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## Softening the blow of the Coronavirus Emergency

Our small communities live in worrying times right now but spontaneously, as I write, a number of community initiatives are already starting to emerge. It is early days of course but, as the needs and challenges become sharper, a clearer picture will emerge. This is very much a starter for ten!

To keep up-to-date with the community help that is available and how to keep in touch, do keep an eye on the community websites, social media, information boards, notices pinned onto telegraph poles plus whatever might come through the letter box. The bush telegraph has served us well for a long time here so please continue to use it!

### **Draycott Community Shop, The Street, Draycott**

During the emergency, the Draycott Community Shop is offering a free home delivery service for Draycott and Rodney Stoke residents who are self-isolating, over 70 or at risk. If you need a delivery, do call the shop on 01934 740044 and they will take orders (minimum £5). Payment can be by card, cheque or cash.

Please help protect vulnerable members of our community. If you are unwell, do not visit the shop but opt for home delivery instead.

*The community shop is also willing to act as a hub for other community services that may start up to address different needs during the emergency - visit or telephone the shop for details. If you want to volunteer please contact Phoebe Bright (07736 834 240 or [Phoebeinger@gmail.com](mailto:Phoebeinger@gmail.com)). If you use Facebook, please join the D&RS Good Neighbours' group for information and assistance.*

### **Draycott and Rodney Stoke Church website**

Details of church and community initiatives during the coronavirus emergency, and useful links, will be posted at <http://www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk/>.

### **Friends of St Leonards Good Neighbours Helpline**

FOSL is a pillar of the Rodney Stoke community. The idea is to mobilise the resources of the community and there are currently three volunteer helpline co-ordinators in place. If you need help or want to help, give them a call:

- Megan James                      01749 870555
- Honor and Chris Neave      01749 870053
- Ann and Steve Percival      01749 870067

It might involve arranging shopping for those in quarantine, making regular 'Are you still ok?' type calls to those on their own, collecting prescriptions, posting letters, getting birthday cards for loved ones and who knows what else. The idea is to help keep the basic necessities of life ticking over.

This is but a start but it looks like it might be quite a long slog.                      *Rob Walker*

## Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Judith Rose

Dear Friends,

Spring is here. New life is emerging as the hedges and trees turn green and early blossom appears. Nature displays the cycle of life as dark times are followed by light and new life. For us, in this part of the world, the season of Spring coincides with the Christian festival of Good Friday and Easter. Good Friday is April 10th when we remember that the innocent man Jesus of Nazareth was condemned and put to death on a cross. That speaks to us of suffering and injustice and there is plenty of that in our world. We are told in scripture that even nature seemed to reflect the suffering of the cross, with 3 hours of darkness, perhaps an eclipse of the sun.



The Christian faith tells us that that was not the end of the story but that 3 days later a remarkable, unique, mysterious event happened. Christ rose from the dead. Cynics and atheists among us will say that that is ridiculous. Dead men do not come alive again. Yet, there is plenty of evidence that this did actually happen. and part of that evidence is the effect that the resurrection had on the followers of Christ at the time and has continued to have on millions of people since. There are many people in the Cheddar Valley who can testify to this reality. As Christians we cannot fully explain, or even understand, what happened on that first Easter Day, but to know that Christ is alive and with us is profound and reassuring. It is a motivation for living and giving, a resource to help us through the dark times and to give us confidence for the future.

Nature with its cycle of death and new life, in a way mirrors the belief at the heart of our Christian faith. Yet as Christians celebrate Easter, we are celebrating something new that God did on that first Easter day, with its promise of hope, new beginnings and new life. As Christians around the world will say on Easter Day, 'Christ is Risen Alleluia,'. And that is something fantastic to celebrate.

*Judith Rose*

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

### Time to show our care for all

As we reflect on the Easter story I am reminded of the sense of 'touch'. It was Passover, a religious festival, and as Jesus was laid in the tomb, Sabbath was upon them. So the usual burial rites were not attended to by the women who were closest to Jesus. It would have been improper to touch the dead body. Hence their early arrival on that resurrection morning.



In the following days, in attempts to dispel disbelief, Jesus' followers had the opportunity to talk with him, eat with him and touch him. Thomas's doubt was dispelled as he was invited to place his hand in the wounds of Christ.

As I write this we are wondering what COVID 19 might have in store for us . We hear now that Italy has taken drastic actions to contain the virus. What will happen here? Currently we are all taking greater care with our personal hygiene in washing hands and ensuring we use and bin tissues. Today, along with the rest of the Church of England, we in Bath and Wells, have recommended that we only receive bread or wafers at Holy Communion and refrain from touching, through blessing, sharing the Peace or prayer through laying on of hands.

There will be various responses to the concerns raised by the Government and the media. Some may feel anxiety or fear about the nature of the virus whilst others may wonder if the emergency planning appears too reactive. Our response as a Church must be that we do what we can to ensure we stay safe by taking all the precautions recommended. And that we do all we can to reassure people who may feel vulnerable and worried by staying calm, showing compassion and caring for all.

But how do we express such care? I have realised that touch plays quite an important part in showing we care. When I was training as a nurse for a brief period many years ago, I recall being shown some research on touch. It was an eye-opener! Even the briefest of touches can cause people to feel better, cared for and happier.

But the presence of Coronavirus means that we are having to withdraw touch to prevent the possibility of infection. So how might we try to replace touch with other signals of our care and value? What might that look like?

*Ruth Worsley*

**Benefice Events and Notices**

**STOP PRESS Message**

**With immediate effect, the Church of England has halted all public church services until further notice.**



**St Peter's Church Draycott**

**6.15pm**

**Every Wednesday during  
Lent**

**(4 March—8 April)**

**Evening Prayers led by  
Thea Oliver**



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**Try the SALT lunch at Cheddar Village Hall  
12.30— 2.00 pm Monday 23 March**



**Messy Church**

**All Children with Carers Welcome**

**2.30pm—4.00pm Saturday 14 March**

**Cheddar Village Hall.**

## Wells Refugee Action Group (WRAG)

WRAG was founded in 2017 by a group of local people who had run an appeal to support 'Care4Calais'. The generous response to this appeal demonstrated such a high level of concern locally for the plight of refugees, that WRAG was formed as a way of continuing to channel such goodwill.

There are several ways WRAG achieves its aims. They run a weekly collection of food, clothing and survival items at Wells Town Hall every Friday morning at 10-11.45 am. These things are regularly delivered to RAFT (Refugee Aid from Taunton) who send out frequent convoys to refugee camps across Europe and the Middle East. WRAG also responds to emergency requests, eg the Syrian Baby Pack Appeal, and Coats4Calais.

WRAG has a regular programme of fund-raising events to support various refugee organisations. A particular focus for this is Safe Passage, the charity set up by Lord Dubs to provide legal routes to sanctuary for unaccompanied children. Other projects supported by WRAG include Help Refugees (Choose Love), Refugee Community Kitchen, and Bristol Refugee Rights.

WRAG also cooperates with other Somerset refugee action groups. They support Syrian families settled locally under the Syrian Resettlement Scheme and are committed to raising awareness about the plight of refugees and the obstacles to their claiming asylum. This includes lobbying MPs and councillors to encourage their support for measures to support refugees.

The next WRAG fundraising event will be an Auction of Promises in Easton Village Hall on 9 May, see the panel below for details. If you want to know more, or would like to be involved, please visit the Wells Refugee Aid Facebook page or come and see us at Wells Town Hall on a Friday morning.

*Nikki Devitt*

**WRAG** Wells Refugee Action Group  
**AUCTION of PROMISES**  
7pm Saturday 9 May 2020  
in Easton Village Hall BA5 1EP  
Tickets £7 includes glass of wine and mezze platter  
Tel 01749 870803 for tickets  
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## Politics ..... or Morality?

In the Old Testament there is no clear-cut distinction between the area of religion and the way the country was governed, a situation still applying in some Muslim countries.

In the New Testament Jesus replied to a related question with a clever response by producing a coin bearing the head of Caesar, 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.' Clever because it avoided an un-necessary conflict over taxation, but equally clever because it still left open for discussion in the wider realm what was God's and what was Caesar's, a question which remains unresolved to this day. We could well reply that ultimately everything is God's.



I am no economist, and readers can challenge what follows, but it is a fact that wealth grows faster than income and because of this delay, inequality increases over time, and inequality is now rising at a galloping pace.

Today's society regards money as the most important thing, and despite the climate crisis, growth (and wealth) are required to rise. But if we apply the teaching of Jesus, people are more important than money, and therefore the priority should be first to assess the reasonable needs of people, and only then to work out ways of raising the necessary funds for these needs.

So – is this politics, or is it morality?

Back to Jesus again, 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven'. Regardless of whether by 'camel' Jesus meant 'camel rope', the task remains effectively impossible.

So is the teaching of Jesus politics or is it morality? And how far should the Christian church be involved?

Discuss!

*Gordon Jeff*

## Is this the story of the St Peter's Lime trees?

Recently Alan Rowntree found a copy of the 1890 Easter Quarter accounts for St Peter's PCC lurking in the back lots of his hard drive. In addition to a 15 shilling spend on Altar Wine, which must have caused a bit of a headache for the PCC, it records the purchase of the lime trees shown in the photo which are still there at St Peter's and the costs of planting them—in all £3 15s 3d in real money. A better buy in the long term than the dubious wine I bet.

Interestingly the saplings, which cost all of £1 7s 0p, were supplied by Browne's, a noted Wells nursery that used to occupy much of the current Wells Tesco's site from Victorian times until around 1970.



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Berry - Trunks - head brush		6 6
Ford - Altar Wine		15 0
Holburn - blacksmith - bolt for gate &c.		2 2
J. Reeves.		14 0
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Green, lamp for porch.		6
Browne lime trees		1 7 0
G. Stanfield parcel		7
Labour - tree planting - expenses with Mr. Pacey		2 8 3
Sexton's Salary		4 5 0
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Susannah, my wife, used to work for Browne's as a Saturday Girl when she was at the Blue School in the mid-1960s, mostly in Lionel Browne's Wells High Street greengrocers.

Members of the family are still in the nursery business and they have a garden centre in Keward on the Wells to Glastonbury road. called Browne's.

Isn't it a small world!

Rob Walker

## Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School Goes Green



Will Ewens, the new head of Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School, is passionate about giving the children opportunities to make change happen'. Children and staff at our village School are showing a great interest in caring for the environment. With the recent reinstatement of the School Council, a new workstream entitled 'The Environment' has been launched. The School Council has representatives from each year in the school, and is a way for the pupils to contribute their ideas and suggestions to the way the school is run. The Environment sub-group has 6 members, and their ideas are enthusiastically supported throughout the school.

Earlier in the year the children heard a speaker from The Somerset Waste Partnership, Gary, explaining what happened to rubbish after it was collected from the kerbside or tip. The problems of landfill, and the need to recycle the maximum from waste were explained. Gary also gave practical advice about how to help with this, by sorting the rubbish as much as possible. The children have taken this on board, and now take time to clean out their plastic waste at lunchtimes, to enable it to be saved, sorted and recycled more effectively.

This term we have had a meeting focusing on plastics. The children are very knowledgeable. They are aware of the problems caused by the persistence of plastic in the environment, including its intrusion into food chains. They are very saddened by its impact on wildlife. We considered the '5-Rs' for reducing waste: Refuse, Reduce, Repair, Re-use, Recycle, and we thought how we might apply this to plastic waste. The children gave lots of practical examples, such as refusing the one-use plastic toys given away by a well-known burger chain, using refillable glass milk bottles instead of buying plastic ones, as well as cleaning and reusing plastic bags and bottles.

We did have a discussion about recycling wrappers such as biscuit and crisp packaging in school. These are not at present collected at the kerbside, but with the arrival of the new Terracycle collection in our villages, which will accept these hard-to-recycle items, the Environment sub-group were going to try to work out a way of collecting these items in school and getting them recycled.

It is encouraging to see the next generation so well-informed and enthusiastic about acting on these matters. They are setting a great example for their elders to follow!

*Nikki Devitt*

## Music Matters More Youth — More Music



In a spoken introduction at a recent church concert, the choir-director said this to the parents of the young choristers – ‘this is the only thing in life where your child has (immediately) to be the equal of an adult. In all other forms of music, and in other walks of life, they progress from junior to intermediate, from there to senior, and so-on, but from day one, we are looking here at young professionals, not just in vocal ability but in attitude and deportment’. As has been mentioned in previous articles, musical standards today have probably never been higher – either vocally or instrumentally. If you’re like me, you never cease to be amazed at the ability of young instrumentalists to reel off myriads of notes at exceptionally fast speeds – technical achievement well in advance of musical maturity.

But there’s one big difference between instrumentalists and singers that was also pointed out in that spoken introduction.

The choir director also said – ‘singing is the ultimate challenge. Unlike any instrumentalist, it is solely YOU – there is no piece of wood, metal, or any other material between you and your audience – YOU are the instrument, and you face that challenge not just of the notes, but the extra dimension of painting the words’.

So should our Cathedral, Collegiate and church choirs be asking boys and girls of a tender age – often from 7 upwards – to ‘become young adults - from day one’ ?

I’ve just been in the USA working with choirs that include young children, and quite by chance, as I stepped off the plane at Heathrow and my phone tuned into the home network, I received an e-mail from a former boy chorister who I’d not seen or been in contact with since he left the choir just under 50 years ago. What did he make of the ‘being an adult from day one’ ?

This is part of what he wrote:

*Firstly, you gave me a life-long passion for music.*

*Secondly, you taught me the value in striving for excellence in my business life; the importance of discipline, determination and teamwork; and the importance of clarity of vision, leadership and communication to success. You showed me how to set high standards and to achieve them. I now mentor chief executives and others on leadership and there are many ways in which music can be instructive to the world of business. I reference these parallels often.*

So it’s not just about notes and words, and maybe that choir-director was right ? I hope so – it was me !

*Barry Rose*



## Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

April is the month when men long to go on pilgrimage, according to Chaucer in the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*, ca 1390. Christian pilgrimages were already common practice by then, with pilgrimages to the Holy Land first being described in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Rome later became a popular destination in the Middle Ages, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century the remains of St James the Apostle were allegedly discovered in Northern Spain, whereupon the site of the discovery, now known as Santiago de Compostela, also became a pilgrim destination.

The idea of making a deliberate journey over a period of time to a holy place is still appealing to many, though contemporary pilgrims probably have less interest in relics and earning fewer days in purgatory than had their medieval counterparts. Some still cite explicitly religious reasons for their pilgrimage, but for example, some may choose to go at a crossroads in their lives, such as a change in their work or relationships. Or it may mark a special birthday, retirement or recovery from illness. For others it is a chance to 'declutter' and live more slowly and simply for a while. It is also a great adventure with the chance to meet new people, visit new places, and connect with a great sense of history, in following a route which has been taken by so many before us in the previous 1,000 years.

So, a group of friends from the benefice, prompted by disparate reasons, determined to walk together the pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela, in three stages, starting in 2018. We would follow the 'French route', starting in St Jean Pied de Port in the Pyrenees, and walking westwards along the old pilgrim route to Santiago, about 500 miles or 800km in total. None of us was in the first flush of youth and we had anxieties about whether we were physically up to the challenge of walking the distance, carrying packs with everything we needed for the next 2 to 3 weeks. The first day especially was a challenge, as we had to climb the Pyrenees from the French side before dropping down into Spain. However despite our misgivings, and having to cope with minor injuries and blisters, we all managed the distances we had to walk (with the occasional help from local buses!). We averaged

25km per day, and stayed overnight in pilgrim hostels, which were many and varied along the route. Some are run by the municipal authorities, some by parish churches, some by monasteries, and some by other charities. They all provide basic facilities and dormitory accommodation. The monasteries have prayers and pilgrim masses which are optional to attend. We preferred the hostels where we shared the preparation and eating of the evening meal, as this was a great chance to meet other pilgrims from all over the world, and to hear what had prompted them to make the pilgrimage.

The terrain we encountered varied from mountains, to hills and plains, from farmland and villages to towns and cities. Sometimes we walked together as a group, sometimes alone in reflective solitude, sometimes talking to other pilgrims we met along the way. We met a security guard from Essex who had realised he was 'just existing, not living', and had started the Camino to give him space to think how he might change his life. We met a newly-qualified doctor from Croatia, who was trying to decide what kind of work she should now do. We met an American waitress who had saved up and just come for an adventure, and a Brazilian medic who had experienced a renewal of his faith, and wanted to spend time strengthening it.

We enjoyed the changing Spanish countryside, and the rhythm of the days spent walking, and then discovering a new place every evening. The weather was mostly warm and sunny, but on the day of our longest walk across the plain of the Mesetas it unfortunately poured with rain!

We have now done two thirds of the way, having reached Ponferrada. We plan to complete the journey to Santiago in September this year. Meanwhile the challenge is to try and live as the Camino teaches us, taking a day at a time, worrying less about possessions, being adaptable, appreciating life's gifts and looking out for our fellow travellers in life.



*Nikki Devitt*

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# Jumble Sale

2pm Saturday 18 April

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## What might just be a coming event!

### FOSL Somerset Day

Saturday May 18th at Brangay Farm. Tickets £12.50, Children £5.00

Further details to follow

### SOSP Christian Aid Lent Lunch

Thank you to SOSP and anyone involved in making soups and cakes or who came along and supported the Lent lunch at St Peter's Church on 7<sup>th</sup> March

£145 was raised for Christian Aid

Hopefully

The Holy Rollers are rolling again in this Summer skittles league at the Strawberry Special. The dates & times of our matches will be available soon, please let Karen (01749 870067) know if you'd like to join us!!

Supporters always welcome!!

Thank you



## Coming Events in Draycott & Rodney Stoke



Ascension Day Service on Top of the Tower  
at St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke  
Meet at foot of tower at 6.50am Thursday 21 May  
Everybody very welcome  
(the views are breath taking for this short service)

**SOSP (supporters of St Peter's) invite anyone & everyone** no matter who you are to join us on  
**The First Saturday of every Month**

from 10.30am to 12 noon for coffee/tea of cold  
drink with cake/biscuits to just get together  
and "put the world to rights" or just chat,  
or even just to enjoy a "companionable silence"!

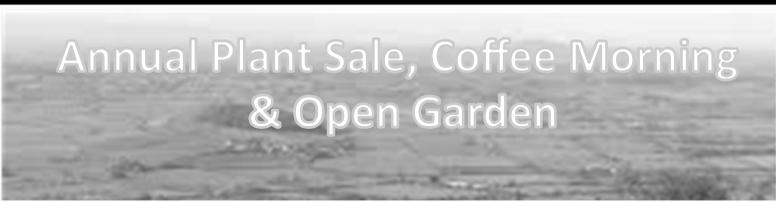


Please feel free to just drop in & try it out. Don't worry if you  
have difficulty getting to St Peter's: we can pick you up so if  
you would like a lift just contact one of us:

Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945, Thea 744739

**We are looking forward to seeing you all there....**

## Cancelled Event



Annual Plant Sale, Coffee Morning  
& Open Garden

**Brangay Farm, Rodney Stoke**

**10.30am Saturday 25 April**

**Bring your plants for sale**

**All proceeds to St Leonard's Church funds**

## Cancelled Event

**Spring Concert - an evening with David  
Cheetham**

**St Peter's Church, Draycott  
7.30pm Thursday 26 March, 2020**

Refreshments, provided by SoSP.

Admission is free, with a retiring  
collection for the organ fund.

*David writes:*

*"I'll be playing a little organ music and singing a few songs, accompanied by Barry at the organ, including a first performance of a song newly written by Robin Walker. Then I'll move to the piano and play some of my favourite pieces, by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Rachmaninoff, and talk about them."*

# Mary's Recipe and Don's Poem

## Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –  
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;  
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush  
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring  
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;  
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush  
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush  
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their  
fling. What is all this juice and all this joy?  
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning  
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,  
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sou8r with sinning,  
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,  
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins (1884-89)*



**3 chicken thighs & 3 drumsticks, skin on**

*For the marinade*

**1tbsp rice wine or dry sherry**

**2tbsp hoisin sauce**

**4tbsp light soy sauce**

**1tbsp dark soy sauce**

**1tbsp light soft brown sugar**

**1tbsp groundnut oil**

**2.5cm piece root ginger, peeled & grated**

**Coriander sprigs & sliced spring onion to garnish**

## Hoisin Chicken

1. Place all the marinade ingredients in a large bowl, then add the chicken pieces & toss in the marinade to coat. Cover the bowl with clingfilm & place in the fridge to marinate for at least 20 mins.
2. Meanwhile preheat the oven to 180°C, gas 160°C, gas 4. Remove chicken pieces from the marinade retaining the liquid & place in a roasting tin. Roast in oven for 30 mins or until cooked through & crispy.
3. Just before serving, pour the marinade into a small saucepan, bring to the boil drizzle over the chicken. Garnish with coriander & spring onion.



### Services April 2020

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>5th April</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship followed with coffee & discussion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10am Morning Prayer		
<b>Thur 9th</b>	<b>6pm Benefice Passover Supper &amp; Communion Cheddar Village Hall</b>		
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
<b>Friday 10th</b>	10am Family Service	6pm Taizé Service	
<b>Good Friday</b>	12-2pm Devotional Service		
<b>12th April</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Easter Communion	11.15am Easter Communion
<b>Easter Day</b>	10am Easter Communion		
<b>19th April</b>	8am BCP Communion	<b>10am Benefice Service at St Leonard's</b>	
<b>Easter 2</b>			
<b>26th April</b>	8am BCP Communion		
<b>Easter 3</b>	10am Parish Communion		

### Readings April 2020

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
<b>5th April</b>	118:	Philippians	Matthew
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	1-2, 19-end	2: 5-11	21: 1-11
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<b>12th April</b>	118:	Acts	John
<b>Easter Day</b>	14-24	10: 34-43	20: 1-18
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<b>19th April</b>	16	Acts	John
<b>Easter 2</b>		2: 14a, 22- 32	20: 19-end
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<b>26th April</b>	116:	Acts	Luke
<b>Easter 3</b>	1-7	2: 14a, 36-41	24: 13-35
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### Regular Weekly Events

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	7.30pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, St Peter's Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	8pm	Bell ringing, St Andrew's
<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
	12-4pm	Benefice Administrator in the Den (Church office in Cheddar)
<b>Thursday</b>	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	10-2pm	Benefice Administrator in the Den
	7.30pm	Bell ringing, St Leonard's
<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, St Andrew's Church
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's
	10 – 11.30am	Rector usually available for drop-ins in the Den (please make appointments for certainty)

April Diary		
8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
6.15pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's
8.45am	KOW Easter Service	St Andrew's
12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn
10.30-12pm	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
12pm	Wedding Meeting	Den
10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Andrew's
6.15pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's
9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
12pm	Baptism	St Andrew's
2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
7pm	St Leonard's APCM	Rodney Stoke Church Hall
2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
6pm	St Peter's APCM	St Peter's Church
2pm	SOSP Jumble Sale	The Strawberry Special
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## APRIL 2020 Rotas

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<b>DRAYCOTT</b>					
	5	12	19	26	May 3
	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Day</i>			
<b>Sidesman</b>	L Whittle	G Jeff		C Fulton P Mulla	G Dury
<b>Intercessor</b>	C Green	J Rose	<i>Benefice</i>	G Jeff	S Burns
<b>Organist</b>	B Rose	D Cheetham	<i>Service</i>	D Cheetham	B Rose
<b>Readers</b>	L Whittle	D Cheetham	<i>Rodney</i>	S Burns	M Higgs
	N Devitt	C Jeff	<i>Stoke</i>	T Lumley	C Green
<b>Coffee</b>	C Jeff	F Irving	<i>10am</i>	S Burns	C Fulton P Mulla
<b>Cleaning</b>		P Mulla C Jeff	H Robinson	T Lumley	
<b>Flowers</b>	Lent	All Hands Easter Day	T Lumley	C Jeff	C Jeff
<b>RODNEY STOKE</b>					
<b>Sidesman</b>	A Newman	C Neave	S Walker	J Newman	S Percival
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
<b>Reader 1</b>	H Neave	S Percival	J Symes	S Walker	J Turner
<b>Reader 2</b>	A Newman	I Turner	S Percival	A Percival	H Neave
<b>Cleaning</b>		J Holmes S Walker		J Newman K Percival	
<b>Flowers A</b>	Lent	P Counsel	L Davey	D Johnson	V Andrews
<b>Flowers P</b>		F Pitman	M James	H Neave	I Sealey

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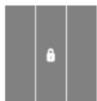
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