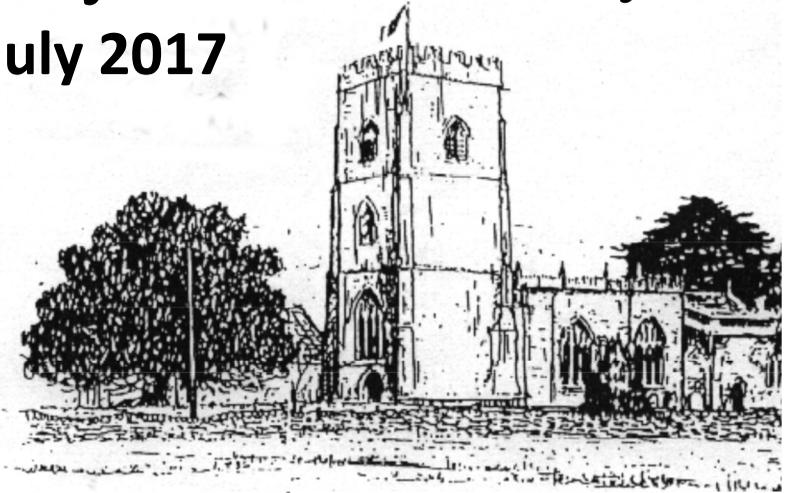


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Not just in Britain or Europe but around the world vigils have been held to remember all those whose lives have been touched by the recent tragic events in Manchester and London.

People of all nationalities, ages and creeds have come together in a shared longing for peace and justice in our world. People have gathered in public places, in homes and at work, in churches and cathedrals to remember all those whose lives have been turned upside down by violence.

But underneath the shock and anger and grief there has been a determination by the people to stand together, to support those most affected and to unite across their diversity. They have resolved to rebuild and repair the damage to their cities and to face down the fear that terrorists seek to instil in our lives.

Incidents like this raise many questions, including the question: 'where is God in the midst of all this?' At such moments I am reminded of something I read many years ago and which has remained with me: '*In Jesus, God did not come to explain suffering, or to remove it, but to fill it with his presence.*' In this life we may not get all the answers we seek to the pain and problem of suffering. We live in a world which continues to be torn apart by suffering in many ways. But I believe we live in a world which is held and shaped by the love and light of God. Jesus came to fill the world with his presence.

Let us make that the focus of our prayers.

***Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells***

***Gracious God,***

***We pray for peace in our communities this day.***

***We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,***

***And those who work to uphold law and justice.***

***We pray for an end to fear,***

***For comfort and support to those who suffer.***

***For calm in our streets and cities,***

***That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.***

***In your mercy, hear our prayers,***

***Now and always.***

***Amen***

## Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns



Dear Friends,

As I write, the country is unsettled, or traumatised, (i) by recent acts of terror visited upon innocent people, especially the young, (ii) by worryingly erratic and difficult electoral results that threaten chaos in government, and (iii) today by a terrible and devastating fire in a tower block in Notting Hill. I hear people expressing anger, cynicism, shock, or fear.

Psalm 46 comes to mind: *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, mountains fall into the sea ... and the mountains quake. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God ...”*. The river of life is a theme running right through Scripture - it represents God’s Spirit, bringing healing, strength and hope for the coming of God’s kingdom on earth (i.e. the *city of God*) as well as in heaven. The psalmist then promises that God, through his Spirit and his Kingdom, *“makes wars cease to the ends of the earth, breaks the bow and shatters the spear”*!

In the words of St Paul in Romans 8, *“What then shall we say to all of this?”* Perhaps, as people who want to try to love and be faithful to God, as the Church, we might say three things:

- something is terribly wrong with the world; all is not as it should be; and it saddens and even enrages God as much as it may do us
- what we see is not all that there is; we have to believe and proclaim that God’s Kingdom values of peace, justice and goodness will ultimately prevail and be seen clearly (as surely as dawn follows night), by us and especially by suffering people, if not in our life-time then in life beyond death
- as Christians who want to follow Christ, we long to be signs of God’s peace, justice and goodness to a traumatised world. Because we fail in this so often, we know that we can be like Jesus, even in tiny ways, only inasmuch as we will quieten ourselves and open our hearts to the Spirit of the risen Christ, venturing to ask that we shall become less, so that he can become more. Psalm 46 ends with this wisdom, by asking us to *“Be still and know that I am God”*.



## Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

This month I will make my first visit to Zambia. Mostly we take holidays in Scotland so this sounds somewhat exotic and probably warmer! However it is not intended to be a tourist visit but rather an opportunity to grow the friendship between our diocese and our sisters and brothers in our partnership link with Zambia.



Next year we celebrate 40 years of that friendship and you will be hearing much more of how we hope to mark that milestone and develop and strengthen the partnership. We hope that there will be visits to and fro so that we can learn from one another about how we live and tell our stories of faith and how to share the grace of God in our lives.

In recent months we have seen something of a growing fear and anxiety creeping in to some of the ways in which we as a society respond to people who have a different culture, ethnicity or religious faith than ourselves. Such fear can prevent us from the joy of discovering alternative views or perspectives or engaging in novel experiences. Reticence in taking risks can mean we miss the delight of making new friends.

Trust is something which grows as we step outside of the boundaries of our known world into the unfamiliar territory of another. The call of Christ to follow him is one that takes us beyond ourselves into places of discovery and the expanding of horizons. I'm looking forward to meeting my Zambian brothers and sisters in the shared journey we have committed to walk together.

I hope that each of us will make the most of the opportunities we have both here and abroad to open ourselves to the voice of God as we experience new people, new places and new discoveries this summer.

*Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton*

## The Church and Politics

Way, way back, at the 1945 General Election, when I was 13, I wanted to put up a party political poster facing the road, but my father, who was Rector of the parish, explained that he could not be seen to be overtly party political. However, he generously let me display the poster in my upstairs bedroom window.



But thereafter I was politically dead for years until the Suez crisis in 1956, when the Government brazenly lied to Parliament, and I was part of a demonstration in Trafalgar Square, when mounted police rode savagely into a peaceful protest.

Echoes of the past returned when I, too, was ordained and struggled with where people in ministry stood with regard to politics. So in my first incumbency I confined campaigning for the party I supported to knocking on doors outside my own parish. In the parishes where I was incumbent I always held meetings of all the political candidates, and I think I must have been fair to all parties when on one occasion a parishioner accused me as chairman of being 'too impartial'!

At the next election I was reluctant to include the British National Party candidate, but at the Church Council meeting I was overruled by every single member. Happily for me, the British National Party wanted a representative rather than the candidate, which we declined. At the subsequent meeting I was concerned when a heavy booting brigade invaded, but having sat through twenty minutes of civilised debate, mercifully all marched out.

Yet the tricky question remains – how far should the Church – and in particular the clergy, be involved in politics? In several countries there are, or have been, parties calling themselves The Christian Democratic Party or something similar, but it is questionable to what extent they always truly represent Christian principles. On the other hand, many Christian leaders have faced imprisonment or even death for preaching what they believe to be Christian values.

So where do I stand on this as a retired clergy-person? I believe that every Christian should feel free to work for the principles they believe in, supporting the party which they consider to be closest to the teaching of Jesus, recognising that no party or person can be perfect. As far as the Church as an institution is concerned, I believe that it should be there to campaign for the poor and the weak, to give the State power to work for them and to reduce the ever-increasing gap between the 95% and the 5% obscenely rich (let alone the top 1%). I think the Church should encourage civilised debate, recognising that different points of view need to be listened to, rather than the crude insults of the gutter press and all too many politicians, who offer a dreadful example to young people.

And at the end of the day, we have to come back to that severe warning: 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven'.

*Gordon Jeff*

## Tricia's Pantry

### "What to the slave is the fourth of July?"



“There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having originally been breathed into a few forms or into one,” wrote Charles Darwin in *On the Origin of Species*. “From so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved.”

The final flourish of Darwin's groundbreaking work grew out of his initial paper on the subject, delivered to the Linnaean Society on July 1, 1858. Darwin didn't present the paper; it was given instead by colleagues, Darwin having been bereaved of a baby son only two days before. In education, Darwin had preferred taxidermy and natural history to the medical training advocated by his father; the younger Darwin also paled at the sight of blood, so was no doctor in the making. He was working towards the ministry when he received an invitation to be the naturalist on the proposed journey of HMS Beagle. His father came around to supporting Charles's ambitions. The proposed journey of two years lasted five, and Darwin then turned to cataloguing and researching his collections and journals.

He studied lines of descent in organisms, and also artificial selection in farm animals, coming to the idea of natural selection as concept driven by nature rather than by farmers selecting for prized livestock traits. He was not the first to suggest concepts related to this, nor did he coin the term “survival of the fittest.” He was the first, however, to publish what came to be accepted as a reliable explanation for the process of selection, and he accepted that “survival of the fittest,” a phrase coined by philosopher Herbert Spencer in 1864, was a good representation of his work on evolution.

There is little evidence that Darwin said or wrote the words most commonly ascribed to him: “It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change.” Studies have found that this idea, beloved of business seminars, was first expressed in 1963 by Louisiana State University business professor Leon C. Megginson, while giving a lecture about social change.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

## Benefice Events and Notices

### All children with carers welcome



2.30 to 4pm  
Saturday 15 July 2017  
Saturday 16 Sept 2017  
Cheddar Village Hall  
(opposite St Andrew's Cheddar)  
*.....activities for Children, home-made refreshments and the odd prayer.....*

### Come and join us for the Benefice Family Breakfast

9am Sunday 30 July  
Cheddar Village Hall  
(aka Church House)  
enjoy ham, eggs, sausages, coffee  
and even a prayer



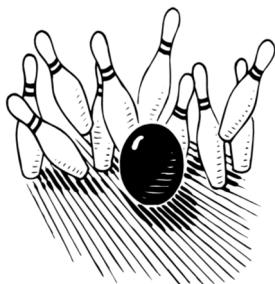
### 'Pirates Ahoy!' Benefice Holiday Club for Free



St Andrew's Holiday Club this year will be looking at the adventures of St. Paul through games, craft and storytelling on a Treasure Island. Holiday Club is free and takes place in Cheddar Village Hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm, each day from Tuesday 29 August to Saturday 2 September. All children aged 5 to 12 are very welcome.

***To book places please contact [rosemarytullett@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarytullett@gmail.com).***

## Holy Rollers Update: Stawberry Special Summer Skittles 2017 !



As we go to press the Holy Rollers have played 5 games, we have won 2 and come second in 3! We have another 9 games to play until the final skittles presentation on the afternoon of Sunday 27 August .

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**7.30pm Thursday 29 June**

**St Peter's Draycott**

**Retiring collection**

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**Music Matters**  
**That Wondrous Machine**  
**(a further update on the Draycott organ)**



Four years ago, this sentence appeared at the end of a *Music Matters* article about the organs in St.Peter's and St.Leonard's - *One day they will both need some real restoration and rebuilding. Ought we to start saving up now?*

About 18 months ago, we at St.Peter's decided to do just that, knowing that it would not be too long before the organ would need some major work. That time has now come, and a recent thorough inspection of the instrument has highlighted several previously unseen mechanical faults, resulting in a detailed report and estimate for the forthcoming work. We now need to find over £13,000 for this to be carried out – maybe we should have started saving sooner!

If we set this in a historical context, it's about time that the organ received this expert attention. Built and installed by the Sunderland firm of Henry Sherborne Vincent Ltd., well over 100 years ago, the last major work was carried out around 1950, and aside from a few necessary and occasional tweaks, we have enjoyed uninterrupted use of the organ whenever we've needed to use it. Brian Hooper, our dedicated technician and tuner has always been on call to help keep it operative, and our three organists have worked out how to make it sound at its best, each knowing what stops and notes it is sometimes necessary to avoid!

The present proposal is that the work will begin in July of next year, and between now and then your own organists, with help from several musical friends, will be raising funds through a variety of concerts and other events. Many of you will be reading this before St. Peter's Day (Thursday 29 June), so why not come along to St. Peters at 7.30 pm, bringing your friends as well, to enjoy a relaxed evening of Summer music-making to suit all tastes. There's no charge for admission, but we hope our efforts will move all those who attend to donate generously to the organ-fund through a retiring collection.

*Barry Rose*

## **Hilary Thomas *Parish Portrait No.40***

A good friend to Draycott and Rodney Stoke, Hilary has taken many regular services at the churches, as well as weddings and funerals during the vacancy. Brought up a Baptist, she made her commitment to faith at a young age, coming to Ministry after many years in teaching. Born in Cheddar, Hilary returned to her roots on retirement where she leads an active life. Her father was a market gardener, growing strawberries, her two brothers live locally and her sister is in Radstock. The extended family includes 16 great nieces and nephews. Many family photographs are displayed in her cottage.

After primary school in Cheddar she travelled by train daily to the Blue School in Wells. Hilary has happy memories of that small and very traditional school. Exeter University followed, which then seemed far away from home, but she bravely swapped French and Latin for French and Russian, teaching both in Hampshire after her postgraduate teaching course in Southampton.

Being a Baptist was never as important as being a Christian. At University and afterwards she was involved with different denominations and groups. Inspired during a Scripture Union camp, she applied to teach at a Protestant school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which had been set up by the UNHCR for refugees from southern Sudan. She felt God was calling her, but she had to be patient. The application was delayed by the initial rejection of her "Certificate of Good Life and Conduct"; its shortcomings were made good with the help of the police! By then her medical was out of date and when she finally arrived in Kinshasa, the school was closed because of the Simba uprising. On independence from Belgium, the country had just one graduate, the Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba, who was deposed within months, and much unrest followed.

The school, a thousand miles from Kinshasa, was relatively close to the border with Uganda and Sudan. Getting there involved two plane journeys. She taught French and English at an all boys' school to Congolese and Sudanese pupils, and was also involved with the church in the town, assisting with the Girls Brigade. During this time, the country was relatively peaceful; the election of President Mobutu had been greeted with enthusiasm but he brought changes to the country, including re-naming it Zaire. She recalls tensions in the local town where the Greeks and Indians who ran shops were made to feel unwelcome. Hilary describes her time there as being very rich, despite once getting lost in the forest with a friend overnight while the whole school searched for them!

Altogether Hilary spent 4 years in the Congo and then a further two in Juba, now the capital of the independent country of South Sudan. In a break in the

civil war there were some attempts to improve the infrastructure. Hilary joined ACROSS (African Committee for the Rehabilitation of Southern Sudan) and went to teach at one of the three secondary schools in the South. Although Southern Sudan is mainly Christian, there were Arabs living in Juba, many as shopkeepers. Hilary taught English to Muslim and Christian girls in a government school with the very different experience of living in the school itself with the pupils.

Teaching at Frome College on her return, Hilary was struck by how things had changed in her time away. Behaviour was much more challenging and many students lacked the enthusiasm of her African pupils who were so very eager to learn. Hilary, feeling she wanted to do so much more than teach, commenced full time study at Trinity College, Bristol; inheriting her cottage in Cheddar made this viable. Not initially thinking of ordination, Hilary felt God was calling her in that direction. Encouragement from Victor Daley, then Rector of Cheddar, and a phone call from Bishop Jim Thompson after an Ordinands Selection Conference led to a curacy in Yeovil where she was also Hospital Chaplain.



As Vicar of St Luke's in Brislington for over nine years, Hilary ministered to a congregation that included families with children and young people's groups. Students from Trinity who came for placements brought ethnic diversity. Hilary became good friends with Sara from Iran. For 12 years she was Executive Director of Sat 7 PARS, a Christian broadcaster to the Arab and Farcie speaking world, an organisation with which Hilary remains in close touch. Fadi, an Egyptian boy was six when his father came to Bristol to study, and Hilary acted as his guardian when he returned to boarding school in Bath. He is now with his family in Melbourne, Australia where his father is Vicar of an Arabic speaking congregation.

Leaving St Luke's felt like a bereavement, but after "retirement" Hilary spent two years as Priest- in-Charge at Allerton. She has been a key member of the Benefice Team, now under Stuart's leadership, which she has found stimulating and is excited by new initiatives, including the Breakfast Service.

*SMW*

Dates to save in your diary.....

**SOSP BBQ at Valley's Edge Saturday 19 August**

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***and***

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***29 September @ 7.00 pm***

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## A Bellringers' Outing



On a sublime, barmy late May evening Rodney Stoke bell ringers, partners and friends gathered at Castle Farm by kind invitation of Neil and Jo Banwell. The evening was organised by one of our bell ringers – Chris - as an opportunity for all to see a Sea Harrier Mark II XZ494 which is kept in a specially designed hanger.

The Sea Harrier was taken out of service in 2006. This decommissioned aircraft was purchased soon after by Neil because of his interest in the iconic machine. This was one of Chris's first visits to see this aircraft at Castle Farm and there must have been many memories going through his mind. One of Chris's Flight Log Books was open on the page showing the details of his flight on 28 May 1987 showing his Mission as 'Air Intercepts - Medium Level Instrument Flying' in this very aircraft.

Chris gave a fascinating talk on the fighter's capabilities and technology. He explained the ability of the aircraft to hover and manoeuvre using the various thrust capabilities. The aircraft was heavily armed with various combinations of armaments Sidewinder Missiles, Bombs, Canons and a reconnaissance camera depending on the mission. As a single seater fighter Chris explained the multi-tasking roles the pilot must calculate with split second timing. One astonishing detail was that on return to the aircraft carrier to land various constraints often meant that the landing had to be completed within a very short time window of just a few seconds and with minimal fuel left. More detail was given including the operation of the ejector seat and survival minute dingy and rations, hovering capabilities, refuelling in mid-air and the various missions Chris flew. At the end, there were many questions and several enthusiasts had the privilege of climbing the attached ladder to sit in the cockpit.

This was a real experience for us all and made us appreciate the training that goes into producing frontline flight officers. An amazing aircraft requiring a very high degree of skill and courage to fly.

Afterwards refreshments were provided as we all basked in the evening sunshine, watching a Mare and Foal entertain us as we chatted. Thank you Chris, Neil and Jo, and everybody who helped organise this imaginative bellringers outing.

*Steve Percival*



## Rodney Stoke Family Pet Show

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**SOSP First Saturday Coffee & Cake  
mornings  
in July and August**

Just for your information we are delighted to announce that there will be weddings in St Peter's on the first Saturdays of July & August.

We will continue to meet for coffee & cake but we will be finishing a little earlier at 11.30am ready to help set the Church up for these Weddings.

Please feel free to just drop in & try it out. Don't worry if you have difficulty getting to St Peter's: we can pick you up so if you would like a lift just contact one of us:

Thea 744739, Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945.



## Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe



'I love you my brother whoever you are whether you worship in your church, kneel in your temple, or pray in your mosque. You and I are all children of one faith, for the diverse paths of religion are fingers of the loving hand of one Supreme Being, a hand extended to all, offering completeness of spirit to all, eager to receive all.'

***Kahlil Gibran (1883-1930)***

*Kahlil Gibran was a Lebanese-American artist, prose poet, and writer. Born in the north of modern-day Lebanon into a Christian family, as a young man he emigrated to the United States with his family. There he studied art and began his literary career, writing in both English and Arabic. In the Arab world, Gibran is regarded as a literary and political rebel, while in Lebanon, he is still celebrated as a literary hero. He is the third best-selling poet of all time, after Shakespeare and Laozi.*

## Tasty Cheese Flan



**8oz (225g) Ready made short crust pastry**  
**2 tbsp Pickle**  
**6oz (150g) tasty Cheddar cheese grated**  
**2 eggs**  
**120ml(4fl.oz) Dry cider**  
**60ml(2fl.oz) Milk**  
**Salt & black pepper**

1. Pre-heat oven 190°C(375°F Gas Mark 5).
2. Line greased flan dish with pastry & bake blind until golden brown.
3. Place pickle, cheese, eggs, cider & milk in bowl & mix together well. Spoon this into flan case & season.
4. Place in centre of oven & cook for 40 minutes until filling is set & top is brown.
5. Serve cold.

## Sunday Services in July 2017

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>2nd July Trinity 3</b>	8am BCP Communion		
	10am Benefice Service at Draycott		
<b>9th July Trinity 4</b>	10am Parish Communion	9.30am 2nd Sunday Service	12.15pm Pet Service
<b>16th July Trinity 5</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
	10am Parish Communion		
<b>23rd July Trinity 6</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mattins
	10am Parish Communion		
<b>30th July Trinity 7</b>	8am BCP Communion		
	9am Benefice Breakfast Service at Cheddar		
			11.15am Family Service

## Readings for Sundays in July 2017

	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
<b>2nd July Trinity 3</b>	125	1 Peter 2:19-end	Matthew 16:13-19
<b>9th July Trinity 4</b>	145:8-15	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:
<b>16th July Trinity 5</b>	65	Romans 8:1-11	Mathew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>23rd July Trinity 6</b>	86:11-end	Romans 8:11-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>30th July Trinity 7</b>	119 :129-136	Romans 8:26-end	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

## Regular Weekly Events in July and August

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	7.45pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
<b>Tuesday</b>	8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am	Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only)
	10am	Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds at 11.30)
	10am-12pm	Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	7.30pm	Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
<b>Friday</b>	10-11.30am	St Andrew's Toddlers, up to School Age, Cheddar Village Hall (term time only)
	6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Cheddar
	10 – 11.30am	Rector available for drop-ins in the Den (except first Saturday)

## 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.



<b>July Diary 2017</b>			
<b>Sat 1</b>	10.30-12.30pm	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
	1.30pm	Wedding	St Peter's
	2pm	FOSL Fundraising Tea	Josie's Rodney Stoke
<b>Sun 2</b>	2pm	Wedding	St Andrew's
<b>Tue 4</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	10.30am	MU Coffee Morning	Pat Gardner's
<b>Thur 6</b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
<b>Sat 8</b>	10.30-1pm	Wedding Meetings	Den
<b>Sun 9</b>	2pm	Rodney Stoke Pet Show	Manor Farm
<b>Tue 11</b>	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	2pm	Baptism Meeting	Den
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
<b>Wed 12</b>	11.30am	MU Communion	St Andrew's
<b>Thur 13</b>	9am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
<b>Fri 14</b>	2pm	Baptism Meeting	Den
<b>Sat 15</b>	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
<b>Mon 17</b>	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Village Hall
<b>Tue 18</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
<b>Wed 19</b>	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	Cheddar Standing Committee	Den
<b>Thur 20</b>	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	6pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Andrew's
	7.45pm	St Peter's PCC	
<b>Sat 22</b>	11am	Wedding	St Andrew's
	2pm	Wedding	St Leonard's

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<b>DRAYCOTT</b>					
	2	9	16	23	30
	10.00 am				
Sidesman	L Whittle	R Dingley	G Jeff	C Jeff	Benefice
Intercessor	A Jeffries	T Oliver	C Green	R Dingley	Breakfast
Organist	B Rose	I Ames-White	B Rose	D Cheetham	Service
Readers	J Jeffries	G Dury	T Oliver	C Jeff	9.00 am
	L Whittle	R Dingley	T Lumley	A Jeffries	
Coffee	P Mullay	T Lumley	F Irving	S Burns	
	C Fulton			C Jeff	
Cleaning		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley	
		C Jeff			
Flowers	T Lumley	L Whittle	L Whittle	G Salt	G Salt
<b>RODNEY STOKE</b>		<i>Pet Service</i>			
Sidesman	Draycott	S Walker	S Percival	D Banks	C Neave
Reader 1	10.00 am	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman	D Banks
Reader 2		A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	J Symes
Cleaning	M Banks		S Kembrey		F Pitman
	S Wild		J Symes		J Drane
Flowers A	J Holmes	L Davey	V Andrews	D Johnson	A Percival
Flowers P	P Counsell	M James	I Sealey	H Neave	F Pitman

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### **Baptism:**

*We welcome into the Church family:*

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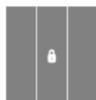
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