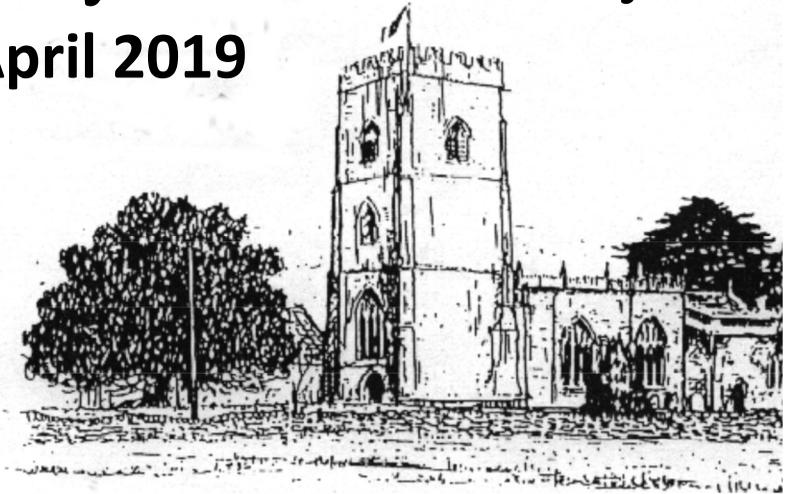


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Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

Our bishops' current Lent Challenge, Living Well in God's World, helps us think about what our Christian faith says about how we live and how we care for creation. There are many resources to help us respond on the diocesan website.¹

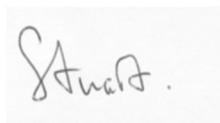
As Bishop Peter writes ... *"Our care for the environment and for all that God has created is an obligation for us as Christians, and part of our response to the gospel. What we now know about climate change and the impact we humans make on the world we live in, means that it is imperative that we take this responsibility seriously. The Earth is our home. It is beautiful beyond words. It is God's gift to us and so we must take care of it!"*



I was privileged recently to visit Costa Rica, a poor country which nevertheless abolished its army some decades ago, and now spends the resultant money on protection of the natural environment especially, as well as on free schooling and health-care. There are vast areas of protected indigenous rain-forest and mountainous cloud-forest, the wildlife is spectacularly colourful and abundant, and in all facets of life, one observes government, people and businesses shaping all they do with environmental protection as a top priority. It is inspiring and moving and challenges us in the UK to lament how quickly our wildlife is disappearing because we don't do what the Costa Ricans do.

Even though this will be read when Lent is half-over, please look at the website resources listed below, and also make time for yourself to go into a wild and natural place, so that the goodness and beauty of God can seep into your own soul.

Costa Rica's national slogan is **Pura Vida** - "pure life" - and they say it all the time, meaning "life and the world is good - enjoy it!". Jesus came to bring life "in all its fullness" (John 10.10), but we need to save the planet to be able to know this. May life be good to you this Easter.



¹ www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/bishops/bishops-lent-campaign/

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

He is not here. He is risen!

I heard a wonderful story recently about a Church Sunday School which was putting on a drama telling the story of Holy Week and Easter. All had gone well and the wonderful moment arrived when the angel appeared to the women at the tomb to declare those glorious words: *'He is not here, he is risen.'* (Luke 24:6). Unfortunately, five year old Brian could not remember what to say, and so the Youth Leader had to quietly remind him of his line. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and triumphantly shouted, 'He's not here; He's in prison!'



As we move this month from Lent into Holy Week and onto Good Friday I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day when we shall once again hear those words ring out 'He is not here, he is risen!' And we shall rejoice and celebrate again the glorious truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not hold him. When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee he declared that: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And those words from Isaiah help us understand why Jesus came. He came to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and to release the oppressed. He came that we might 'have life and have it to the full'. He came to release us from our sins and set us free from our fears. He came that we might know God and that through knowing God we might have eternal life. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he said. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

The good news of the Easter message is that although Jesus died upon the cross he rose again and through his resurrection he overcame the power of sin and the sting of death. That is why Paul could write: 'Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15: 57). This Easter let us give thanks that Jesus is not dead. He is not in prison. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peter Hancock



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.

Benefice Events and Notices

Benefice Holy Week Events

Monday 15 April

7pm Cheddar Catholic Church Stations of the Cross—an ecumenical service

Tuesday 16 April

8pm St Peter's, Draycott Stainer's Crucifixion—see page 3

Thursday 18 April

6pm Cheddar Village Hall Passover Supper with informal Holy Communion, (followed by reflection and stripping of the altar in the church) in Cheddar Hall at 6pm. Tickets will soon appear in church.

Good Friday 19th April

10am St Andrew's, Cheddar Family worship

12-3pm St Andrew's Cheddar 3 hour devotions— 'come & go'

6pm St Peter's, Draycott Taizé service

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Hilary Thomas (01934 742207)



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Easter Egg Appeal!

Dear Friends

Last year we were able to treat our callers by handing out nearly 400 Easter Eggs, and we are very much hoping to be able to do the same this year! So we would be very grateful to receive gifts of Easter Eggs, and we do hope that you are able to help us with this. Alternatively, we would be glad of specific financial donations so that we can buy them.

We plan to distribute the eggs to our callers during Holy Week (w/b 15 April). So that we can ensure that we have enough, please could eggs or money donated reach us as soon as possible, and at the latest by Wednesday 3rd April.

Many, many thanks in advance for your continuing help and generosity!

With our love and blessings

Sister Teresa Mary CSC and Sister Rosina CSC

Sr Teresa Mary

Sr Rosina

*Last year we were significant contributors to the CSC Easter Egg appeal- we'd like to be so again! We shall also take in the usual groceries (tins and packets of different foods, and they also accept feminine hygiene products). Last chance to contribute to our local collection is **Sunday 31st March**.*

Please could you bring in any gifts to St Peter's Church, Draycott, or to: The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke. Or ring for a collection- 01749 870554. Thank you.

Slavery Today

More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 136,000 potential victims in the UK alone, often hidden in plain sight. My first knowing encounter with Modern Slavery was literally just by the 'tradesman's entrance' at the back of The Royal Courts of Justice' in London. It was the early 1990s and I was on the rota to drive the van for a soup run into Central London, part of our community's response to the then rising tide of street homelessness.



One of our regular's, like many an ex-soldier, pointed out a group with a much more comfortable minibus and far superior food on offer. They had quite an active, assertive approach compared with us. He said that, if you got into their minibus, they would whisk you off to a farm outside London, 'talk a lot of God', get you to sign over your social security payments and put you to work for no pay, with little food and poor accommodation. They became a regular, indeed growing, presence on the streets until a determined effort by the incoming Blair government to provide sufficient hostel places, coupled with street furniture 'improvements' to deny rough sleepers many of their traditional resting places, made our kind of soup run quite obsolete.

But Modern Slavery has not gone away and for our diocese, as a lead in the national Clewer Initiative¹, it has been a high priority especially in rural areas. It is said to be the nation's second most profitable crime after the drugs trade with tens of thousands of victims in the country today and over 5000 new cases, about 40% children, reported each year, on a rising trend. UK Nationals are the largest group. The most vulnerable are the homeless and seasonal workers on low incomes. The main industry sectors are hospitality, food processing and construction. In reality:

- Modern Slavery is present in most communities but it often goes unnoticed
- the community can play a key role in protecting individuals and groups at risk
- it is important to restore victims' dignity and confidence to help them become part of the community again.

The Clewer Initiative has facilitated the development of a new resource called Hidden Voices to help churches and communities by raising awareness, so they can respond appropriately to the challenges of Modern Slavery. Is this something for us?

Rob Walker

¹ <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org>

Perspectives



Perspectives change with age.

By the time this magazine goes out, I shall hopefully have celebrated my 87th birthday, and it gives me a strange feeling when I read about new mortgages for 30 years or more, or advice to young people to start saving for retirement (and how jolly hard that is going to be for most). I just shan't be here!

Which is why, in later years, with less time ahead, one begins to think more immediately about making the most of each day. One of my favourite hymns is John Keble's *'New every morning is the love, Our waking and uprising prove. From sleep and darkness safely brought. Restored to life and power and thought'*.

It strikes me that this day-by-day way of thinking would have been more prevalent in past generations, when life expectancy was far lower than it is today, with little cure for many diseases. One would have learned to make the most of each day. *'If on our daily course, our mind Be set to hallow all we find, New treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice'*.

But along with making the most of each moment should surely come a sense of gratitude and thanks both for the present moment and for all the good things of the past. *'Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, As more of heaven in each we see.'*

Thankfulness is not only something owing to God (though of course we all have difficult and painful times) but also a way of increasing the happiness and meaning of each moment for ourselves.

I guess that most readers of this magazine will be at least in the second half of life, but I would encourage younger readers to consider this making the most of each day in a spirit of thankfulness. *'The trivial round, the common task, Will furnish all we need to ask'*.

John Keble lived to the age of 74, which was pretty good going in those days.

Gordon Jeff



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Scandal in Rodney Stoke!

Inside the North Chapel of St Leonard's Church lies the serenely beautiful effigy of Lady Anne Lake. She is wearing her court dress, complete with a delicate lace collar and pearls. She holds her hands in prayer and is lying under a canopy of stars supported on elegant pillars. Her head and her hands are carved from pale, grey-veined alabaster. Her head is resting on a double cushion. A recent visitor to the church, Dr Clive Easter, considers the monument to Anne Lake to be the work of an extremely experienced London sculptor. He is carrying out further research.



Anne's peaceful effigy belies her turbulent and scandalous past. She was the daughter of Thomas Lake who was born in Southampton in 1561. Although he was not from a wealthy family, after his education in the local grammar school he entered the service of Sir Francis Walsingham – Elizabeth I's spymaster. In those socially mobile times he soon rose through the ranks of the Tudor court to become Walsingham's private secretary. Walsingham brought Lake to the attention of Elizabeth, and she appointed him as Clerk of the Signet in 1600.

A measure of how important Thomas had become was shown in 1603 when he was sent to inform James VI of Scotland of Elizabeth's death, and urge him to come immediately to England and take the throne as James I. Later that year he was knighted and became the King's travelling secretary. In 1615 the King swore him in as Secretary of State.

Ultimately, Lake's career was nearly ruined by his involvement in a bitter family quarrel which turned into a scandal. Anne, his eldest daughter, married William Cecil, 16th Baron de Roos, but the marriage did not last. During the marriage, Cecil had mortgaged some land to Lake, but now his family wanted it back. A vicious dispute followed. Anne's brother violently attacked Cecil and she threatened to accuse her estranged husband of foul deeds. Cecil, not being able to stand it any longer, fled to Rome, but Anne continued with her accusations by forging letters to incriminate him.

Eventually Anne, whose slanders came to the notice of the King, was put into the custody of the Bishop of London and the case came to trial in the Star

Chamber. The King chose to judge the case in person. Anne was accused, along with her family, of murder, poison, forging evidence and other foul deeds. The King found all the family guilty, including Anne's father who faced a huge fine of £10,000. Lake, his wife and his daughter and were all imprisoned in the Tower of London. Lake had to surrender his seal and public documents. Whilst in the tower Anne tried to escape but was caught. She confessed that she had slandered the Roos family and asked for forgiveness. Cecil, her estranged husband, died in Italy, and soon after Anne married George Rodney, the son of Sir John Rodney. They had one child, Anthony, through whom the Rodney family continues to this oday.

After such an eventful life, Anne Lake died in 1630, aged 30, and wished to be remembered as a good wife and penitent Christian. She now lies in peace in St Leonard's, and her tomb is much admired by many visitors to the church.

Megan James

"Here resteth in the Peace of God the body of the Right Honourable Anne Lakes Daughter of Sir Thomas Lakes of Channons in Middlesex. Sometime principal Secretary and Counsellor of King James First... Married to William Cecil Lord Roos, eldest sonne unto the Second Earl of Exeter of that Family...ince when to George Rodney Esq. Sonne of Sir George Rodney Knt. by the space of 10 years who by this stone doth acknowledge her deserth towards him and desireth to perpetuate the memory of a good wife and most penitent Christian. She died in the year of Grace 1630 of her own age and now only hopes for a joyful resurrection"



Our quiet backwater seems like an unlikely final resting place for such a figure as Lady Anne. Her effigy is a masterpiece of its art and easily good enough to be ranked as a nationally important treasure. Perhaps it hints at something more of an undiscovered story to be told worthy of the attentions of an aspiring Hilary Mantel (although the contemporary accounts, admirably summarised by Megan for the Parish Magazine audience, are themselves rich enough you might think).



St Leonard's Rodney Stoke



Mothering Sunday Family Service

11.15 am Sunday 31 March



Distribution of posies

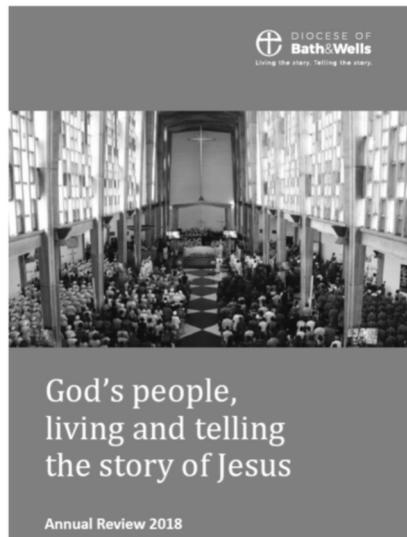
Refreshments afterwards including sharing Simnel Cake

Mentioned in 'high places'

It is always nice to get a bit of appreciation from 'high places' so I thought all our readers would like to join me in taking quiet pleasure from this year's Diocese of Bath and Wells Annual Report. It is one of those expensively produced glossies that all organisations seem to have to have these days.

Suffice it to say that, under the Faith in Action heading, ours was the only Benefice in the entire Diocese

singled out for a special mention, complete with a photograph and a lengthy quote from our very own Rev Stuart Burns no less. It was all about the 'Celebrate! World Food and Music' evening last year. Into the bargain, it was also just about the only 'grass roots bottom up' type initiative to be rate a mention in the whole Report.



Rob Walker

News from SOSP and FOSL

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday 6 April** from 10.30 for coffee & cake. 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 please note

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!

Friends of St Leonard's Somerset Day Celebration

Saturday 18 May at Brangay Farm

Tickets £12.50, Children £5.00

Further details 'Watch this space'



Mobile Police Station in attendance

Rodney Stoke Inn 10.00am Tuesday 16 April

Come and meet Nicola Housley, our PCSO.



This year instead of a house to house collection in Draycott and Rodney Stoke, we will be hosting a

**“Christian Aid Gift Day”
at St Peter’s Church Draycott
8.30am - 4pm Saturday 18 May**

starting with a “Big Breakfast” from 8.30 until 11am then we will be serving tea, coffee, biscuits & cakes, alongside a raffle, fair trade stall and a collection box for the Christian Aid envelopes that will be sent out with the parish magazines. Envelopes will also be available in the Churches, the Pubs & the Post Office from early May.

For more information about this event, or to offer to help in any way on the day please contact Thea on 01934 744739.

Last year our house to house collection raised over £1,100 (including gift aid) for Christian Aid but sadly we do not currently have a local co-ordinator or enough helpers to deliver & collect the envelopes, but we have great confidence that, with your help & support, this new initiative will be very successful.

If you would like to become more involved by offering to co-ordinate our local fundraising for Christian Aid please also contact Thea or one of the Church Wardens at either St Peter’s or St Leonards. Thank you.

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.



Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

A E Houseman (1859-1936)



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Shallow-fried cauliflower

1. Season the cauliflower florets with salt & pepper, then dredge them in flour, shaking off any additional excess flour.
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Services April 2019

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
7th April	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Lent 5	10am Morning Prayer		
14th April	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Worship followed	11.15am Parish Communion
Palm Sunday		with coffee and discussion	
21st April	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Easter Communion	11.15am Easter Communion
Easter Sunday	10am Easter Communion		
28th April	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
Easter 2	10am Parish Communion		

Readings April 2019

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
7th April	126	Philippians	John
Lent 5		3: 4 <i>b</i> - 14	12: 1-8
Page	836	836	837
14th April	118	Philippians	Luke
Palm Sunday	1-2, 19-end	2: 5-11	19: 28-40
Page	839	841	838
21st April	118	Acts	John
Easter Sunday	14-24	10: 34 -43	20: 1-18
Page	854	851	855
28th April	118	Acts	John
Easter 2	14-end	5: 27 - 32	20: 19 - end
Page	860	859	862

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
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer at St Peter's THROUGH LENT
Thursday	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	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)

April 2019 Diary			
Mon 1	8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
Tue 2	8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	12.30pm	Mother's Union Lent Lunch	Cheddar Village Hall
Wed 3	8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den
Thurs 4	8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn, Cheddar
Fri 5	9.30am	Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Easter Service	St Peter's
Sat 6	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
Sun 7	6pm	St Andrew's APCM	church
Mon 8	7.30pm	Cheddar Village Hall Committee Meeting	Cheddar Village Hall
Tue 9	2pm	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
Wed 10	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Andrew's
Thur 11	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
	2pm	Messy Church Planning	Den
Mon 15	7pm	Stations of the Cross	Cheddar R Catholic
Tues 16	8pm	Stainer's Crucifixion	St Peter's
Wed 17	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 18	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	6pm	Benefice Passover Supper	Cheddar Village Hall
Thurs 25	11.30am	St Andrew's Standing Committee	Den
	10am	Breakfast Planning	Den
Sat 27	2pm	SOSP Jumble Sale	Strawberry Special
Tues 30	3.30pm	LPA Meeting	Den
	7pm	St Leonard's APCM	Rodney Stoke Hall

St Peter's Draycott
Evening Prayers for Lent
5.45pm every Wednesday throughout Lent
Led by Thea Oliver

April 2019 Rotas

April 2019 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT					
	7	14	21	28	May 5
		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter</i>		
Sidesman	L Whittle	N Devitt	P Mullay	C Jeff	G Jeff
Intercessor	A Jeffries	C Green	G Jeff	R Dingley	T Oliver
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	B Rose	D Cheetham	D Cheetham
Readers	T Lumley	N Devitt	G Jeff	G Dury	C Jeff
	L Whittle	G Dury	T Lumley	R Dingley	G Jeff
Coffee	P Mullay	C Jeff	F Irving	S Burns	P Mullay
	C Fulton				C Fulton
Cleaning		C Jeff	H Robinson	T Lumley	
		P Mullay			
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Easter	G Salt	G Salt
			All Hands		
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	J Newman	S Percival	S Walker	T Symes	A Newman
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	J Turner	A Newman	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave
Reader 2	H Neave	J Symes	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman
Cleaning		J Holmes		J Newman	F Pitman
		S Walker		K Percival	J Drane
Flowers A	Lent	Lent	J Holmes	P Counsell	D Johnson
Flowers P			F Pitman	L Davey	M James

St Leonard's Rodney Stoke Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 30 April

St Leonard's Church Hall

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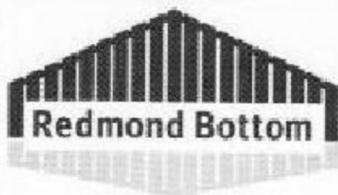
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