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Kath Dudden

**Happy Birthday and Hearty Congratulations
on your 90th Birthday
Friday 11 September 2020**



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There have been Duddens in Rodney Stoke since the early 1600s and they have always lived at the bottom end of the village towards the church. Kath, a Bugler (which is another long established local family), was born in Rodney Stoke and lived in a cottage since demolished on what is now the A371. She married Eric Dudden, local farmer, noted dialect poet (broadcast by BBC Radio) and long serving Church Warden, and they brought up their family here in the village. For many years Kath sold poppies in the village, being awarded a Silver Poppy by the British Legion for her years of service. She also energetically supported Leukaemia charities and sat as a Parish Councillor. I am told there are lots of tales that could be told but that they are mostly not suitable for any Parish Magazine — even on page 3!

Rob Walker

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

Satyagraha

This Sanskrit concept, meaning “truth-force”, was coined by Mahatma Gandhi and developed in the Indian independence movement and in his earlier struggles against racism in South Africa. *Satyagraha* was overtly advocated by Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, amongst many. It describes the use of non-violent force against injustice. It goes beyond passive resistance. It may involve civil disobedience in the cause of the truth. It rejects anger or violence. It can be very effective.



In South Africa in the 1980s, I and many friends marched peacefully yet illegally against racial oppression, led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and faced water-cannons, rubber bullets and arrest. This is not a boast, but shows that *satyagraha* has long been used by Christians facing injustice.

Ben, our Lay Worship Assistant, with others from Christian Climate Action, was arrested twice in September, protesting against Western governments’ neglect of the acute climate crisis causing the earth’s natural systems to die. Those arrested were blocking a road accessing parliament. *Satyagraha* embraces the offering up of one’s own body as “truth-force” against injustice (in this case, to the earth). Ben writes:

“I’m aware that I am deeply complicit, but now that I’m aware I cannot stand back and watch the beautiful Earth be destroyed – nor allow the impact on vulnerable people and the loss of ancestral lands as has already started. I believe in a God who in self-giving love created everything, who hears the cry of the oppressed and calls us to serve creation and one another. I must join in demanding change.”

As churches we want to respond to the crisis, wisely. We’ve planned a benefice meeting with our diocesan Environmental Consultants. Please join us on ZOOM on Tuesday 6 October at 7pm - joining details are available by request from cheddardraycottandrodneystoke@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Burns".

Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

I was expecting to be on sabbatical as I write this but of course you will all now be aware that Bishop Peter is receiving treatment for leukaemia and thus I am back in the diocese. He is as cheerful as ever and very much values your care, thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and so many warm messages. Thank you! Please keep praying for him, Jane and the family.



Coping with the ‘unexpected’, whether it is news about health, the pandemic or a personal diagnosis like Bishop Peter’s; or a change of plan such as my sabbatical, can set us in a spin. We don’t always know how to respond. It requires us to adapt, to change, to rethink how we will live.

I’m reminded of the story of Elijah who felt overwhelmed by the circumstances around him. A national drought both from rain and faith left him feeling vulnerable and alone. And although God made Himself very evident in the events of Mount Carmel, Elijah still felt under siege and fearful, wanting to die rather than face the wrath of Jezebel. And so he ran! And in the book of Kings we find God meets with him. First of all bringing him refreshment of body and mind through sleep and food. And then, when his well-being is restored, he discovers the voice of God, not in the strength of storm or wind but in a ‘still small voice’.

I wonder where and how you might hear the voice of God? Across the diocese we are entering into a listening project to hear what God might be saying to us, in and through the strange times in which we now live. We welcome your thoughts so please do share them with us.

Praying God’s blessing on us all

Ruth Worsley

Update - My Ordination as Deacon

On the last possible date to supply copy for the October magazine I am happy to write that my ordination is now going ahead! As expected, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, this year's ordination services will be treated as "life event" services, like weddings and funerals, with a maximum of 30 people present. The



Diocese of Bath and Wells had 16 candidates for ordination as Deacon this year, and along with our Training Incumbents (mine, of course, is Stuart) we are allowed to invite four guests. I invited one from each generation of my family: My mum Audrey, my husband Richard, our son Morgan & our grandson Henry.

The restrictions on numbers mean that there will be four ordination services for the Deacons over the weekend of 26/27 September, and three evening services during the following week to ordain the Priests, who were ordained Deacon last year. I will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Ruth in the Lady Chapel at Wells Cathedral at 10.30am on Saturday 26 September along with three fellow Ordinands one of whom is Rev Christine Butler's new curate at Pilton... I attended Christine's ordination when she was curate here in our benefice and now, she will be present at mine! Sadly, the service will not be broadcast live, but it will be recorded, and I will then be able to share it with you.

I am incredibly grateful that I will be able to attend a (socially distanced) Pre-Ordination Retreat with fellow Deacons and Priests to be, at Ammerdown. That the Diocese and our Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Rev Sue Rose) had been able to organise this given the restrictions is amazing – some of our friends being ordained in other dioceses are not so fortunate.

When you read this I may already be a deacon in the C of E, starting my life as a part-time, self-supporting curate in our Benefice. The hope is that by the time I am ordained Priest in 2021, the pandemic will have passed, and there will be a large service able to accommodate many supporters from our benefice and of course allow a party afterwards!

As always, I am very grateful for your ongoing prayerful support as I begin the next stage of my vocational training.

Thea Oliver 14 September 2020



Discovering New Worlds

Much ink and wood pulp has been spent and many theories and rumours expounded upon the strange situation of stasis and limbo that much of the world's population has found itself in in 2020. The resulting severe but very necessary strictures mean people have had to think about actions that were previously performed on auto-pilot. Going shopping, meeting family and friends, browsing in markets, travelling outside the UK, congregating in vast crowds: all these and many more once-performed-without-much-thought activities have required careful planning and a magnified sense of the needs of others and how to interact accordingly.

There is no doubt that the results of such limited freedom of movement have had devastating effects for many. One of the most frequently bemoaned losses (now thankfully being slowly rectified) was the closure of libraries. This service provides much more than books, with research, group meetings, escapism, computers, mother and toddler clubs and a plethora of other functions besides.

It was the temporary loss of libraries that brought to mind a line from a youthful poem of mine, written forty years previously: *In our minds, we are all librarians*. Just as the observation that no matter how many witnesses there are to an accident, each account will vary in some way, irrespective of all having observed the same incident, so it is with our own libraries, stocked with all that is gathered with the accretion of years within our collective crania.

Each library is unique, with differing views, wisdom, opinions and content. Each of us has a unique series of memories. Within lies incident, good times, periods of huge regret, laughter, knowledge.....the categories cannot be handily sorted and shelved within our minds. And this is where many do themselves injustice. "Oh, nobody wants to hear about me" is a common riposte. "My life has been so ordinary".

What a modest but nevertheless definite misrepresentation and understatement this is. Just as everybody's life is unique unto themselves, so nobody's life is ever 'ordinary'. The mixture of circumstances and situations encompassed within someone's lifespan, be it lengthy or short, is always the deepest of wells, with fascinating insights to be winched up.

So many people have had their feelings of loneliness and isolation exacerbated during 2020. All of them have 'libraries'. Make a friend. Talk to people. Listen to people. Respond to people. It is an experience that is never less than illuminating, fascinating and satisfying. Mutually enrich each other.

'If you want to know the time, ask a policeman' the old saying advised. 'If you want to discover whole new worlds, ask a fellow human' should now be another.

Ade Macrow

What on Earth Can We Do?

While we have been busy coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate crisis hasn't gone away. As I write, climate activists are mounting extensive protests and demonstrations in our major cities, about the inadequate response of government to the climate and environmental emergency.



One of their constructive recommendations is to support a private member's bill which outlines practical steps for the UK to reduce its carbon footprint in the coming years. The bill is called The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) bill, and has been put together by climate scientists, lawyers, and activists, who are all concerned that our government is not acting quickly or radically enough.

The bill calls for the UK to account for its entire carbon footprint, including the emissions incurred overseas on our behalf. 'Exporting' our carbon emissions won't solve the problem of global heating, even if it balances our books! Similarly, the bill calls for the protection and conservation of nature throughout the supply chains of the goods we consume, insisting on the same ecological standards as in the UK for goods grown or manufactured abroad.

The CEE bill would also forbid governments to look to future technology to reduce carbon emissions, as this can be an excuse to carry on as usual, rather than striving to reduce emissions. But the most radical idea in the bill is probably the formation of a 'Citizens' Assembly', which would allow ordinary people to contribute to the way forward in tackling climate change in future.

Taking such major climate legislation through parliament as a private members' bill will be difficult and hard-fought but not unprecedented. If you want to know more visit ceebill.uk on line.

Government action on the environment is certainly needed, but individuals and organisations also need to review their own carbon footprints. The churches in our benefice are taking the opportunity to learn more, and review their ecological impact, at a ZOOM meeting with invited speakers at 7pm on Tuesday 6 October. For joining instructions from Stuart., see the poster on page 11, and do join us. All are welcome. *Nikki Devitt*



Rebellion in London

Its been quite some two weeks. We began on the eve of the rebellion with a multi-faith service and proceeded to march to outside Number 10 where a prayer vigil began that night. The following day with the vigil relocated to Parliament Square, we marched from Buckingham Palace, as hundreds of "rebels" marched from different directions into Parliament Square, with samba bands, smoke flares and Rowan Williams amongst the marchers. Parliament Square had a festival atmosphere with speeches, music and roads filled with people. Then we were slowly arrested one by one, on that beautiful sunny afternoon. The following day only 20 MPs supported the CEE bill and disappointingly despite the urgency its second reading was set for 12 March 2021. Days included a mixture of marches, prayer, sacred action, resting, enjoying the atmosphere and getting to know some fantastic people. The marches were mostly good natured, with organisations seeking to be COVID-safe and to look after everyone's well-being. Prayer and meditation centred around the vigil held at the fitting place of the statue of Gandhi, a place in the middle of the activities and in the centre of power where we could be in peace and silence, bringing the government, parliament, systems and the suffering of the Earth and the Global south into the presence of God. Buddists led us in mediation, Jews in Prayer and Christians in Eucharist. Sacred actions included the Stations of Creation at a HS2 protest site at Euston, where we shared the pain of the Earth, a slow walking meditation round Parliament Square and on another occasion across Millennium Bridge to the Bank of England, and singing Taize chants with banners of Pope Francis's words as people entered Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. Each evening ended with the vigil moving to Waterloo as the police cleared Parliament Square at 7pm, and at 9pm we had 9 minutes of silent mediation in conjunction with those joining us on ZOOM. The final Thursday ended with the appearance of a pink boat outside Parliament, and as the people were slowly arrested and the boat removed, we held an enormous 50ft banner, made by Christian NGOs with the words of William Wilberforce '*You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know*'. My hopes and prayers are that the events of these 11 days will challenge us all, into facing the truth of climate change and the disproportionate effect on the Global south, and to find ways of responding.

Ben Buse

The Naming of Things

Why is it that some of us like to know the names of certain groups of things, especially those that come within our orbit of interest. After completing a crossword, cryptic or quick, I find it compelling to read the online comments of fellow solvers, where they confess to never having heard of a particular word.

These unknown words are often the names of plants, birds or butterflies that are quite familiar to those of us that live in the countryside and started absorbing them from an early age. A country walk is made more interesting when wild flowers can be identified on the way, or imprinted on the brain and researched later. These names are wonderful in themselves.

In Brangay Lane and Butts Lane alone can be found coltsfoot, enchanter's nightshade, codlins and cream, meadowsweet, nipplewort, herbs Robert and Bennet, wood woundwort and common burdock to name a small selection.



Codlins and Cream

On a bright and breezy day this September we branched out from our usual round, parked on the Mendips near the Rodney Stoke Quarry, and walked across Westbury Beacon to the top of Stoke Wood and back again.

The views were dramatically extensive taking in Glastonbury Tor, the Poldens, and Quantocks, Bridgwater Bay with Steep Holm and Flat Holm and Cheddar Reservoir in between.



Skylark

Keeping to the well-trodden paths was important because of ground nesting birds such as the skylark and meadow pipit. Signs of man's long history on these hills were in evidence, some described on notices and much more



Harebell

barely discernible in the uneven ground. The flowers up here were different again to suit the exposed position and thin limestone soil, harebell, agrimony, eyebright, tomentil and field scabious among many.

Going back to crosswords again, I cannot feel smug because I know little of the moons of Jupiter (too far away) or the myths of Ancient Greece (too long ago). As we get older it becomes

more difficult to bring names to mind, but they say that learning something new every day is good for you even if as one word goes in and a few more go out!

So thank you to the country folk of long ago who used these wild plants for many purposes, fair or foul, and gave them such interesting and appropriate names.

Anne Percival

What on Earth can we do?

There is a climate emergency and scientists say we must all change our behaviour radically and rapidly. As Christians we are called to care for creation but how do we do that as a church, and as individuals?



Join our ZOOM meeting with guest speakers
Caroline Pomeroy, Diocesan Environmental Consultant

Sara Jeffery, Diocesan Environment Officer

7pm Tuesday 6 October 2020

For joining instructions please contact
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Izzy and the Busy Bees—part 3

Looking back on the first year – my honey for tea!



It has been a while since my last beekeeping article so here is my third episode of “Izzy and the Busy Bees.”

We have been regularly inspecting the hive to make sure the bees are all ok and there are no problems. When you do a bee inspection it is important to record certain things, such as the date of the inspection, if you saw the queen, if there were any queen cells (new queens), if there were any eggs visible in the brood, the health of the colony, how much stores (food) do they have, how much room they have, what the weather is like, if you add any food for them, how calm or agitated they are as well as some other things – quite a long list! We have started to record each visit in a notebook so we can then review what we did and when to compare against for next year, although, I suspect my dad will be doing a spreadsheet for this.



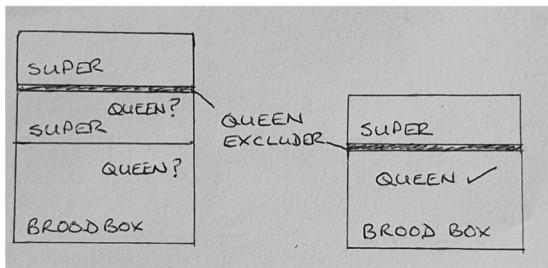
During the spring and summer we were supposed to be visiting other people’s apiaries to get some hands on practical experience, but because of the Coronavirus this has not happened. Thankfully Andrew Seager has been on the end of the phone to provide some much needed guidance along with YouTube. We have only seen the queen once, but we know she is in the hive, as we regularly see lots of eggs so we are not too concerned – it’s like looking for a very small needle in a giant haystack – trying to find one queen amongst approx. 25,000 bees that all look exactly the same!

One thing you must watch out for during the Spring months is swarming. This can occur during April or May and can happen if the bees do not have

enough room, so it is important to make sure they have enough space. This can be done by putting a queen excluder on top of the “Brood Box” and then adding a “Super” on to that, so the worker bees can store pollen and nectar in the “Super”, but the queen is prevented from laying eggs in the “Super” as she is unable to pass through the queen excluder. When the “Super” is full, this can be removed and replaced with a new “Super” with empty honeycomb so you can harvest the honey from the “Super” that was removed.

That is the theory anyway....

However, because we inherited a “brood and a half”, which is a “Brood Box” and a “Super” and the queen was laying in both, and we were unable to locate the queen to put her in the “Brood Box”, our hive had plenty of room, and even though we placed the queen excluder on top of the first “Super” (above the “Brood Box”) and a new “Super” on top of the queen excluder, the bees had more than enough space. So, sadly, they did not fill the first



Brood Box and Super Configuration

“Super” with nectar and pollen, let alone the second “Super” – and now that Autumn is looming, there is little chance of getting any honey. See *beehive configuration picture above*.

Whilst it would have been great to get our first harvest of honey, it was our first year, we have learnt a lot (still lots more to learn!) and our colony is still alive despite wasps trying to steal the honey. We are now getting the hive ready for the winter months ahead, which means starting to feed them with a thin sugar mix of one kilo of sugar to one pint of water and we will need to regularly check they have enough food over the winter months. We also need to fit a mouse guard to the entrance and put wire netting around the hive to deter green woodpeckers who are partial to the odd honeybee.

All in all, it has been great fun, I only got stung twice, and it has been fascinating watching them take-off and land especially with their little legs laden with pollen.

Izzy Bibby

The return of Patricia's Pantry

'October has broken my heart before.....'



We have enjoyed a wonderful Canadian summer. The Atlantic bubble has remained open, allowing Atlantic Canadian families to see one another again. Single digit case numbers are the norm, although a second wave in autumn is forecast.

With the good weather we resumed exploring Nova Scotia, visiting historic Annapolis Royal, at the mouth of the Annapolis River and Valley. The Mi'kmaq, who have lived in Nova Scotia for thousands of years, call the valley Kespukwak and its river Te'wapskik, meaning "flowing out between high rocks." Annapolis Royal heads an inlet, at the mouth of which a gap in the high northern bluffs leads to the sea at the Bay of Fundy.

In 1604, intent on starting a fur trading colony, a French expedition entered the inlet, naming the vast harbour Port Royal. Within a year, villages had been built and good relations established with the Mi'kmaq, the latter essential to helping the settlers through the winter. Port Royal became the first permanent European settlement north of St. Augustine in Florida. Its other notable firsts? The first social club - the Order of Good Cheer - the first drama performance, and the first grain grown and milled.

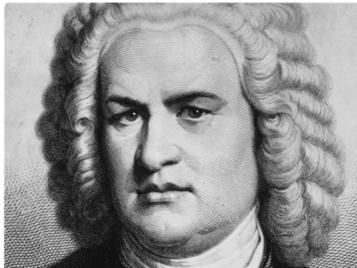
Though attacked repeatedly by British and New England forces, Port Royal remained French until a 1710 siege handed it to the British. Renamed Annapolis Royal in honour of Queen Anne, the community became the capital of Acadia - and later Nova Scotia - until the founding of Halifax in 1749.

Annapolis Royal continued to have a British military presence until the Crimean War, and its location at the mouth of Nova Scotia's most agriculturally productive valley assured its importance. All that produce needed transportation, and the town continued as a port, and later as a railway hub. During the Second World War, the inlet hosted CFB Cornwallis, the principal Canadian naval training school in eastern Canada, although this was later transferred to Halifax. Today Annapolis Royal is a vibrant centre for cultural activity, and over the years has become a magnet for visual artists, craftspeople, performers and writers, and a beloved stopover for those exploring western Nova Scotia.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert



Music Matters Bach's church music.



I wrote last year about Martin Luther. When he was excommunicated by the Catholic Church in 1521, he was determined that the new congregations he founded should be full of the people's own music. Many of the hymns he and his followers wrote are still with us today: think of "All glory, laud and honour" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation".

Johann Sebastian Bach worked all his life in Lutheran church music. The last position he held was as Cantor of St Thomas Church Leipzig (now in eastern Germany), a position he held from 1723 until his death in 1750. His duties there included living in the Thomas School House, looking after the boys boarding there (as well as his own 20 children), teaching Latin, philosophy and music, organising and training the choirs of the Thomas Church (and three others in the town) and, for every Sunday and every holy day in the year, writing a new cantata.

A cantata was a musical work for voices and orchestra, lasting typically 20 to 30 minutes, intended to illustrate the bible readings of the day, and often based on one of the Lutheran hymns which the congregation would know well. In all Bach must have written some hundreds of these works, and we still have over 200 available for performance today – a magnificent legacy.

The popular choir-and-orchestra piece "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" comes from one of Bach's cantatas. If you have bought a copy of the Draycott Lockdown CD, you will have heard the aria "Schlummert ein" (Sleep now) which is also a cantata movement.

There were usually about 55 boys in the school, and from them Bach had to form four choirs, each of soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices, to sing in the four churches. The boys were not all great musicians; a few could barely sing a hymn in tune, but others must have been pretty adept if they could learn and perform a new cantata at least once a week. The general plan was that the cantata choir sang at the communion service in the Thomas Church, which started at 7.00am and went on until about noon. Then in the afternoon they went off to one of the other three churches and sang the cantata again during vespers. The congregations would consider themselves short-changed if the sermon was less than an hour. During school holidays, Bach was not let off his duties: his own sons would sing and play the cantatas.

If you go to Germany, you can find boys' choirs singing in many churches, specialising in Bach's music. The Leipzig Thomas-choir is world-famous. Do go to one of their services or concerts if you can.

David Cheetham

Welcome back to School!

The staff at Draycott and Rodney Stoke CE First School were so pleased to see all the children return to school this September for the new academic year. The ongoing pandemic presents challenges for all of us, but the children should be so proud with how well they have coped with it all. They have adjusted to home learning (with support from parents and carers) and, for those year groups allowed back in the summer, with the new routines and protective measures at school. It was particularly lovely to be able to welcome back our Year 4 children in July so they could spend two weeks saying goodbye to friends and teachers before moving on to their next school. Mr Ewens (Head Teacher) led the school through an extensive risk assessment over the summer in preparation for the September start supported throughout by the Wessex Learning Trust.

All classes have now been welcomed back to school with staggered start/finish times and different entrances, ensuring social distancing for families and children. Each class acts as its own 'bubble' which is an additional protective element. Playtimes and lunchtimes have been adjusted so the children are able to make best use of our wonderful outdoor areas and enjoy a hot school lunch with their class/bubble.

Sadly, opportunities for larger group activities have been removed from the timetable, with Class Worship taking the place of Whole School Worship. The children love Mr Ewens' classroom visits as an alternative...even if sometimes it is via ZOOM! They also enjoy ZOOM Worship with Revd Stuart and Dr Devitt.

The children settled quickly, pleased to be back with school routine and their friends. Teachers made adjustments in the first weeks so children could feel comfortable and happy while learning the new safety rules about hand washing and social distancing. They have shown amazing resilience being keen to work hard as always! Staff have appreciated all the preparation that families did with their children about coming back to school after such a gap. The children now look forward to a busy term working hard alongside their friends.

Teacher

Matt Perrett Senior



Strawberry Special – an ideal Christmas present

'Strawberry Special' is the latest in Alan Rowntree's ever popular series of local history books. Not surprisingly it tells the story of the pub, a significant local institution, from its opening in 1870 until the present day through the eyes of its publicans, their customers and its neighbours. It includes chapters on each of its licensees and witnesses what the eyes and ears of the building must have seen and heard these past 150 years. It is illustrated with many maps, photographs and other documents and retails at £10. It is for sale in Draycott Community Shop and at the Strawberry Special. Profits after printing costs will be shared between the Community Shop and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

It opened in 1870 as the Railway Hotel, the same year as Draycott Station. Until that time the only pub in the village was The Red Lion situated on the main road. It made sense to have one at the opposite end of the village both for locals and the new railway traffic. There have been 13 different landlords, the second being Henry Bennett, a farmer and cattle dealer from Rodney Stoke in 1883.



Draycott Station and the Railway Hotel (Strawberry Special) c.1910

Whilst there were many other strawberry growing areas in the country at the turn of the 20th century, e.g. Kent, the ace in the Cheddar Valley pack was that their crop was the earliest in the growing season. Rodney Stoke growers would bring their carts of strawberries either along the main road and down Bay Lane to Draycott Station or via a narrower but more direct route along Eastville Lane. The station was very important as for approximately six weeks in June/July local goods wagons left four times a day with fruit to link up with express trains from Cheddar for delivery all over the country.

Following the Beeching axe on railways in 1963, in memory of its previous life, publican Alan Simmons, changed the name from the Railway Hotel to the Strawberry Special in 1977.

Alan Rowntree

A Gentle reminder from SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's Church)

As mentioned in the August Magazine, we would very much like to proceed with part of our Christmas festival by decorating St Peter's church at the start of Advent. Those of you who have taken part in previous years will know we like to set a theme. This year the theme will be to decorate a wreath, representing an appropriate Christmas carol or song, Wreaths can be made from any material, foliage, fabric, wood, papier mâché, plaster, glass etc... and will be set up during the first weekend in December which is when we would normally host our festival, and be displayed throughout Advent. We hope that the church will still be open for people to visit, even if the numbers are still restricted. It would be very helpful to have an idea of how many Wreaths to expect, please contact Karen Percival: email karenpercival100@btinternet.com. Or Phone 01749 870067 for more information and to register an interest.

Mobile Police Station in attendance

Come and meet Nicola our PCSO.

Sealey Close Draycott October 9th 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Rodney Stoke Inn 24 October 10am - 11.00am

Strawberry Special, Draycott, October 29th 11.00am - 12.00



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Mary's Recipe and Don's Poem

My Peace I Give Unto You

Blessed are the eyes that see
The things that you have seen,
Blessed are the feet that walk
The ways where you have been.



Blessed are the eyes that see
The Agony of God,
Blessed are the feet that tread
The paths His feet have trod.

Blessed are the souls that solve
The paradox of Pain,
And find the path that, piercing it
Leads through to Peace again.

G. A. Studdert-Kennedy 1883-1929

Mustard & Tarragon Pork Steaks

**8 pork steaks
about 100g each**
15g butter
1tbsp extra virgin olive oil
150ml chicken stock
120 ml double cream
4tsp wholegrain mustard
1tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
Salt & black pepper

1. Season the steaks on both sides with salt & pepper.
2. Heat the butter & oil together in a large frying pan & as soon as the butter stops foaming add the chops. Cook over a medium heat for 3-4 minutes each side until golden. Remove pan from heat & wrap loosely in foil. Rest for 5 Minutes.
3. Add the stock to the pan & simmer for 3 minutes then stir in the cream & mustard & simmer gently until thickened slightly. Add the tarragon & remove from the heat.
4. Arrange the pork on plates, pour over the sauce & serve with some steamed green vegetables if liked.



Public Worship at St Leonard's and St Peter's



The churches of St Leonards and St Peters are now accustomed to holding Sunday services, in line with government rules and Church of England directives, and these will continue in October – subject to any further changes in the rules (NB. the 'Rule of Six' does not apply to worship in church). You can expect the kind of measures we have all become used to, to keep everyone safe. This includes extra cleaning, the wearing of face-masks, the provision of hand sanitizer, and seating arrangements that preserve social distancing.

From October some of our service details are changing however, including the times of services (please see the separate service rota for full details).

Services at St Leonard's Rodney Stoke

The new time for St Leonards will be **11 am**. We will not now hold services every week. Where communion services are celebrated, bread and wine will not be available to the congregation. We are not singing in church, but we will sometimes have the organ played.

Services at St Peter's Draycott

The new time for St Peter's will be **9:30 am**. We will continue to hold services each week, alternating between communion and morning prayer. In communion services the bread is shared, but not the wine. The organ is played, and one or two members of the choir will sing hymns.

ZOOM services

ZOOM services for the benefice continue. The Sunday service will be at **11:30**. In the week we will continue to have ZOOM services at 8:30 pm on weekday evenings, although there will be **no** Saturday Morning Prayer on ZOOM. If you would like to join any of these services, please could you email the Rector for joining instructions and to be added to the email circulation list—
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Please note that in these changed and changing times, services are constantly reviewed and may need to be varied – the most up-to-date information will be posted on the website at: www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk.



Sunday Services October 2020

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke	ZOOM
4th October Harvest	10am Harvest Communion	9.30am Harvest Communion	11am Harvest Communion	11.30am Harvest Communion
11th October Trinity 18	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer		11.30am Morning Prayer
18th October Trinity 19	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy Communion
25th October Bible Sunday	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer		11.30am Morning Prayer

Readings October 2020

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
4th October Harvest	65	2 Corinthians 9: 6-end	Luke 17: 11-19
11th October Trinity 18	23	Philippians 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
18th October Trinity 19	147: 1-7	Acts 16: 6-12a	Luke 17: 11-19
25th October Bible Sunday	119: 9-16	Colossians 3: 12-17	Matthew 22: 1-14

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

Jamie Harrison and Jennifer Chivers (28th August 2020 at St Andrew's)

William Hooper and Rowena Hann (12th September 2020 at St Leonard's)

Funerals:

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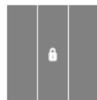
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