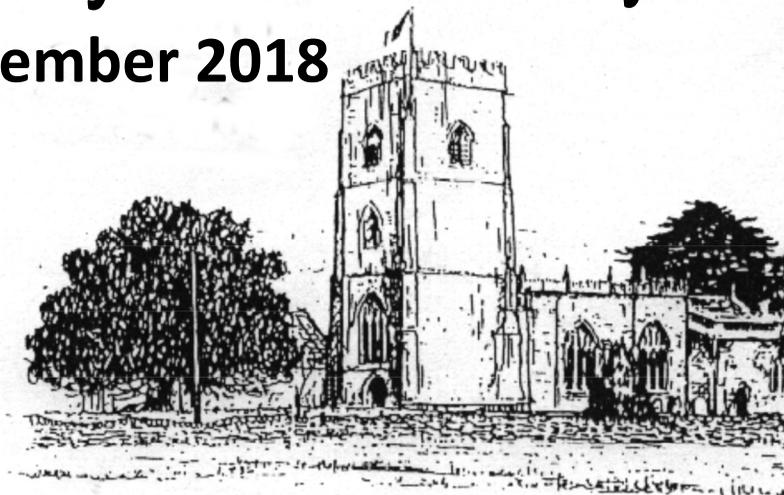


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The PCCs of St Peter's & St Leonard's have pleasure in inviting everyone to a free screening in St Peter's Church of the film "Journey's End" (rated 12A*) on Thursday 15 November.

Doors will open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm showing followed by Wine and Cheese.

There will be a retiring collection for The Royal British Legion.

The PCCs would like to express their thanks to Guy and Lionsgate, the film's distributor, for providing a special one-off free license to churches who would like to screen this film.

*The Film is rated 12A, which means it contains material that is not generally suitable for children aged under 12. No one younger than 12 may see a 12A film unless accompanied by an adult. Adults planning to take a child under 12 to view a 12A film should consider whether the film is suitable for that child.

'Journey's End' is the latest film adaptation of R C Sherriff's outstanding play of the same title, written in 1928. Sherriff had served as an infantry officer in the 9th battalion of the East Surrey's and was severely wounded at Passchendaele in 1917. The play itself is set in a front-line dugout where the characters await the opening of Ludendorff's 1918 Spring Offensive. Capturing a singular moment in time, it is a worthy counterpoint to the remarkable movie version of Erich Maria Remarque's novel 'All Quiet on the Western Front', one of the first talkies ever made (in 1930). It portrays the grinding endlessness of the war as experienced by a class leaving school in 1914. Many of its cast were themselves veterans.

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

Rod Walsh



Dear Friends,

We have lost our dear friend, colleague and brother-in-Christ, Rod, through a road accident in September.

Those of us who were walking a pilgrim route in Spain were numbed and disbelieving of this terrible news, and as we walked that day we spoke about Rod, prayed together for his family, or walked in silence. As the church-family especially in Cheddar, but also across the benefice, we feel drawn together in our deep desire to love Rod's family as our own. In our imperfect way we want to accompany Ceri as she recovers from injury, and to be real friends for his beloved children and other very close family members in Cheddar.

Rod was a Lay Worship Assistant in our Ministry Team, and as such he led worship sensitively, led intercessions insightfully, and occasionally preached, when he was always articulate and confident. He also at times accompanied me on pastoral visits, when he would compassionately read scripture and pray with others. Over the longer term, Rod was exploring extending his ministry through possibly becoming a Diocesan Reader, and maybe ordination later in life.

Losing Rod is a very significant blow to the life of St Andrew's, Cheddar, and also to the wider Church. In writing this, I pay tribute to our brother Rod for the faithful friendship and service he gave to so many of us, and also thank the Lord for the great blessing and gift Rod was to God's family over the years he was with us. However, the loss to his dear family is of course what is most important and most difficult.

Accidents happen randomly, and life is fragile for us all. God does not decide to take people from us. Tragedy however can be an opportunity for the Lord's compassionate love to be felt more clearly as the church grows in its ability to share that love with those who suffer. Please pray continuously for Rod's loved ones, and hold onto our living faith that the resurrection of Jesus means that there will be a reunion with those whom we love but for a time see no longer.

What joy shall we know then.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart".

Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Somerset remembers

Over this last year I have been hearing about the different ways our communities have been coming together to mark the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War.

Remembrance Sunday is always a poignant time and it will have a particular resonance this year as Remembrance Sunday falls on the centenary of Armistice Day, 11 November 1918.



We will remember them. We must not forget. As Bishop Tim Thornton says in the special Remembrance issue of our diocesan Manna magazine, “Re-mem-bering does not mean going through an intellectual exercise. It means doing everything we possibly can to bring back into the reality of today the horrors of the past so that we do not make the same mistakes again.”

I’ve been moved to hear the stories of how our church communities have used this landmark as an opportunity to research their own Tommies, to rededicate memorials, make spectacular poppy displays or install the Perspex Tommies of the charity, Remembered. And how communities have really come together across the generations through these acts, large and small.

Wells Cathedral’s Book of Remembrance contains around 11,300 names. These are the people from Somerset and beyond, listed by community, who gave their lives in the service of their country.

We will remember them.

Peter Hancock

Benefice Events and Notices



Would you enjoy a friendly chat, a bite to eat and a time to appreciate being with others?

Try the SALT lunch at Cheddar Village Hall
1230 – 2.30 on Monday 26 November
Everyone welcome.

All Children with Carers Welcome

The next Messy Church will be held on ,
from **2.30pm—4.00pm** on **Saturday 17th
November** in Cheddar Village Hall.

The theme will be St Andrew and there
will be plenty of fish ‘floating around’ in
the craft.



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.

A Poem for Remembrance Day Can You Remember?



Yes, I still remember
The whole thing in a way;
Edge and exactitude
Depend on the day.

Of all that prodigious scene
There seems scanty loss,
Though mists mainly float and screen
Canal, spire and fosse;

Though commonly I fail to name
That once obvious Hill,
And where we went and whence we came
To be killed, or kill.
Those mists are spiritual
And luminous-obscure,
Evolved of countless circumstance
Of which I am sure;

Of which, at the instance
Of sound, smell, change and stir,
New-old shapes for ever
Intensely recur.

And some are sparkling, laughing, singing,
Young, heroic, mild;
And some incurable, twisted,
Shrieking, dumb, defiled.

Edmund Blunden

Edmund Blunden saw continuous front-line action for longer than any other of the First World War Poets, including the Somme and the Third Battle of Ypres. He lived on for another fifty-six years.

As a survivor he had to learn to somehow live with his memories, something he never really achieved. He always felt that part of him was living in that time unable to escape fully to the present. This feeling inspired a whole body of poetry that reveals the devastating impact of war on the mind of a survivor.

The poem 'Can you remember?' explores how memory works. The poet asks himself if he can still remember the war and he discovers he can accessing hazy memories from the back of his mind that evolve into the sharp, clear and disturbing images of the last stanza.

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Saturday 10th November 7.30pm

Tickets £10 from the Church Office (01934) 861294

Music Matters And did those feet.....



*And did those feet in ancient time walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here among these dark Satanic Mills?*

This very familiar visionary poem by William Blake was inspired by a Somerset legend about Glastonbury. Literal-minded people sometimes say that this verse asks four questions, and the answer to each question is “No”. They seem to miss the point of the myth – that Jesus does not belong just to the Middle East and to the past. He has come to England in many forms over the centuries, and his influence is certainly no less needed here and now than it was two thousand years ago.

We probably know the poem best in the form of the song by Hubert Parry. Parry died just 100 years ago at the age of 70, not in the Great War but in the outbreak of “Spanish” flu which followed it. In the 16th and 17th centuries, England had been a renowned centre of musical excellence, but in later centuries music here had fallen into the doldrums to such an extent that this country was often referred to around Europe as “the land without music”. More than anyone else, it was Parry who rescued and revitalised the musical life of the country, As director of the Royal College of Music he had a direct influence on Elgar, Vaughan Williams and all the British composers of the early 20th century.

Draycott Church is celebrating the rebuilding of the organ this year in a series of musical events during the next few months. On 22 November, (St Cecilia's Day), I shall be giving a free concert to which you are all warmly invited. I shall play some organ pieces – some of them, but not all, will be well known – sing a couple of songs and play a couple of piano pieces. And we shall finish by singing together “And did those feet....?” in honour of the man who brought music back to this green and pleasant land.

David Cheetham

Why do I like Choral Music?

I particularly enjoy choral music and have often wondered where my love of this musical genre comes from. I believe that it was heavily influenced from my schooldays when, once a week the boys and girls from two forms were divided, and the music teacher must have wondered what to do with a large group of 13 year old boys. He got round the conundrum by getting us to sing choruses like The Anvil Chorus from Verdi's Il Trovatore, while he accompanied us on the piano. Rousing stuff and it was a highlight of the week for me.

I recently came across an extract from "The First Five" – the story of a school, The Downs Malvern, which was founded by my great aunt Ethel Jones and her husband. The references are to Lilian Tyler, music teacher during the 1950s/1960s. I can relate to this piece of writing.

We learnt through her to understand that music is part of living – and that without it we are very much the poorer. We may not all have understood everything we heard – we may not have appreciated it all the time. The understanding and appreciating doesn't matter half as much as the fact to some consciously, and to others unconsciously, it helped forming of their character – that, in playing or even listening, one's soul, spirit, or that intangible essence so necessary to man - call it what you will – has been made more aware of the purpose of this life and the promise of the next. Even if all the boys who were fortunate enough to come under her influence, never heard another note of music, the present and the future can never destroy those uplifting moments when one's whole being has been transported – albeit if for only a moment – from the trivialities of the world.



Alan Rowntree

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Parish Portrait No. 45 **John English**

John's journey to becoming Church Warden at St Peter's started when he was "poached" for the church choir by his school music teacher. This was taken rather seriously and he recalls a meeting at his house with his parents, who were Methodists, the Vicar, the Methodist Minister and the teacher to approve this! He still had to attend Sunday school at the Methodist church as well as two morning services and one evening service every Sunday in the Anglican Church. This was All Saints church, Gainsborough, in the lovely, but somewhat underrated county of Lincolnshire where John was raised.

After studying at Aberystwyth University John returned to work in Lincoln as a Librarian, then in Scunthorpe and Hull, later combining the Librarian's role with Arts Development Officer. A career move took him after 20 years to the Isle of Wight where he spent another 20 years in Library Services and it was while there that his involvement in the church crystalized into a significant part of his life, although he had remained a casual attender over the years, without the regularity or frequency of his onerous duties in Gainsborough.

In 2009 John's partner of 27 years died of cancer and the support he received from the Minister at Newport Minster acted as a catalyst to his re-involvement. His first role was to be part of a team producing the Parish Magazine, using his IT skills to put it together, but it soon became a team of one, namely John. He was then asked to stand as Church Warden which was quite a demanding role at that church. Newport Minster is the main Anglican Church on the Isle of Wight and hosts the civic, legal and commemorative services, often with the Bishop in attendance, as well as significant funerals. John recalls the funeral of a young fire fighter with fire engines and representatives from many fire brigades in attendance, with the church overflowing. During his tenure there was a renewal campaign to upgrade the building, which was much assisted by the patronage of Prince Edward, who took a personal interest.

Not surprisingly Library Services on the Isle of Wight suffered from cutbacks. Half the libraries became voluntarily run and then one out of three employees at John's level had to go – he volunteered very quickly as he was able to take his pension and was ready for a change. By now John had met his current partner Andy, who lived in Midsummer Norton, and they maintained a somewhat long-distance relationship. They decided to make a fresh start in a new place. They had spent time cycling around this locality

and they found a home that suited them in Draycott.

Leaving the island, which he loved and where he had many friends was quite a wrench and moving to a new area where he knew no one was quite challenging but it was an incentive to make the effort to get involved. John found St Peter's church most welcoming, but the church acquired someone who could meet some of its needs. He can play the piano and sing, so he joined the choir but when there was a vacancy for a Church Warden, there was a candidate with previous experience ready and waiting.



Although he retired when he left the Isle of Wight, John has a two day a week job as the Administrator of a charity, The Mathetes Trust (*Mathetes* is the New Testament word for 'disciple'; the core purpose of the Trust is to help promote a culture of discipleship and disciple-making within the local church) It

publishes and supports *Rooted in Jesus* a group course in Christian discipleship written for use in Africa. The material is written especially for the use of ordinary African Christians, rather than translated from material developed for the West. Its aim is to teach Church leaders to train others. It only responds to requests from African Bishops or local people. It sends people to do this work and John keeps in touch with them while they are away. Missions are held in the UK too – a recent one in Dover involved all the Christian churches.

John fears for the future of the church with ageing and dwindling congregations. He wonders if church services are too traditional to attract the young. Evangelical worship is not his style (although the Trust is essentially evangelical) but when he has attended such a service he could understand the attraction where there was less ritual and more explanation. The "Messy Church" initiative is successful in attracting families but there is little crossover into church attendance. He feels however that the churches locally are loved and supported by the community, which is a cause for optimism.

SMW

SOSP invite you to

.....an evening with Tiggi Trethowen

7pm Friday 23 November in St Peter's Church Draycott

Come and listen to Tiggi as she regales us with her tales from 150 Antique Road Show Recordings, her 25 year career in film and television, surviving on the edge with Bear Grylls, to her recent diagnosis of sight loss and adapting to a new way of life with her guide dog Jackie; her constant companion.

We can be assured of an evening with many twists and turns.



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Rodney Stoke Thankful Village Service

St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke

1830 Sunday 4 November

This is a very special service to:

- acknowledge our Patron Saint, Leonard (patron saint of prisoners-of-war)
- give thanks for the survival of all participants from Rodney Stoke in the First World War
- pray for peace in our lives and the world.

Please join us for hymns, readings, reflections

(and refreshments afterwards!).



Taizé service of music and meditation for the start of Advent

St Peter's Church, Draycott

4pm Sunday 2 December

St Peter's Harvest Supper 2018

SOSP invite you to join us at The Strawberry Special for our traditional Curry Night Harvest Supper

7.30pm for 8pm Friday 26 October

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Rodney Stoke — Coming Events

Everyone welcome

FOSL Fish & Chips Quiz Night

Saturday 27 October at 7 pm

Fish and Chip supper at 7.45pm prompt. There will also be a bar with wine, beer and soft drinks plus the customary raffle

FOSL 41st AGM

7pm Wed 7 November

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Come away from the din

Come away from the din.
Come away to the quiet fields,
over which the great sky stretches,
and where, between us,
and the stars, there lies
but silence; and there,
in the stillness let us listen
to the voice that is speaking
within us.'



Jerome K Jerome (1859–1927)

Pan-fried hot & spicy salmon

½tsp crushed chillies
2com/¾inch piece fresh ginger
grated
1 tbsp sesame oil
Finely grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
4 salmon fillet pieces
1 tbsp sunflower oil
Salt & pepper
Sautéed potatoes & seasonal vegetables to serve

1. Put the chillies, ginger, sesame oil, lemon rind & half the lemon juice into a non-metallic bowl & mix together.
2. Add the salmon to the mixture & turn to coat evenly. Cover & leave to stand for 5 mins. Season to taste with salt & pepper.
3. Preheat a heavy-based frying pan or griddle pan. Add the sunflower oil, then place the salmon in the pan skin-side down. Cook for about 2 minutes until the skin is golden & crisp, then turn & cook the other side for about 2 minutes until golden & just firm.
4. Squeeze the remaining lemon juice over the salmon & serve with sautéed potatoes & vegetables.



Services November 2018			
	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
4th November	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	6.30pm Thankful Village Patronal Service
All Saints	10am Morning Prayer		
	4pm Benefice All Souls Service at St Andrew's		
11th November	10am Parish Communion	10.45am Remembrance Service Rodney Stoke & Draycott Memorial Hall	
Remembrance	3.30pm Remembrance Service		
18th November	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
2 Before Advent	9am Breakfast Service		
25th November	10am Benefice Service & Patronal Festival at St Andrew's		

Readings November 2018				
e complete our readings from the Book 'I Believe in the Church' by David Watson this month				
Sermon Summaries are available in each of the churches.				
	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Notes
4th November		Chapter 17	Luke 4:	SB to notify Rodney Stoke
All Saints		The Mission of the Church	14 - 21.	
Page			782	
11th November	62:	Hebrews 9:	Mark 1:	SB to notify Rodney Stoke
Remembrance	5-end	24-end	14-20	
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18th November	16	Hebrews 10:	Mark 13:	
2 Before Advent		11-14 (15-18) 19-25	1-8	
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25th November	19:	Romans 10:	Matthew 4:	
St Andrew	1-6	12-18	18-22	
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Regular Weekly Events		
Monday	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
Tuesday	8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
	7.30pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
Wednesday	9.15am	Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only)
	10am	Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds at 11.30)
	10am-12pm	Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall
	1pm-4pm	Administrator in Benefice Office, Cheddar (Until 14th November)
Thursday	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	9am-2pm	Administrator in Benefice Office, Cheddar (Until 15th November)
	7.30pm	Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30am	St Andrew's Toddlers, up to School Age, Cheddar Village Hall (term time only)
	6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Cheddar
	10 – 11.30am	Rector usually available for drop-ins in the Den (please make appointments for certainty)
		*Except the first Saturday in each month, when he will be available at St Peter's

November 2018 Diary

Thur 1	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn, Cheddar
Sat 3	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake	St Peter's
Tue 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mother's Union: Update on Gaza with Rev. John Angle	Cheddar Village Hall
Wed 7	7pm	Friends of St Leonard's AGM	Rodney Stoke Parish Hall
Thur 8	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
	12pm	King of Wessex Prayer Meeting	KOW
Mon 12	8.45am	King of Wessex Service	St Andrew's
Tue 13	8.45am	King of Wessex Service	St Andrew's
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 14	8.45am	King of Wessex Service	St Andrew's
	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Andrew's
Thurs 15	8.45am	King of Wessex Service	St Andrew's
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 17	2-4pm	Rodney Stoke Christmas Fayre	Bucklegrove
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Sun 18	12.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's AGM and Lunch	
Tue 20	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Symes Home
Wed 21	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 22	7.30pm	An evening with David Cheetham	St Peter's
Fri 23	7pm	SOSP Autumn Talk	St Peter's
Sat 24	11.30am	Messy Church Planning	Den
Mon 26	12.30pm	St Andrew's at Lunch Time (SALT)	Cheddar Village Hall
Tue 27	12pm	St Andrew's Standing Committee Meeting	Dawn's Home

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November 2018 Rotas

November 2018 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT					
	4	11	18	25	Dec 2
	<i>Harvest</i>				
Sidesman	L Whittle		C Jeff		L Whittle
Intercessor	A Jeffries		R Dingley	United	G Jeff
Organist	B Rose	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	Benefice	TBA
Readers	C Jeff	Remembrance Service in Draycott Memorial Hall 10.45am	C Jeff	Service	C Jeff
	L Whittle		G Dury	10am	L Whittle
Coffee	T Lumley		F Irving	Cheddar	T Lumley
Cleaning	C Jeff P Mullay		H Robinson	T Lumley	C Jeff P Mullay
Flowers	L Whittle	E Rose	E Rose	ADVENT	
RODNEY STOKE					
6.30 Patronal					
Sidesman	B Buse	Remembrance Service in Draycott Memorial Hall 10.45am	C Neave		J Newman
Organist	Joanne		Michael	United	Joanne
Reader 1	S Percival		J Symes	Benefice	S Walker
Reader 2	S Walker		J Turner	Service	A Newman
Cleaning			M Banks S Wild	10am Cheddar	
Flowers A	P Counsell	D Johnson	I Sealey		ADVENT
Flowers P	L Davey	V Andrews	M James	A Percival	

Apologies for the non-appearance of our regular 'From the Registers' item. This is another unforeseen victim of the uncertainties arising from the implementation of the Government's GDPR regulations. Hopefully common sense will prevail at some point in the future.



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