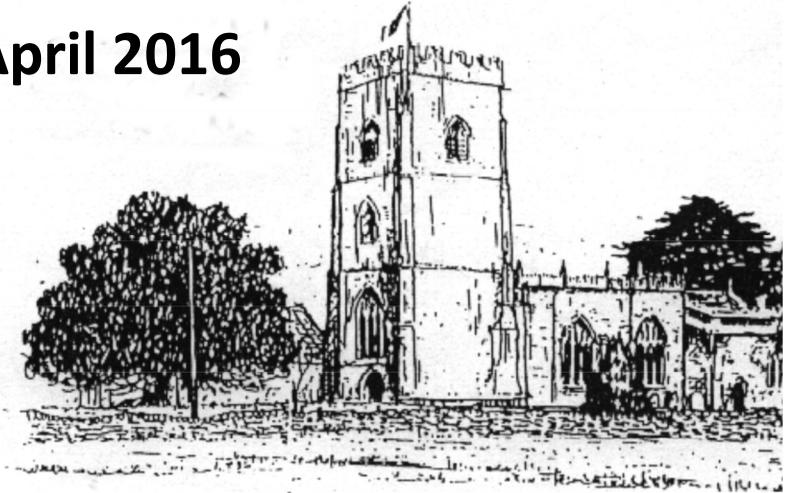


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## St Leonard's Open Day

11am—3pm Saturday 16 April

The Church is always open of course but for the Open Day we will be putting on a range of activities and sharing information about this wonderful place of worship.

St Leonard's has been at the centre of village life for almost 900 years and is now a Grade 1 Listed Building with all that entails. It is not just about the regular Sunday services but also about baptisms, weddings, funerals and all manner of other community occasions.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day - morning coffee, a soup and roll lunch, tea and cakes.



You can enjoy guided tours, a children's trail, organ music, flower arrangements and bell ringing opportunities. There will also be displays about the history of the church and its surroundings, not to mention the sometimes colourful stories of neighbours past and present as well as a chance to see some of our medieval treasures.



We also want to share information about the day-to-day practicalities of maintaining the church and keeping it open. The running costs are about £300 a week and, bluntly, we need to put its finances on a firmer footing. We need your help to ensure we can keep the church open every day so that it can remain at the heart of this lovely village.

So please gather up all your family and friends and come along to enjoy St Leonard's Open Day.

*Megan James and Jane Holmes*

## A view from the pew

When you read this, the shops will have put away Easter and be on to the next thing. But for the church, it is as a season to be savoured. After those long weeks of Lent, we allow ourselves at least as much again for the Easter season. So happy Easter, once more!

And right at the start of April we do have something particularly important to celebrate, for which we have waited the year around. On May 7<sup>th</sup> - a Saturday - at 5 pm, our new Rector, Stuart Burns, will be licensed in St. Andrew's Church. Do join us that evening if you can- it will be a joyful celebration, with a buffet meal afterwards- open to all. These are your churches and so this is your celebration too.

And this is also the month when our churches will be having their annual meetings (which by the way are also open to everyone). And at these meetings, the congregations and friends of St Andrews, St Peters and St Leonards will all no doubt reflect on the year just gone, when we have managed our affairs *without* a vicar.

And I don't think we have done so badly, either. There have been as many regular services, christenings, marriages, funerals as before. Messy Church, Christmas carols, holiday club have been as popular as ever. And there have been many memorable moments - such as Honk the donkey putting in a shy appearance in Rodney Stoke church at Palm Sunday last year; the family service after the holiday club in Cheddar last summer, making us all into polar explorers; and earlier this year, a wonderful celebration of the overseas work of Lois Dingley, with a live link from Draycott church to Nepal. And then there were the hustings in Church House before the general election... and concerts, parties and celebrations of all kinds.

So before we turn the page, we should pause to thank those who have kept all of this going over the past year. The task of leading and organising worship has fallen especially on our two retired clergy – Judith and Hilary- and they deserve your special thanks. Helping them have been the other nine members of the Ministry team, and the three teams of churchwardens – Jane and Megan, David and Thea, Jim and Margaret.

Our grateful thanks to all you good and faithful servants.

See you on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>!

*Chris Green*



## Letter from the Bishop

When we go through dark times, or difficult times, depressing times or perhaps even dangerous times where do we look for help? For many of us it is to God we turn at those times. But we have to admit that sometimes this is a last resort, when we have exhausted all the other options. Sometimes it is out of sheer desperation that we call out to God. That is not, however, the sort of relationship that God intends us to have with him. He desires to be more than the fourth emergency service, only called upon when all else fails and when self-reliance has run its course.



God wants us to turn to him and rely upon him for everything we do and for all that we are. He is our creator and redeemer. As the Psalmist said: 'The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand ... he will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.'

Do find a quiet moment – why not stop even now and look below – to read and reflect on Psalm 121. It reminds us that God faithfully watches over us, by day and by night. He knows and sustains us, in good times and in dark times. He knows everything that is to know about us and we can put our trust in him. We can take to him our fears and our hopes, our sorrows and our joys. The Psalmist speaks of 'lifting up his eyes to the hills'. That is a confident and bold gesture of prayer. When we lift our hearts and minds to God in prayer we can do so with a trusting heart. And like the Psalmist we can say 'My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth'.

*+Peter Bath and Wells*

### **Psalm 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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**7.30pm Saturday 21 May**

**St Leonard's Rodney Stoke**

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Poppy has won The Grand Prize International Virtuoso Competition – the Best British Violinist Award for 2016 and the Emunah Young Musician of the Year 2015 competition. She is a member of the National Children's Orchestra and is a music scholar at Wells Cathedral School.



George is a Wells Cathedral Chorister and musician extraordinary who was recently featured on the cover of The Gramophone. He will be playing his trombone on this occasion.



Poppy and George are very excited to be taking part in this concert. They will be joined by the **Churchill Singers** who will sing some enjoyable sacred and secular music. Please be their audience!

Tickets will be available at £8 including refreshments.

**St Leonard's Parochial Church Council  
Annual Meeting  
7pm Thursday 14 April 2016  
Rodney Stoke Church Hall**

## Music Matters

### A Letter from America

Not quite Alistair Cooke I'm afraid, but a glimpse of what one Draycott musician gets up to when he's not here in church for four weeks or so.



Where else but New York could you arrive in a balmy January Saturday afternoon temperature of 57 degrees Fahrenheit, and just 7 days later be in the midst of a record-breaking snowstorm which brought much of the East Coast to a complete standstill !

I was there to tutor a group of around 50 young choristers (ages 8 & 9). Known as juniors and novices, they were



preparing a concert the following Sunday afternoon. On four previous days, after school ended, they made their way to the Chantry chapel of Grace Church, Lower Broadway, for an hour and a half's rehearsal - not the best time of day to ask tired youngsters to concentrate for that long..... (their older colleagues in the senior choir had already rehearsed with me at 7.20 am each morning !).

By late Friday afternoon our hour-long concert programme was shaping up nicely - a wide range of music, from J.S.Bach to items by contemporary composers, a set of Sacred Songs specially written for this young group of singers, and four songs by the American composer Aaron Copland, including one where the boys and girls imitate ducks, geese, pigs & cows !

Then came the snow, so our final & vital Saturday morning rehearsal had to be cancelled. New York was eerily quiet - no vehicles allowed on the streets, & even the world-famous Metropolitan Opera had to shut down.

But despite cancellations at churches elsewhere in the city, our Sunday concert went ahead as planned, attended by a large appreciative audience. The children sang well and gained invaluable experience in the art of performing.

Time now to relax ? Not a bit of it. For me, it was straight on to Connecticut, Philadelphia and Boston to work with six more choirs in a busy round of yet more rehearsals & Services, as well as giving three organ recitals.

Exciting and fulfilling it may be, but after these bustling cities and all that travelling, I can't wait to be back in peaceful Draycott !

*Barry Rose*

## Science and Religion—a view from the 126



*Science and Religion can be uneasy bedfellows. I well remember the unalloyed look of horror on the face of Richard Lewis, well before he became Dean of Wells, when I casually explained, over a social glass, that my employer's stock-in-trade was 'immortalised human cell lines'. For him the very idea was akin to something like heresy; for me, at the time, it was bread and butter. Here, following the recent 'Science and Religion' edition of MANNA, the Diocesan glossy magazine, we have a layman's view from David Cheetham to be followed next month by Chris Green drawing on his career as a Research Scientist.*

I have been reading the current issue of MANNA, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Magazine. There are copies at the back of the church for you to take if you like.

This issue has a number of articles about Science and Religion: they are all interesting, though I do find I disagree with some of them. If you have an idea that science has disproved religion, I think you have a muddled, out-dated, concept of both. How does this muddle come about?

The word SCIENCE, from the Latin SCIENTIA, simply means KNOWLEDGE, and this word has led some people to imagine that it must mean ALL knowledge, everything, and that it can answer all questions. This is asking too much of it. Science looks at the world, does experiments and tries to make sense of the results; as simple sense as possible. Good science does not worry if experiments “go wrong”; unexpected results may mean that new theories are indicated. Good science does not imagine that its theories are ultimately TRUE, only that, for the moment, they are USEFUL, and that they fit the data.

“But surely”, some would say, “The Bible says that God created the world in six days, and science has proved that it took billions of years”. Actually, the opening chapters of Genesis give us a number of different stories, some of them quite humorous, others quite shocking, about the nature of the world, of man and woman, of their relationship with each other, with their children and with their environment. Now I don't want to scorn any of my fellow-Christians, who may indeed find it helpful to believe that these stories are literally true; all I can say is that you spoil a good story if you expect it to be something it was never intended to be.

Religion has completely different purposes, which science cannot attempt. Just one example is all I have space for here. I've been to a number of funerals recently, and I know that these services can bring strength, encouragement and even joy to bereaved families, and see them through difficult times. However much money you throw at science, it can't do that.

*David Cheetham*



## Ascension Day at Rodney Stoke

**7am Thursday 5 May**

For a truly breathtaking start to the day, it is always worth getting out of bed for the traditional 7am Ascension Day Service at St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke.

But if first thing in the morning is strictly not for you there is always the local Ministry Group's 8pm Holy Communion at St John's, Axbridge.

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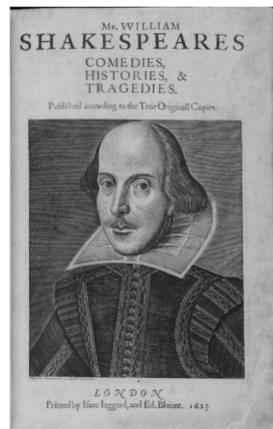
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## Tricia's Pantry

*'April is the cruellest month'*



"I'm sorry Mr President, I don't agree with you at all."

It was a sentiment people had grown used to hearing, although it hadn't affected his meteoric rise. Son of an estate agent, he'd been a poor student until overhearing his older brother beg his mother not to send the young loafer to military school, fearing family disgrace. The loafer met the challenge. He made First Captain of the Cadets Corps, the most envied position in the college.

Followed a flawless resume. Cut his teeth as an aide de camp, Phillipines. Top of his class, Officer Staff School, Leavenworth. Army instructor, Leavenworth. In WW1 France, he wasn't having Commanding General John Pershing's critique of his unit; in front of the entire division, he laid the blame squarely on Pershing's own poor staff. Appointed Operations Staff, General Headquarters, he won over Pershing, who made the upstart his personal aide de camp. Everywhere he observed and learned. Assistant Commandant at Fort Benning Military School, he taught over 150 American WW2 generals the fire and manoeuvre tactics that would defeat Germany and Japan. The ultimate staff plum soon arrived, his candour with President Roosevelt convincing the President he faced a man to be reckoned with.

In 1939, on the day Germany invaded Poland, George Catlin Marshall was made Chief of Staff, US Army. His organisational gift ensured the defeat of Germany and Japan, but more came after the war. On April 3, 1948, President Truman signed the European Recovery Programme, a plan to rebuild the devastated economies of war torn Europe with American cash. Truman himself was unpopular, but no dolt. He made Marshall Secretary of State, and once again it was Marshall's organisational expertise that won out. The Marshall Plan it was.

It has been called "the most unselfish act in history," although America knew where its interests lay. The plan disbursed 13 billion dollars to member states, and when it ended in 1951, all of their economies had grown beyond prewar levels. In 1953, Marshall received the Nobel Peace Prize, the only career officer in the US Army to do so.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

## Sr Annaliese *Parish Portrait No. 29*

The name of Sister Annaliese often features in our Parish Magazine because of the support given to the work of the Community of the Sisters of the Church in the form of donations of food and other gifts. A thank you is always forthcoming with information provided about the practical, pastoral care given by the community in Bristol, where she is Sister in Charge.

On Mothering Sunday, Sister Annaliese preached at St. Peter's and was happy to be interviewed for a Parish Portrait afterwards, but she was far more enthusiastic to talk about the work of the Community than about herself.

Brought up in Suffolk as a practising Quaker, Sister Annaliese describes herself as a "Post Denominational Christian". After a gap year in Austria with Christian Aid, working with Lutheran Sisters, she obtained a degree in Religious Studies and a Post Graduate qualification in Pastoral Studies.

A year in France with the Taizé Community followed which was hugely influential and she still listens to their prayers every week. The whole Taizé spirituality has never left her; she went back last year for the first time after 20 years to a gathering of the young religious, looking at the religious life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sister Annaliese worked in Germany with the Catholic Church in an old people's home, and also travelled behind the then Iron Curtain working with a Quaker organisation. For some time, she had known that she would follow the religious life. On her return to the UK she visited Anglican Orders and at the Mother House of the Sisters of the Church in Ham, West London she felt the call of God. A Postulant joins the order without commitment for several years – asking questions to find out if taking final vows is right - which she did after seven years.

Coming to the Bristol house in 1994 was supposed to be for 6 months, but she was there for 15 years. In 2009 she went back to the Convent in Ham and has now been back in Bristol for 2 years. With an easy going, warm and accepting style of communication it is not surprising that so many of the people who seek help stay in touch with her for many years. Her inspiration is the call of love, but she is clearly grounded in reality and is aware that only so much can be done. People know the Sisters as Nuns and refer to the house as a nunnery, but find a compassion there that is personal, and different from the professionals and statutory services. A woman who had been in a mess said that the contact had helped because "you looked at me as a human being at a time when I had forgotten that myself"

An afternoon spent at the House provided a snapshot of what an important life-line the House is to local people in need. The atmosphere is warm, and the help



offered is unconditional because as Sister Annaliese put it “the sun and rain fall equally on the righteous and the unrighteous”. In 1994 when she came to Bristol they were giving out about 6 food parcels a week, which had risen to 250 – 300 by the late 90s, and that has stayed roughly the same even with the recent rise of so many foodbanks throughout the city. The need is much greater and people are desperate. Unlike other food banks, people can just turn up, and do not require a referral from a professional.

At the Bristol house there are now just two Sisters, as one Sister is off sick. They rely on volunteers, many of whom are former clients. But it is so much more than a food bank. Just observing the support extended to an elderly man who had recently lost his wife, an alcoholic, demonstrated this.

At the house in Bristol, the Sisters follow the rule of the order. The period of silent prayer together each day is a huge source of strength. Sister Annaliese keeps in touch with families and women at the Convent in Ham who have been accommodated there for some time. Three families came as single women but will need to move on soon which is another task for Sister Annaliese. She was also a founder of the Bristol 125 project to help sex workers. I had the impression that she and the Sisters at Bristol respond to many needs, and I had only scratched the surface.

Work, ministry and life are all one for a member of an order, but Sister Annaliese visits her elderly father in Suffolk, and does go out with friends. She has a day off a week and tries to do something different but when I saw her, the day off had been spent preparing her sermon for St Peter’s!  
*SMW*

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**St Peter’s Lent Soup Lunch raised £148 for Christian Aid**

## Where does the money go then?

As reported last month, St Leonard's PCC Treasurer paid the Parish Share just in the very nick of time to claim the early payment discount for 2016.



The Share is quite a burden for parishes like St Leonard's and St Peters but it represents just over 70% of the Diocese's income and, thereby, that of the Church of England itself. The insert below, taken from the 2014 Diocesan Finance Overview, shows where the money comes from and how it is spent. The Parish Share is the big one on the income line and, perhaps mainly by happenstance, it just covers a little bit more than the total clergy costs on the expenditure side.

Mirroring the national picture, as shown in the Church of England's Financial Overview 2004-13, the Diocese's Administration and Operating Costs are steadily increasing as expressed as a percentage of total expenditure while Building Maintenance and Repair expenditure is falling and clergy costs remain pretty steady.

You can start to see why the Cathedral Gift Shop has been opened in the old National Trust premises on the Market Place in Wells and given the pressures, not to say total dependence, on the Parish Share, it must be time to start thinking about properly tweaking the overall business model. Rob Walker





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## Queen's 90th Birthday Party Weekend

The Rodney Stoke village celebration of the Queen's Birthday is to be a bring and share picnic on **Saturday 11th June** in the garden at Brangay Farm . Everyone welcome, details to follow.



The Draycott Jubilee Committee are holding an "all age street party" outside The Strawberry Special on **Sunday June 12th from 2.30pm onwards** with tea at 3.30pm. Donations of party food: i.e. cakes, crisps, biscuits would be most welcome, and there will be collection boxes for these donated goods in St Peter's Church, Draycott Post Office, The Strawberry Special, The Cider Barn and Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School until June 6th. All welcome to join in the fun!"

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**We are looking forward to seeing you all there....**



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Providence, ever benignant and kind,  
Gives with a smile what you take with a tear;

All will be right,  
Look to the light

Morning was ever the daughter of night;  
All that was black will be all that is bright.

Many a foe is a friend in disguise,  
Many a trouble a blessing most true,

Remember these words of wisdom and wise,  
Your life will be easier and you will not be blue.

Never lose your hope, follow your plan  
And live life doing all that you can. *Anon*



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### Leak Bacon and Cheese Flan



1. Pre-heat oven to 190°C/gas 5.

2. Fry Pancetta over a medium to high heat until golden then stir in onion, garlic and leek then reduce heat to medium & cook for a further 10 minutes, stirring as you go. Leave to cool for 15 minutes.

3. Take a sheet of filo then lay into a greased medium sized oven-proof frying pan or round baking dish. Brush lightly with the oil then repeat the process until the filo has been used up, overlapping each sheet so every side of the pan has some filo hanging over, brush with a final coating of butter.

4. Beat together the eggs & cream then season with salt & pepper. Scatter in the cool pancetta and leeks, then the cheese and thyme & mix well.

5. Gently pour the egg & cheese mixture into the pastry base, then turn the edges of the filo in on themselves to form a neat crust. Then brush with a last coating of butter.

6. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

7. Leave to cool for 5 minutes, before portioning & serving with a salad.

## Sunday Services in April 2016

|                                 | <b>Cheddar</b>                             | <b>Draycott</b>                       | <b>Rodney Stoke</b>      |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Easter 2  | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Morning Service  | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 3 | 10am Parish Communion                      | 9.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service | 8am BCP Communion        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 4 | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Parish Communion | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 5 | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Parish Communion | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 11.15am Matins           |

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

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Easter 2  | 859         | Acts 5:27-32         | 118: 14-29    | Revelation 1:4-8      | John 20:19-31 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 3 | 864         | Acts 9:1-6           | 30            | Revelation 5:11-14    | John 21:1-19  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 4 | 869         | Acts 9:36-43         | 23            | Revelation 7:9-17     | John 10:22-30 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 5 | 872         | Acts 11:1-18         | 148           | Revelation 21:1-6     | John 13:31-35 |

| <b>Regular Weekly Events in April</b> |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Monday                                | 9.30am Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House<br>10.30am Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Church House   |
| Tuesday                               | 7.45pm St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott<br>8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar  |
| Wednesday                             | 9.15am Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only)<br>10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds at 11.30)<br>10am-12 Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall |
| Thursday                              | 9am LMG Morning Prayer – see diary for venue<br>7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke  |
| Friday                                | 10-11.30am St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only)<br>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 April 2014

|         |          |   |             |
|---------|----------|---|-------------|
| Fri 1   | 7.30pm   | Barn Dance  | Cheddar     |
| Sat 2   | 9am      | Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
|         | 10.30am  | SOSP Coffee and Cake  | Draycott    |
| Tue 5   | 10.30am  | Greenhill Communion   | Cheddar     |
|         | 2.15pm   | Mothers' Union  | Cheddar     |
| Thur 7  | 9am      | LMG Morning Prayer  | Axbridge    |
|         | 12.30pm  | Lunch Club  | Riverside   |
| Sat 9   | 9am      | Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
| Tues 12 | 2pm      | The Laurels Communion                                       | Draycott    |
|         | 3pm      | Sealey Close Communion                                      | Draycott    |
| Wed 13  | 11.30am  | Mothers' Union Communion                                    | Cheddar     |
|         | 8pm      | Ministry Team Meeting                                       | Cheddar     |
| Thur 14 | 9am      | LMG Morning Prayer  | Wedmore     |
| Sat 16  | 9am      | Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
|         | 1pm      | Wedding   | Draycott    |
|         | 2.30pm   | Messy Church  | Cheddar     |
|         | 7.30pm   | Shakespeare Without the Boring Bits                         | Cheddar     |
| Tues 19 | 10.30am  | Greenhill Communion   | Cheddar     |
|         | 2pm      | Messy Church Planning                                       | Den         |
| Wed 20  | 11am     | Court House Communion                                       | Cheddar     |
| Thur 21 | 9am      | LMG Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
|         | 11am     | Cheddar Court Communion                                     | Cheddar     |
|         | 2.30pm   | The Homestead Communion                                     | Cheddar     |
| Sat 23  | 9am      | Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
|         | 7.30pm   | Concert-Mendip Consort & Moor Harmony                       | Cheddar     |
| Mon 25  | 9.30-6pm | Trombone Workshop in St Andrews and Church House            | Cheddar     |
| Thur 28 | 9am      | LMG Morning Prayer  | Weare       |
| Fri 29  | All day  | Cheddar Arts Fringe Festival - Cheddar First School Display | St Andrew's |
| Sat 30  | 9am      | Morning Prayer  | Cheddar     |
|         | All day  | Cheddar Arts Fringe Festival – Cheddar First School Display | St Andrew's |



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|--------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| DRAYCOTT           |            |              |                |            |            |
|                    | 3          | 10           | 17             | 24         | May 1      |
| <b>Sidesman</b>    | R Dingley  | N Devitt     | L Whittle      | C Jeff     | R Dingley  |
| <b>Intercessor</b> | A Jeffries | T Oliver     | G Jeff         | R Dingley  | T Oliver   |
| <b>Organist</b>    | D Cheetham | I Ames-White | B Rose         | D Cheetham | D Cheetham |
| <b>Readers</b>     | T Lumley   | A Robinson   | G Jeff         | C Jeff     | T Lumley   |
|                    | G Dury     | T Heckbert   | T Oliver       | T Oliver   | G Dury     |
|                    | R Dingley  |              | L Whittle      | R Dingley  | R Dingley  |
| <b>Coffee</b>      | T Lumley   | C Jeff       | F Irving       | T Heckbert | T Lumley   |
| <b>Cleaning</b>    | T Heckbert | C & G Jeff   | H Robinson     | T Lumley   | T Heckbert |
| <b>Flowers</b>     | Easter     | Easter       | Wedding        | T Lumley   | T Lumley   |
|                    |            |              | All Hands 14th |            |            |
| RODNEY STOKE       |            |              |                |            |            |
| <b>Sidesman</b>    | A Percival | T Symes      | J Newman       | D Banks    | S Percival |
| <b>Organist</b>    | Joanne     | Joanne       | Michael        | Barry      | Joanne     |
| <b>Reader 1</b>    | A Newman   | D Banks      | I Turner       | A Percival | H Neave    |
| <b>Reader 2</b>    | H Neave    | S Percival   | A Newman       | D Banks    | I Turner   |
| <b>Cleaning</b>    |            | S Kembrey    |                | D Johnson  |            |
|                    |            | J Symes      |                | J Holmes   |            |
| <b>Flowers A</b>   | H Neave    | D Johnson    | V Andrews      | A Percival | F Pitman   |
| <b>Flowers P</b>   | F Pitman   | M James      | L Davey        | J Salmon   | H Neave    |

#### FROM THE REGISTERS:

##### Baptism:

*We welcome into the Church family:*

Elliot Comer, Jessica Jane Pearce, Charlie Thomas Major, Ella-Mae Sophia Stuckey, Lilly-Mae Stuckey and Kelly Jean Charles.

##### Funerals:

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

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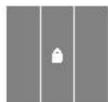
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