Christmas Tree 2015

As our leader sunned himself on the other side of the world so we deputies erected another fine tree courtesy of an anonymous donor (though we all know whom and are very grateful). Duly decorated on a rare starlit evening a great throng had a merry time singing carols round the tree fully decorated and lit up. We all repaired to Yew Tree Farm by kind invitation of Sue and Paul for more excellent hot mulled wine and extensive eats. Much convivial conversation and imbibing of refreshments sent us all out into the night air in good spirits one with another. Our special thanks to Paul who went out to the tree daily at dusk with a rechargeable battery to keep the village tree twinkling in our Pound.

Steve Percival



Mobile Police Station in attendance at Tuesday, February 3rd at the Strawberry Special at 3.00pm. Speak directly to

Sheep Dip at Draycott Burial Plot?

When someone suggested to me that the construction (*see - Progress at the Burial Plot, December 2015 & January 2016 issue*) might have originally have been a sheep dip and not a pond for livestock watering, I decided to investigate.



Plunge dipping, as a technique for controlling sheep parasites, was introduced in the early 1800s and the substances used included arsenic oxide and soft soap. The operation was very crude; the sheep were forced to jump in at one end and were held under the water with a crook long enough for the entire fleece to become saturated. The sheep then swam to

the end and exited via steps or a slope. Sheep dips varied in size but the dip at St Peter's is larger than the one in the photograph above.

There is also a pond in Rodney Stoke, opposite St Leonard's Church. It is much bigger than the one at St Peter's and, although it is of the same design and construction, this facility was a sheep wash since the running water from Stoke Brook washed away the waste and it could then be used for livestock watering, where cattle could stand up to six abreast. The photograph to the right shows it in use for sheep washing in the 1930s, with the farmhouse at Manor Farm in the background.



So was the pond at St Peter's originally a sheep dip or was it just a smaller version of the pond at Rodney Stoke but without the running water? I'll leave it for you to decide.

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Last Hours

A gray day and quiet,
With slow clouds of gray,
And in dull air a cloud that falls, falls
All day.



The naked and stiff branches
Of oak, elm, thorn,
In the cold light are like men aged and
Forlorn.

Only a gray sky,
Grass, trees, grass again,
And all the air a cloud that drips, drips,
All day.

Lovely the lonely
Bare trees and green grass--
Lovelier now the last hours of slow winter
Slowly pass. *John Frederick Freeman (1880-1929)*



3 boneless,
skinned
chicken
breasts
Chicken
stock cube
75g butter
2 leeks,
trimmed &
sliced
2 crushed
garlic cloves
50g plain
flour
200ml milk
3 tbsp white
wine
150g ham
chunks
(2cm)
Flaked sea
salt
Black pepper
350g plain
flour
200g cold
butter in
cubes
1 large egg
beaten with
1 tbsp wa-
ter.

Chicken, Ham and Leek Pie

Poach the chicken breast in a pan of 450ml simmering water with a chicken stock cube for 10 mins, reserve 250ml of cooking liquor. Melt 25g butter in a large non-stick saucepan over medium heat. Stir in leeks & fry gently for 2 mins, stirring occasionally until softened. Add garlic & cook for 1 min more, then tip everything into a bowl. Return the pan to heat & add rest of butter. Add flour & cook for 30 secs, stirring constantly. Add milk, a little at a time, stirring well between each addition. Gradually add cooking liquor & wine stirring until sauce is smooth & thick. Season to taste, remove from heat & add cream. Pour into bowl & cover with cling film.

Preheat oven to 200°C & put in baking tray. To make pastry, put flour & butter in food processor & pulse until mixture resembles bread crumbs. With motor running add the beaten egg & water & blend until mixture comes together in a ball, keep 280g pastry for the lid. Roll out pastry until about 3 mm thick & 4cm larger than dish. Line bottom of pie dish pressing firmly.

Cut breasts into 3cm chunks & add cooked sauce with leeks & ham. Tip filling into dish & brush rim with beaten egg.

Roll out rest of pastry, cover the pie, pressing edges to seal, then trim & crimp. Make small hole in centre of pie with knifetip, brush top with beaten egg. Bake on tray in centre of oven for 35 mins or until pie is golden brown & filling piping hot.

Sunday Services in February 2016

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
7 th February Next before Lent	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
14 th February Lent 1	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
21 st February Lent 2	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
28 th February Lent 3	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins

Readings for Sundays in February 2016 (Year C—St Luke)

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
7 th February Next before Lent	811	Exodus 34:29 - 35	99	2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2	Luke 9:28 - 36
14 th February Lent 1	818	Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11	91: 1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b - 13	Luke 4:1 - 13
21 st February Lent 2	822	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	27	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Luke 13:31 - 35
28 th February Lent 3	827	Isaiah 55: 1 - 9	63:1 - 9	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Luke 13:1 - 9

Regular Weekly Events in February

Monday	9.30am Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House 10.30am Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House
Tuesday	7.45pm St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15am Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds when at 11.30) 10am-12 Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall
Thursday	9am LMG Morning Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm St Leonard's Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30am St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15pm St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, 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 742535.



Diary February 2016

Tue 2	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 3	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
Thur 4	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	The Riverside
Sat 6	9am	Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	Draycott
Tue 9	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 10	11.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion with Ashing	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion with Ashing	Rodney Stoke
Thur 11	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
Sat 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Cheddar
Tues 16	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 17	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 18	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 20	9am	Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
Tues 23	2pm	Messy Church Planning Meeting	Cheddar
Wed 24	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
Thur 25	11am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Sat 27	9am	Wedding Preparation Morning	Church House
	9am	Morning Prayer	Cheddar

For Celebrations, Parties and Meetings of all kinds

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	7	14	21	28	Mar 6
Sidesman	R Dingley	C Jeff	L Whittle	G Jeff	R Dingley
Intercessor	C Green	G Jeff	T Oliver	A Jeffries	C Green
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	B Rose	B Rose	D Cheetham
Readers	G Dury	M Heckbert	C Jeff	T Lumley	G Dury
	A Robinson	G Jeff	T Oliver	C Jeff	A Robinson
	R Dingley		L Whittle	G Jeff	R Dingley
Coffee	C Jeff	T Heckbert	F Irving	T Lumley	C Jeff
Cleaning	T Heckbert	C Jeff	H Robinson	T Lumley	T Heckbert
		G Jeff			
Flowers	T Lumley	Lent	Lent	Lent	Posies
					C Jeff
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	A Percival	T Symes	J Newman	D Banks	C Kembrey
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	C Kembrey	D Banks	A Newman	I Turner	A Percival
Reader 2	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey	D Banks
Cleaning		I Sealey		L Moore	
				H Neave	
Flowers A	TBA	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Flowers P					

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

Hector Abraham Brooking Clark

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

Jamie Howson & Charlotte Crandon

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

Mildred Brade, Mervyn Sheldon, Susan Trevayne, Thomas Little, Muriel Henson, Jean Westby. RIP

<p>Are you free Tuesday morning 1000 -1130? Fancy a coffee, a biscuit and a real good chat ? Join us at Sealey Close Community Hall</p>	
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