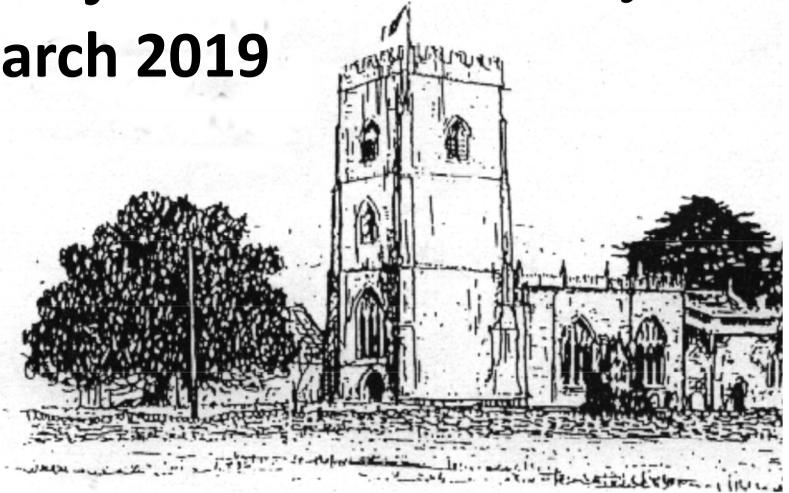


The Parish Churches of Rodney Stoke and Draycott

March 2019



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Peace and Hope



From time to time you might see one of those questionnaires in magazines where celebrities and their ilk are asked about their favourite things. You will know what I mean; what is your favourite colour, film, car, food, etc.? The whole concept baffles me – favourite means “*preferred to all others of the same kind*”. So would a person who has perhaps stated that steak and chips is their favourite food, prefer to eat that meal to the exclusion of all others if they could? I doubt it.

Similarly with music; having chosen something, I doubt that they would like to listen to that same recording over and over again. Several factors come into play; for example, the choice is affected by a person’s gender, their age, the season of the year, its familiarity but above all, a person’s mood. We are fortunate that there is so much choice in the world of music to suit every taste and mood.

At the present time I think we could all be forgiven for having a rather cynical view of the world with its constant strife and uncertainty coupled with what I have found to be a long and grey winter. I take great comfort from Haydn’s Nelson Mass and a recording in The Chapel of King’s College, Cambridge from the early 1960s but now superbly enhanced by modern technology with digital stereo from the original analogue master tapes.

I am specifically drawn to the closing *Agnus Dei*, which is split into two parts, *Agnus Dei* and *Dona Nobis Pacem*, (*Grant us peace*). For me this closing section moves us from darkness into light and, as well as offering peace, offers hope.

You are welcome to borrow this CD from me to experience it for yourself so please do get in touch.

Alan Rowntree

Haydn’s Nelson Mass was originally entitled ‘The Mass for Troubled Times’. It was first performed in 1798 when Austria was reeling from a crushing series of defeats at the hand of Napoleon. Rumour has it that its first performance in Vienna coincided with the arrival of the news of Nelson’s overwhelming victory over Napoleon at the Battle of the Nile. Gradually, with its depiction of gloom and foreboding overcome by light and hope, it became known as the Nelson Mass, Nelson being hailed as Europe’s saviour.

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Judith Rose

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the UK is due to leave the EU at the end of this month and there is still great uncertainty about the conditions of our departure. The media have focused on the disagreements between our politicians, and others, over Brexit. On this issue it would seem that our country is almost equally divided, with a small majority voting in the referendum, to leave the EU. Strong and sincere opinions are held on both sides of the argument. So how do we square the circle?



There are some important Christian principles which should help to address the problem. The Archbishop of Canterbury has urged us, on this and on other contentious issues, to 'disagree well,' and the Queen recently called on the country to 'come together'. We live in a democracy where it is important to respect and to listen to one another. We also need a way forward that is good for the country and will not just fulfil personal ambitions. Both of these ideals resonate with God's love for all people and the command to love our neighbour. Another aspect of our christian faith is that of sacrifice and particularly self-sacrifice. This means that sometimes our personal preferences have to be set aside for the common good.

These are some of the principles that need to be born in mind as important decisions are made that affect our nation and its relationship with other countries.

The Bible encourages us to pray for those in authority, so as Christians we need to continue to pray that our leaders will have the courage to make the right choices at times like these. Then we have to trust God for the future and pull together for the good of our country and all who are affected. These are principles that are also relevant to relationships within our local communities and in our own family lives.

A christian faith is not just a personal matter but it can help us in the bigger issues of life too.

Judith Rose

Letter from The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

Let Him look at you

The other day, someone was speaking about visiting with her elderly mum. She was telling us that whenever she visited she would offer to do any jobs that might be needed and beyond her mum's reach. Her mum's response was to say: **"Just sit down and let me look at you"**.



I've been thinking about that conversation ever since. What a wonderful thing to say to your child. This vignette was being shared a year after her mum's death. There are no more opportunities for her mum to 'sit and look at her'. How glad she is that she took the time while her mum was alive.

I wonder if I can say the same. Have I made time for the things that really matter or am I so focused on the tasks at hand that I forget the need for space to develop relationships? I have a sense that this isn't just about the people who matter to me but also that it may be Jesus speaking to me as well. **"Just sit down and let me look at you"**.

The story of Mary and Martha opening up their home to Jesus in hospitality perhaps reminds us most of the priority of spending time in the presence of Jesus. Martha complains at Mary's lack of support in helping with the household jobs. Jesus' response is to suggest that Martha has become so distracted with the 'tasks' of hospitality that she has missed the point about welcomes and relationships.

We often think of this story as being about Mary and Martha's priorities. Which is of greater significance? Our attitude of service or that of spiritual exploration? However I'm wondering if Jesus was saying something more. **"Just sit down and let me look at you"**. What would Jesus see if He looked at you? **How** does He look at you?

I'd like to suggest that we might hear these words as an invitation from Jesus to spend time under his gaze. not as a means of incurring shame but rather to receive the look of love that he so wants us to see.

Ruth Worsley

Benefice Events and Notices

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



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Here is some good news.

The Church of England has just released the 2019 update of its detailed 'Parish Census and Deprivation Statistics'. Now you might well think that I need to get out more often but, thankfully, the analysis shows that not only, relatively speaking, should deprivation not be an overwhelming problem within our Benefice but also that the same can be said for all the neighbouring parishes too. Indeed Winscomb and Sandford, Shipham and Rowberrow are all in the 10% least deprived parishes in the country category.

English Parishes Relative Deprivation	Local Parishes in Band
Up to 10% least deprived	Winscombe and Sandford, Shipham, Rowberrow
Up to 20% least deprived	Blagdon, Cheddar
Up to 30% least deprived	Axbridge, Wedmore
Up to 40% least deprived	Crook Peak, Theale, Allerton, Draycott, Rodney Stoke
Up to 50% least deprived	Priddy
Up to 60% least deprived	Westbury-sub-Mendip

Measuring relative deprivation parish-by-parish is not an exact science and the Church relies on interpreting Office of National Statistics data to come up with the results. The overall analysis recognises the following causes of deprivation:

- Income
- Employment
- Education and training
- Health and Disability
- Crime
- Housing and Services
- Living Environment.

It is also important to understand something of the local context. We lived for many years in a parish in London that went up in the world and started to attract large numbers of the well-paid upwardly mobile to live in its leafy streets. Outwardly it did become very affluent but the 'old guard' was still there and the level of relative deprivation remained surprisingly high despite all the outward appearances to the contrary.

Rob Walker

Secrets of St Leonard's

Its Historic Heating Systems

In 1878/79 St Leonard's was at the leading edge of green technology when it installed a



Musgrave slow combustion warm air stove under the floor in front of the west door. It complemented a Portway Patent Tortoise Slow Combustion Stove. Both stoves are still in place and are listed on the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineer's Register of Historic Heating Installations.



At the end of the First World War, a lot of temporary memorials were put up to be replaced later by something more permanent. This is Rodney Stoke's first Thankful Village remembrance dedicated in 1920. It appears in the Imperial War Museum's Register of War Memorials.

The Tomb and Effigy of Ann Lake is perhaps St Leonard's greatest and most enchanting treasure. In November 2017, it was declared the Church Monument Society's 'Monument of the Month' and it never fails to attract comments of appreciation from visitors. Ann, who died aged 30, led an eventful, not to say racy, life. As often happens, truth appears to have been stranger than fiction in her case and her quiet place of rest in St Leonard's seems truly appropriate. For more details of her life, visit the Church Monument Society's web site.



Music Matters

Taizé



In 1940, a Swiss pastor, Roger Schütz, founded a small monastic group dedicated to reconciliation. Symbolically, he chose to open it to both Catholic and Protestant monks, and to locate it in a house in the village of Taizé, which was right on the border between occupied France and Vichy France. This order now numbers over 100 monks, of whom at any time a good number will be posted out to disadvantaged parts of the world. Taizé attracts over 100,000 pilgrims every year, predominantly young people: they come in a spirit of kindness and simplicity for prayer, Bible study and communal work. There is a sister house, St Andrew's, a few miles away, in which lives a group of nuns, similarly both Catholic and Protestant.

Sadly, Brother Roger was killed in 2005 at the age of 90 when he was stabbed during a service in the Church of the Reconciliation by a deranged woman. Over 10,000 people attended his funeral in the church.



The Taizé pilgrims come from countries in every continent and to sing and pray in many languages. Under the guidance of Jacques Berthier and later Joseph Gelineau, they have evolved a style of music, simple, memorable and prayerful, largely based on psalm verses and other scriptural texts, and this music can now be heard all over the world. "O Lord, hear my prayer", "My peace I give you", "Jesus, remember me", "Veni, Sancte Spiritus", "Laudate Dominum".

You can take part in a Taizé-style service once a month in the Vicars' Close chapel in Wells. At St Peter's, our custom is to hold Taizé services twice a year. On Advent Sunday we begin in darkness and light candles one by one until the church is a blaze of light, looking forward to the coming of the Christ-child. At the Good Friday service, the candles are extinguished one by one as we read the story of his passion.

David Cheetham

Back to the beginning?

For me, aged four in 1953, the best thing about moving to Billingham-on-Tees was that we were allocated a council house. For my father, as a 'key worker', it was a perk of the job. And what a wonder it was – well constructed with vinyl floor tiles downstairs, three bedrooms, a rudimentary hot water/central heating system, a bathroom with a separate toilet and even a garden! This experience, as a small child, of moving out of woefully inadequate accommodation and into a decent home, is something I share with millions of our fellow citizens of 'a certain age'.



In the 1940-50's, politicians of all stripes were accustomed to working together when the chips were down to tackle the 'big' challenges of the day. They had learnt that knack during the war. Housing was one such challenge. When you dig into the detail, it is jaw-dropping to realise just what they managed to achieve given scant resources and the magnitude of the challenges they faced. Does anyone in our current crop of politicians have even the makings of the wherewithal to follow in their predecessors footsteps?

According to Philip North, Bishop of Burnley, in his recent paper to the General Synod*, social housing estates, like the one I grew up on, are now poverty stricken and something akin to the last frontier if not the wild west. They offer the church, he says, the opportunity to meet some of its own needs by being 'highly effective testing grounds for honing its theological approaches, forming new church leaders and developing effective resources'. This is called 'Estates Evangelism'.

It seems as if this is back to where I came in. The growing failure of the owner-occupier model as a means of providing mass housing provision coupled hand-in-hand with the rise of Generation Rent (both global phenomena), means many families are now again living with great insecurity in less than adequate housing. Would it not be more appropriate for the Church to start by understanding, articulating and addressing their real needs as seen through their eyes? In the circumstances does not 'Estates Evangelism' as outlined by Bishop North sound like just a little bit too much of a self-indulgence?

Rob Walker

*GS 2122 Estates Evangelism Task Group Philip North (January 2019)



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News from SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's)

Although it made the Church look like a beautiful Christmas card the snow & ice caused us to cancel our February "Coffee & Cake" for the first time since we started 10 years ago... but we'll be back in March & everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday March 2nd** from 10.30 for coffee & cake followed by this year's "**Pre-Lent Soup Lunch**" for **Christian Aid**, we will be serving **Soup, Bread & Cheese from 12 noon to 1.30pm**. Please join us & spread the word to your families, friends & neighbours.

Any offers of soups and extra cakes will be most welcome.

Please contact Thea 01934 744739

Also Advanced warning...

SOSP (supporters of St Peter's) are having a

Jumble Sale

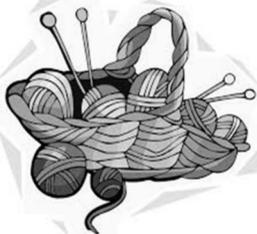
April 27th at 2pm

so please start collecting up any clothing or bric-a-brac etc that we could sell & deliver them from **10am on the day only** to the

Strawberry Special

Please contact Janette Vining if you can offer to help or need to have your donations collected **744945**.

Thank you!



Also, **Mrs Audrey Moulton** has been knitting hats & scarves & mittens for the Sisters in Bristol to give to those in need & she's running out of wool so she's asking for donations of any **spare double knitting wool**. Please either deliver to Audrey, bring to Church or contact Thea to arrange collection,
Thank You



Mobile Police Station in attendance

Rodney Stoke Inn Tuesday, February 19th at 11.00 am
Come and meet Nicola Housley, our PCSO.

Coming Events At Rodney Stoke



St Leonard's Rodney Stoke



Mothering Sunday Family Service

11.15 am Sunday 31 March

Distribution of posies



Refreshments afterwards including
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Friends of St Leonards—Dates for your Diary

*Be sure to make a note of the following in your diary and
'watch this space' for more details nearer the day and for
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Saturday 18 May

Somerset Day Celebration

Sunday 14 July

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Saturday 14 September

Barn Dance at Scaddens Farm

Wednesday 6 November

FOSL AGM Church Hall

Rodney Stoke — What's on

A MUSICAL TREAT TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

St Leonard's Church, Rodney Stoke

7.30pm Saturday 23 March

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

The Night is Darkening round Me

The night is darkening round me,
The wild winds coldly blow;
But a tyrant spell has bound me,
And I cannot, cannot go.



The giant trees are bending
Their boughs weighed with snow;
The storm is fast descending,
And yet I cannot go.

Clouds beyond clouds above me,
Wastes beyond wastes below;
But nothing drear can move me;
I will not, cannot go. *Emily Bronte (1818-48)*



1lb dry penne
8 cups broccoli
20 ounces
boneless
skinless
chicken
breasts
1 tsp salt
½tsp chili
flakes
½ cup dry
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2tbs butter
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juice
2 cups chicken
broth
2tbs olive oil
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1. Bring a large pot of salty water to a boil & cook pasta according to packaging directions.
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3. Drain pasta & broccoli, return to pan & set aside.
4. Heat large skillet over medium high heat & add cooking spray. Sprinkle cubed chicken breasts with salt & chili flakes. Add to pan & brown, 7-9 mins. Remove chicken from pan & reserve.
5. Leaving pan on medium heat, add white wine & use wooden spoon to deglaze pan by scrapping up browned bits from bottom. Bring to boil then reduce to simmer.
6. Add butter to pan & heat until melted. Stir in lemon juice & chicken broth then simmer for additional minute or two.
7. Add reserved chicken & any juices formed back to the pot with pasta and broccoli. Stir in lemon butter sauce & toss well. Check for seasoning & adjust accordingly.
8. Stir in olive oil before dividing between 6 plates. Serve with plenty of Parigiano Reggiano & fresh basil

Services March 2019

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
3rd March	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Sunday before Lent	10am Morning Prayer		
10th March	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Worship followed	8am BCP Communion
Lent 1		with coffee and discussion	
17th March	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Lent 2	10am Parish Communion		
24th March	8am BCP Communion	9 am Benefice Breakfast Service Cheddar Village Hall	
31st March	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mothering Sunday
Mothering Sunday			Family Service

Readings March 2019

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
3rd March	99	Exodus	Luke
Sunday before Lent		34: 29-end	9: 28-36
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10th March	91:	Deuteronomy	Luke
Lent 1	1-11	26: 1-11	4: 1-13
Page		818	821
17th March	27	Genesis	Luke
Lent 2		15: 1-12, 17-18	13: 31-end
Page	824	822	826
24th March	63:	Isaiah	Luke
Lent 3	1-9	55: 1-9	13: 1-9
Page	828	827	830
31st March	127:	Exodus	John
Mothering Sunday	1-4	2: 1-10	19: 25b - 27
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Regular Weekly Events

9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
7.30pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
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
9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
7.30pm	Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
10-11.30am	St Andrew's Toddlers, up to School Age, Cheddar Village Hall (term time only)
6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
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

March Diary			
Sat 2	10am	Marriage Prep Morning	Cross Memorial Hall
	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake	St Peter's
Tue 5	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 6	11am	Ash Wednesday Service with the giving of Ashes	St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service with the giving of Ashes	St Leonard's
Thurs 7	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn, Cheddar
Tue 12	2pm	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	7.30pm	Cheddar Bell Ringers AGM	Home of Panchaud
Wed 13	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Andrew's
Thur 14	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
Sat 16	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Wed 20	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	12.45pm	LMG Meeting	Den
	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Rodney Stoke
Thurs 21	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Tue 26	7.15pm	St Andrew's PCC	Den
Sun 31	6pm	St Peter's APCM	Draycott

Benefice Lent Groups

This year the Benefice Lent Groups will start week beginning Monday 11 March and run for 6 weeks finishing week beginning Monday 15 April. The course this year is based on "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller, pastor of a New York Church and author of several books. Keller argues that the parable of the prodigal son, though the best-known of Jesus' parables, is also the least understood. The book looks at various characters in the story, not just the wayward son, but also the judgemental older brother and loving father. The cost of the book is approximately £6.00 and payment will be collected on delivery. It is also available on Kindle.

Sheets for signing up to join a course and order a book will be placed in each of the Benefice Churches during February. Further information regarding a Plenary meeting at the end of the course will be given out in the March magazine. For further information please call 01934 742091 or e-mail pearsonm7014@gmail.com

March 2019 Rotas

DRAYCOTT						
	3	10	17	24	31	Apr 7
Sidesman	L Whittle	G Jeff	C Jeff		L Whittle	L Whittle
Intercessor	R Dingley	G Jeff	A Jeffries	9 am	C Green	A Jeffries
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	D Cheetham		D Cheetham	TBA
Readers	T Lumley	C Jeff	G Dury	Breakfast	C Jeff	T Lumley
	L Whittle	G Dury	A Jeffries	in	L Whittle	L Whittle
Coffee	S Burns	C Jeff	P Mullah	Cheddar	F Irving	P Mullah
			C Fulton			C Fulton
Cleaning		C Jeff	H Robinson		T Lumley	
		P Mullah				
Flowers	G Dury	Lent	Lent	Lent	Mothering Sunday	Passion Sunday
RODNEY STOKE						
Sidesman	S Walker	C Neave	B Buse	Breakfast in Cheddar	A Percival	J Newman
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Joanne		Joanne	Joanne
Reader 1	H Neave	S Walker	J Symes		S Walker	J Turner
Reader 2	A Newman	I Turner	A Percival		S Percival	H Neave
Cleaning	R Mann		A Percival		F Pitman	
			S Wild		J Drane	
Flowers A	V Andrews	Lent	Lent	Lent	Mothering	Passion
Flowers P	H Neave				Sunday	Sunday

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.



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