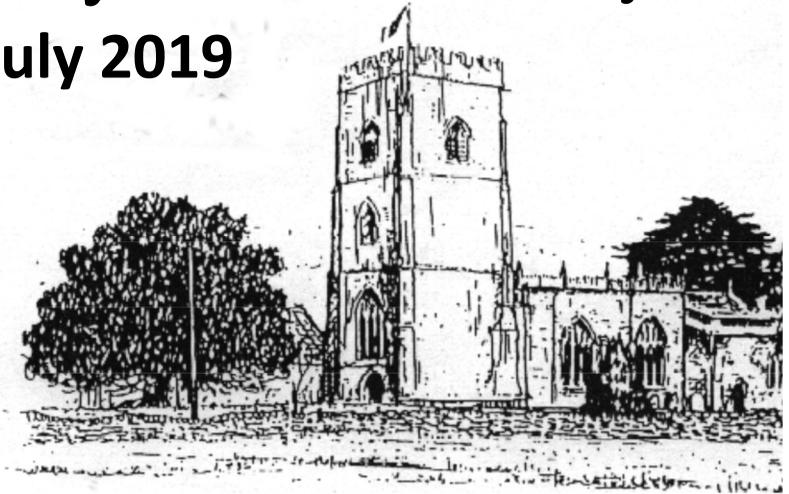


# The Parish Churches of Rodney Stoke and Draycott

July 2019



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The show must go on.....



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**Pet Service at 11.15am**

**Bring your pets!**



**St. Leonards, Rodney Stoke**



*Go through the Book of Common Prayer with as fine a flea comb as you like but you won't find a single mention of a Pet Service anywhere.*

*Here in Rodney Stoke it used to be the opening event of FOSL's now defunct Pet Show (and not to be confused with Save the Children's Horse, Companion Dog and Teddy Bear Show either which has also been 'hounded out' of our social calendar or so it is rumoured).*

*Pet Services might not be all that liturgically legitimate, but when has that stopped things happening around here? At Rodney Stoke it continues to attract a good turn out – both four-legged and two-legged - so perk up your tail, prick up your ears and give your minder another much needed outing.*

## Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

Dear Friends,

Today is the day after Trinity Sunday. Preachers don't like Trinity Sunday because it is a doctrine that defies rational explanation, because it is a mystery - in the sense of something we just can't fully get our minds around because we are not God, but which we may embrace through faith and trust.



This day is also in the midst of the Tory leadership contest which is preoccupied with Brexit of course (along with a good deal of personal ambition!)

There is a possible way, though, of comprehending Trinity that may be apposite: and that is to think of our relationship with God in terms of three prepositions:

- God the Father (or Parent) is God **over** me; God stands apart from me, but loves, leads and nurtures me; therefore I am both accountable to but also dependent upon the resources of a good and just God who is deeply invested in my life. I cannot be a law unto myself.
- God the Son is God **with** me; Jesus the person, who died and rose again, befriends and accompanies me; he offers to be alongside, so that I am never a sole-agent in my decisions, and I do not have to face the consequences of my conduct alone. God who loves me personally and deeply is with me, as I both work out and also then live with my legacy. This is a God who shares.
- God the Holy Spirit is God **in** me; this is how God enables me to find the courage to act in ways that are fundamentally selfless and at times unpopular.

If there is truth in this, then we must pray earnestly for those who seek the corridors of secular power, that they will find a trinitarian Christian faith, so that they might:

- See that they are deeply in need of God's wisdom and help
- Know that Jesus will befriend and support them whatever their legacy
- Find that they can lead in ways that are truly not self-seeking, and are therefore Godly.

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

## Letter from Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

### Time to reflect

By the time you read this I may be a Granny! Our first grandchild is due on 30 June 30. Very exciting! So our holiday this month will be up in Scotland, cooing over a new-born. Let's hope he or she looks more like their parents than their grandparents.



I remember when our eldest son was born that he received a little T-shirt that said 'If you think I'm cute you should see my dad'. No prizes for guessing who gave it to him!

I wonder who people see when they look at you. I'm not speaking of the familial physiological likeness but rather whether you reflect something of the nature and character of your heavenly Father. Can people look at you and see you as part of the Christian family?

It's easy for us to point the finger at others and say they are hypocrites or fail to live up to the high standards of Christian faith. I have to own that as I write this, following President Trump's visit, that I find some of his views far from the Christian ones I espouse. If I allow myself I can get quite heated about the different ways in which people make Christian claims. 'Living the story of God's love' shouldn't be about taking pot shots at others but rather seeking to become more like Christ ourselves. We all fail at that.

I've been doing some reassessment of my life as I realise a new generation is entering our family. It makes you think about what really matters and how you apportion your time. May I encourage you during July, traditionally a holiday month, as you come to the end of school and college programmes, to put down the tools of your trade and to take time to reflect on your life. Think about the next phase or chapter and how you might allow God's graces to shape you to become more like Him. What needs to change? How will you make space for that? Are you ready to wear the T-shirt?

Wishing you God's blessings!

*Ruth Worsley*

## Benefice Events and Notices



### HOLIDAY CLUB

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**Saturday 13 July**

**Cheddar Village Hall.**



## Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI Secret Open Gardens

**11am to 5pm Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July 2019**

Join us as we enjoy the Open Gardens in the villages of Rodney Stoke and Draycott on the beautiful south slopes of The Mendip Hills.

Over 10 private gardens ranging from small walled and newly formed gardens to mature gardens packed with plants & larger hill-side slopes with vines, bees plus more in the heart of this Strawberry growers' paradise. Many have not been opened to the public before.

WI teas, cake stalls, Bar, Plant stalls dotted around the route make for a thoroughly enjoyable day out for all. Some rough terrain and walking required.

Parking by kind permission of St Peter's Church, Draycott and Brangay Farm, Rodney Stoke BS27 3UL with full walking route between the gardens of about 1 mile each way.

Programs/Route Map available from open gardens on the day or from Draycott Post Office. Adults £5 Under 16s free with accompanying adult. Well behaved children and dogs on leads welcome.

Proceeds shared between Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI and Draycott Memorial Hall.

# CHEDDAR VALLEY FOODBANK

## HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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Under normal circumstances, Holly could just about scrape by, but then her daughter became poorly and had to spend three weeks in hospital . When Phoebe recovered, they returned home to empty kitchen cupboards, bills racking up and no income to support them .

Holly said: “The people at the foodbank were wonderful, they understood and saved us. ” Although Holly's situation is still precarious, knowing the foodbank is there in an emergency is a huge weight off her shoulders.

## Update 2019



Following on from last months Christian Aid article, here is the final update and total for this year. Including the receipts from our Big Breakfast, Gift Envelopes, Raffle, Donations, Coffee & Cake, the final amount sent to Christian Aid was **£1,498.25p** plus some Gift Aid which needs to be reclaimed and added to the total. By the time the gift aid is taken into account, this represents **an increase of well over £400 on last year's total** which was based on the 'traditional' door-to-door collection..

This result has far exceeded our expectations when organising this event and there has been such a huge amount of positive feedback, it is felt this should be the way forward for future Christian Aid collections.

**Christian Aid Giving Day next year will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

So this is a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year so successful and to those who donated and were able to Gift Aid.

And, more good news, Karen Percival has agreed to be the Christian Aid Link for Draycott and Rodney Stoke.

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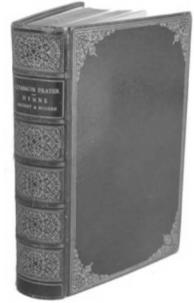
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## Music Matters

### Words, Words, Words



Since we moved full time to Draycott 23 years ago, St. Peter's has used no less than three different hymn books – Ancient and Modern New Standard, dating from 1983, Hymns Old and New, rather quirky with much unnecessary fiddling around with well-known words, and currently the new Ancient and Modern (2013) which features no less than 847 hymns.

What makes a hymn popular? I think there are some hymn words which continue to speak to many people over many decades – *'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, 'All things bright and beautiful'* for example.

But my guess is that it's frequently tunes rather than words which make hymns popular, with the result that we can find ourselves singing some pretty dire stuff, banging on endlessly about sin and guilt and the likely possibility of eternal damnation, which people seem to sing cheerfully. Even our new hymn book contains quite a bit of it, and I wish that such verses would routinely be omitted whenever they occur.

However, all is not gloom and doom. Our new hymn book includes not only some fine new tunes, but recently written words which speak more clearly to our present condition and needs – writers like Iona Community members John Bell and Graham Maule. Here is one verse from them:

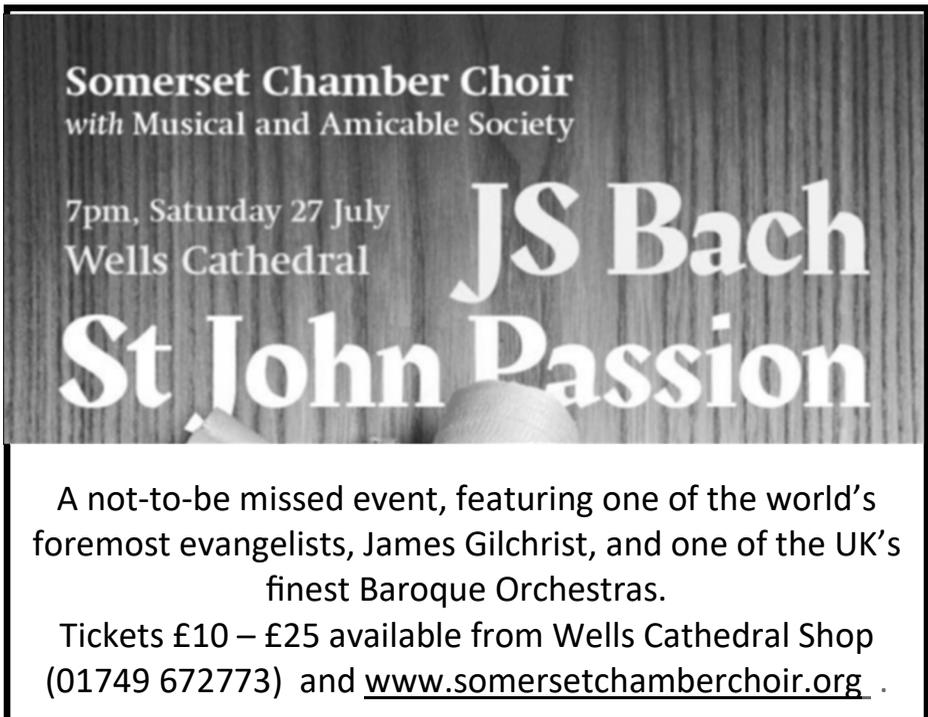
*From those forever shackled  
to what their wealth can buy  
the fear of lost advantage  
provokes the bitter cry,  
"Don't query our position!  
Don't criticise our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
by politics and stealth!"  
When will the world be generous  
to all instead of some?*

I doubt whether earlier hymn writers would have come up with a verse like this from Michael Forster:

*Cry "Freedom" for the victims of the earthquake and the rain:  
where wealthy folk find shelter and the poor must bear the pain;  
where weapons claim resources while the famine strikes again.*

Other hymns are concerned for the destruction of the natural world. Congregations seem to be more resistant to new tunes than new words. I'm always amused that every Christmas we sing 'Of the Father's love begotten', but almost every year I hear someone complaining that they don't know the tune! I think a good plan could be to have one new tune a month, which would then be sung several times in succeeding months to establish it. Encouragingly at St. Peter's the congregation seems to be happy with quite a number of fine new tunes to equally fine new words.

*Gordon Jeff*



**Somerset Chamber Choir**  
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7pm, Saturday 27 July  
Wells Cathedral

**JS Bach**  
**St. John Passion**

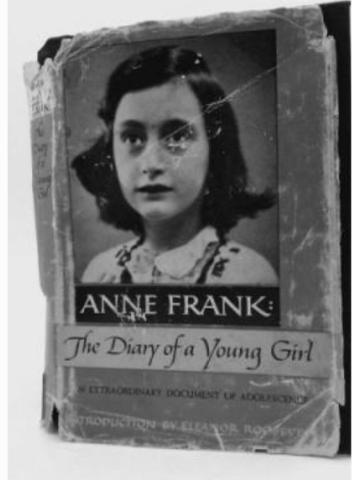
A not-to-be missed event, featuring one of the world's foremost evangelists, James Gilchrist, and one of the UK's finest Baroque Orchestras.

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## Lest we forget

In July 1942 Anne Frank together with her parents, her sister Margot and a couple with a teenage son went into hiding in a 'Secret Annex' above her father's workplace in Amsterdam. Just the month before Anne had been given a diary for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. The last entry in the diary is 1 August 1944. Three days later the occupants of the annex were arrested and deported to Auschwitz. All but Anne's father perished in concentration camps. Anne and Margot died of typhoid in Bergan-Belson in early 1945.

Anne's diary became one of the most famous books in the world, translated into 60 languages and selling over 30m copies. I first read it when I was about the same age as Anne was when she died, and like many others, it had a profound effect on me.



Bloomsbury have just published *Anne Frank:*

*The Collected Works* which include other writing she left behind. It was however another book, *The Cut Out Girl* by Bart van Es, which won the 2018 Costa Book award, the story of Lien, a Jewish girl who aged 8 leaves her parents in The Hague to live with a foster family, the author's grandparents, which inspired me to re-read the diary.

The Netherlands, a place of sanctuary for Jews from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, received some 35,000 Jews from Germany when Hitler came to power, among them Anne's family who lived comfortably in Amsterdam until the German occupation in 1940. Many restrictions were then imposed on Jews and Jewish children had to attend Jewish schools. Lien kept a "poesie" album, a book where friends wrote messages, which she still had in old age. From 1941 the names change, becoming unmistakably Jewish. Anne who was older was more aware of the increasing danger for Jews, and her parents shared their plans to go into hiding with her. Lien was told a secret by her mother, that she would go away from them for a while and although they write for a time, she never sees them again.

Coincidentally, Lien marries Albert a school colleague of Anne's who is mentioned in the diary. Like Anne, Albert went into hiding, but he and his family survived. Embracing his Jewish identity seems to have strengthened

him, but Lien, whose parents were not observant Jews and who was hidden amongst non-Jews, did not find such comfort. Her soul searching strained the relationship and they parted. She eventually found peace through counselling, Buddhist meditation and contact with other survivors.

Anne shows remarkable insight and self-awareness. "Paper has more patience than people" so she wants to share her innermost thoughts with a non-judgmental confidante, addressing her entries to "Dear Kitty". The tensions created by living in proximity with her family and virtual strangers are described, often with humour. Her feelings of being "a misunderstood teenager" are a frequent source of stress, alongside the indignity of sharing her bedroom with a middle-aged man who is also taken into hiding. Her relationship with her mother is sadly particularly strained. Anne reveals herself as quite a feminist. Falling in love with Peter, the other family's son she recognises this is of its time and circumstance. She has no expectation the diary will ever be read but changes her view when the Dutch Prime Minister in exile broadcasts that the writings of people's experiences during the occupation should be collected and published. Anne's optimism for the future and belief in her survival, especially after the Allied invasion is painful to read, knowing her fate.



Both Anne and Lien in different ways feel guilty at having survived. Anne is aware of what is happening to others, which causes her great anguish. Like other hidden children, Lien at times feels she should have died in Auschwitz. Lien insulated herself as a child by not thinking about her family. Suddenly having to leave her foster family for fear of discovery, she is moved to different places, with little by way of explanation, then lives with a strict Protestant family who treat her like a servant and where she is sexually abused. She is made to read the bible each evening, although shows no resentment of that. After the war she asks to return to her first foster family. The initial refusal and subsequent estrangement over a trivial slight add to her trauma.

These books remind us that remembrance is about much more than the commemoration of military victories. People like those who supported the occupants of the annex and the network which sheltered Lien risked their lives and those of their families by doing so. Many remain unknown and unmentioned, but the stories of Anne and Lien pay some tribute to them and others like them.

*Sue Walker*

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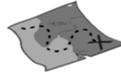


## Dates for your diary

### SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's Church)

#### CAR TREASURE HUNT & BBQ

SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST



SOSP would like to invite everyone to their annual BBQ with a car treasure hunt. Starting from St Peter's Church car park from **3.30pm**, finishing at Valley's Edge Farm Latches Lane Draycott. if you don't wish to take part in the car treasure hunt you will be welcome to join us from 5pm for the BBQ. Food and soft drinks will be available to purchase, you are welcome to bring your own alcohol.

**Tickets include Treasure Hunt & Entrance to BBQ**

**Tickets are £1 per person, under 5's are free;** available from Janette Vining 07967636260, Karen Percival 01749 870067 or Chris Fulton 01934 253741



**St. Leonard's Patronal & Benefice Service**  
**St Leonard's Church**  
**Sunday 3rd November**  
**at 10.00am**

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# Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

## The One

When the one whose hand you're holding  
Is the one who holds your heart,  
When the one whose eyes you gaze into  
Gives your hopes and dreams their start,  
When the one you think of first and last  
Is the one who holds you tight,  
And the things you plan together  
Make the whole world seem just right.  
When the one whom you believe in  
Puts their faith and trust in you.  
You've found the one and only love  
You'll share your whole life through.



*Anon*

## Salami Pasta Salad

**300g/12oz dried Penne**  
**2tbsp pesto sauce**  
**3tbsp olive oil**  
**1 orange pepper deseeded & diced**  
**1 red onion, finely diced**  
**85g/3 oz sliced black olives**  
**115g/4oz cherry tomatoes, halved**  
**175g/6oz piece Milano salami, cut into small chunks**  
**125g/4½oz mozzarella cheese, torn into small pieces**  
**Salt & pepper**  
**Fresh basil sprigs to garnish**

1. Bring a large, heavy-based saucepan of lightly salted water to the boil & cook for 8-10 minutes or until just tender but still firm to the bite.
2. Drain the pasta well & transfer to a bowl. Mix together the pesto sauce & olive oil & stir into the hot pasta. Leave to cool, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the peppers, onion, olives, tomatoes, salami, & mozzarella cheese to the pasta & toss well to mix. Season to taste with salt & pepper. Garnish with basil sprigs & serve.



### Services July 2019

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>7th July</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Trinity 3</b>	10am Godparent Sunday		
<b>14th July</b>	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Worship followed	8am BCP Communion
<b>Trinity 4</b>		with coffee and discussion	
<b>21st July</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Pet Service
<b>Trinity 5</b>	10am Parish Communion		
<b>28th July</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
<b>Trinity 6</b>	10am Parish Communion		

### Readings July 2019

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
<b>7th July</b>	66:	Isaiah	Luke
<b>Trinity 3</b>	1-8	66: 10-14	10: 1-11, 16-20
<b>Page</b>	932	932	934
<b>14th July</b>	25:	Deuteronomy	Luke
<b>Trinity 4</b>	1-10	30: 9-14	10: 25-37
<b>Page</b>	938	938	940
<b>21st July</b>	15	Genesis	Luke
<b>Trinity 5</b>		18: 1-10a	10: 38-end
<b>Page</b>	944	943	946
<b>28th July</b>	138	Genesis	Luke
<b>Trinity 6</b>		18: 20-32	11: 1-13
<b>Page</b>	950	949	952

### Regular Weekly Events

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
	7.30pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
<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 usually available for drop-ins in the Den (please make appointments for certainty)

July Diary			
<b>Tue 2</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
<b>Wed 3</b>	7.30pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den
<b>Thur 4</b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn
	7.45pm	St Peter's PCC	Oliver's
<b>Sat 6</b>	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
	10.30am	Mother's Union Coffee Morning	A. Langford's home
<b>Tue 9</b>	11am	St Andrew's Standing Committee Meeting	Den
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
<b>Wed 10</b>	9am	Draycott and Rodney Stoke School Assembly	St Peter's
	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Peter's
	12.30pm	LMG Meeting	Den
<b>Thur 11</b>	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
<b>Sat 13</b>	11am	Wedding Meeting	Den
	2.30pm	Messy church picnic	Cheddar Village Hall
<b>Sun 14</b>	1pm	FOSL Sticks Competition	Rodney Stoke
<b>Wed 17</b>	11am	Holiday Club Meeting	Den
<b>Thur 18</b>	10.30am	Breakfast Planning	Den
<b>Fri 19</b>	9.30am	DRS School Leavers' Service	St Peter's
<b>Mon 22</b>	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Syme's Home
<b>Wed 24</b>	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7.15pm	St Andrew's PCC	Den
<b>Thur 25</b>	5pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Andrew's
<b>Sat 27</b>	11am	Wedding	St Andrew's

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We now have a date - **29 February 2020**– in Draycott Memorial Hall of course.

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So keep on 'watching this space' for more details.

See you there!

## July 2019 Rotas

July 2019 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT					
	7	14	21	28	Aug 4
<b>Sidesman</b>	C Jeff	G Dury	P Mullay	C Fulton	L Whittle
<b>Intercessor</b>	R Dingley	C Green	A Jeffries	G Jeff	R Dingley
<b>Organist</b>	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	B Rose	TBA
<b>Readers</b>	G Jeff	N Devitt	C Jeff	G Dury	C Jeff
	G Dury	G Jeff	A Jeffries	G Jeff	L Whittle
<b>Coffee</b>	P Mullay	C Jeff	S Burns	F Irving	P Mullay
	C Fulton				C Fulton
<b>Cleaning</b>		C Jeff	H Robinson	T Lumley	
		P Mullay			
<b>Flowers</b>	L Whittle	E Rose	E Rose	G Dury	G Dury
<b>RODNEY STOKE</b>					
<b>Sidesman</b>	B Buse	C Neave	J Newman	A Percival	S Percival
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
<b>Reader 1</b>	S Percival	J Symes	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman
<b>Reader 2</b>	I Turner	A Percival	S Percival	H Neave	J Symes
<b>Cleaning</b>	F Pitman		J Holmes		J Newman
	J Drane		S Walker		K Percival
<b>Flowers A</b>	J Holmes	P Counsell	D Johnson	H Neave	I Sealey
<b>Flowers P</b>	F Pitman	L Davey	M James	V Andrews	F Pitman



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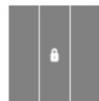
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