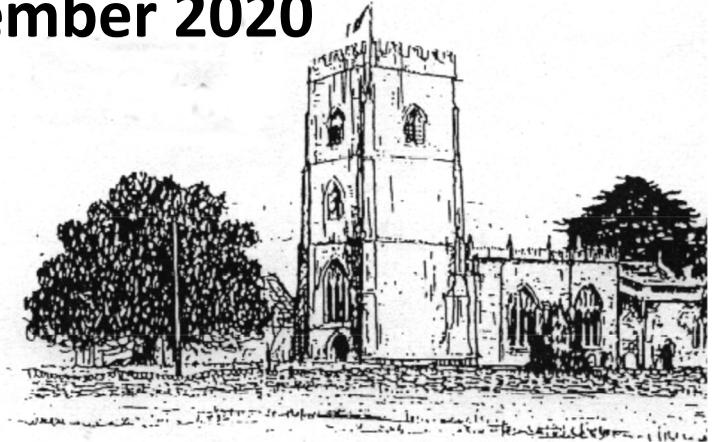


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## A Poem for Remembrance Day 'Soldiers' Prayer'

We do not ask that fate shall mitigate  
What ever hardship we may have to bear  
Nor that we shall not suffer in our share  
Or more, whatever come of wounds and hate  
We do not ask for any recompense  
Nor for remembrance in the triumph-day.  
Our youth is wasted in its own defence;  
Not all your laurels can restore to us  
The years that are taken away  
With every untouched promise that they bore.  
Only we pray that when the guns cease fire  
We may return, and not find all things changed.  
That then in answer to our heart's desire  
We find love waiting, that we feared estranged.

*John Jarmain 1911-1944*

*Last Autumn one wet Saturday morning at Wells Market, I accidentally discovered John Jarmain, or rather a short introduction to his life and work. On the stall that sells three paperbacks for a fiver where we look for cheap books to send to our grandchildren who live away, was a sorry pile of forgotten memories at £2 a copy. I discovered that not only was he a very fine poet of WWII, killed in action of course, but also that he spent much of his reclusive adult life in this part of the world — a sometime lover of silence, an atheist and a pacifist who became an anti-tank battery commander. I think he is the nearest thing we have hereabouts to a noted fighting war poet to call our own. This time last year I put his poem 'At a war grave' in the magazine. The feedback was encouraging so this year it is the turn of 'Soldiers' Prayer'. Rob Walker*

## Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Hilary Thomas

Dear friends,

**“All my sour-sweet days, I will lament and love”  
(George Herbert 1593-1633)**

I read this line of a poem in a Church Mission Prayer Magazine. It was quoted by a CMS couple working in Africa, so aware of the beauty of the natural world around them, yet feeling so sad as they faced the suffering and deprivation of those around them, made worse by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.



I have thought about these words frequently. To me they express how I and, I think many of us, feel. Our world – God’s world - is so lovely, - sunrise, sunset, hills and trees and flowers, all that grows in our gardens, our Reservoir and all the wildlife on it, the skies, so quiet during lockdown, the singing of birds, - all this has hit us with a new freshness.. And the times we have had on the phone, on Zoom, and face to face – (at a distance!) - with family, friends, neighbours, people we have talked with and met for the first time in the supermarket queues etc have all been good. Life is sweet, and God’s kind gift.

Yet there is so much wrong and painful: injustice, inequality, the suffering of those who are weak, poor, vulnerable, climate change, global warming and now the pandemic. It has an effect, an impact, on all of us - especially those already living in poverty and deprivation. Where is God in this? Does he care? Of course he is there! Of course he cares. This is his world and he loves it. And he weeps over it.

What is our role, as his people, as his Church? Surely it is right that we do as the psalmist did - that we bring to him our prayers, our cries- that we lament. Life can feel very sour, very bitter.

George Herbert who was a parish priest at Bemerton, near Salisbury and renowned for his unflinching care of his parishioners until he died of consumption at the age of 39 says,

**“All my sour-sweet days, I will lament and love.”**

He has left us the legacy of his poems, including hymns such as “Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King” and “King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee”

May we, too, lament and love during all our days.

*Hilary Thomas*

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

### One more step

As a vicar one thing I really enjoyed, even though it seemed to come round rather quickly, was writing the letter for the parish magazine. I know that not all parishes are able to produce a parish magazine and some find a website is a better way to communicate with people, however, I do still appreciate reading them when I can. So I would like to express my thanks to all those involved in writing, editing and producing parish magazines. They are often still an effective way to share what we are doing in our churches and to share with others the good news of the gospel.



Recently I was reading one which had an article by someone recalling a visit made to the north west of the USA some 40 years ago. They spoke about the warmth of their welcome and the joy of being invited to preach in the church. What caught my eye, was that they remembered visiting Lake Wallowa where it is said: 'the air is so pure and the sky so clear that one can see the dawn of the day after tomorrow!' What a glorious expression. Of course, the truth is that we don't know what the future holds and at the moment things are challenging and uncertain for all of us and indeed for the world.

One night recently when I was in hospital, unable to sleep and waiting for the dawn to break, I found myself singing the words of 'One More Step Along the Way I go' which has the chorus: 'And it's from the old I travel to the new, Keep me travelling along with you'. Maybe as we look to the future, with the joys and challenges that it will bring, that should be our prayer – Lord help us to travel with you wherever you may be leading.

With my warmest greetings,

*Peter Hancock*

..... *Blowin' in the Wind* .....



*The Revd Thea Oliver writes:*

Some of you may have seen pictures from my ordination service at Wells Cathedral on 26 September or seen me wearing my new clerical collar around the villages on Thursdays or even on ZOOM.

During the ordination service Bishop Ruth laid hands on me and ordained me a Deacon. Deacon means servant and my role is to serve and meet people where they are. Ours is a life of visible self-giving and Christ is the pattern of our calling who washed the feet of his disciples, as they too must wash the feet of others.

I have a beautiful ordination stole commissioned by Tricia Corrick and made by Heather Robinson. It is very personal to me, of ivory silk, symmetrically and delicately embroidered with Welsh daffodils, Tudor Roses, a Celtic cross, within a never-ending Celtic knot that includes medical symbols and a heart. I will wear my ordination stole for weddings and baptisms.

My mum, Audrey, has given me the stoles that I will wear most weeks and Richard gave me a lovely multicoloured stole from Guatemala. These precious gifts will constantly remind me of my role as a servant leader within God's Church.



## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding in our Benefice – an update

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) released its final report on the Church of England last month and declared that the church had protected its own reputation above its “explicit moral purpose”, and its culture of “deference” and “clericalism” had facilitated a place in which abusers could hide.

Responding on behalf of our Diocese, Bishop Peter and Bishop Ruth accepted the findings “with great shame”, stating:

*“The failure to respond to survivors correctly and with compassion has compounded the abuse perpetrated by those they should have been able to trust. We pledge ourselves to listen, to learn and to act in every way we can to support survivors, and to ensure our churches are safe places for everyone.”*

Over the past few years, following several reviews and reports, the Church of England has been in the process of implementing a wide range of measures to improve safeguarding policies and procedures, for children (and vulnerable adults), and has issued guidelines for all churches to follow. The IICSA report recommends that more still needs to be done, including the formation of a new role of Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, who is independent of the Diocesan Bishop, changes to how safeguarding complaints are handled, improved information-sharing amongst churches and support for victims, and regular auditing of the implementation of safeguarding procedures.

In our Benefice we shall continue to work on our safeguarding procedures, including:

- a Policy on Safeguarding, on display, in each church
- a Safeguarding Officer for each church
- a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check on all volunteers in the church working with children or vulnerable adults
- a systematic programme of safeguarding training by the Diocese for volunteers, according to their particular role, at Basic (C0), Foundation (C1), Leadership (C2) or Clergy (C3) level. Please note that this training is now required and is not simply optional, and is available online.
- arrangements for Safer Recruitment.

It is essential that we adopt a “whole church approach to safeguarding”, ensuring “that all those within the Church, regardless of their role, have a part to play” (IICSA 2020). For further information and training opportunities please see the Diocesan website at: <http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/>.

Jim Reeve

Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Andrew’s, Cheddar,  
Safeguarding Administrator for the Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke



It is with a bit of ‘editorial encouragement’ I pen this log.

It has been a time of greater awareness of the climate devastation that is already happening with wildfires, permafrost melt and biodiversity loss. Recent activities include corresponding with our MP James Heapey over the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill, including whether 2050 carbon zero is good enough as a manageable target with a broad support base, when to remain within Paris carbon budget limits and recognize our responsibilities to the global south, we need dramatic cuts now, faster than those required for carbon zero in 2025, if we are to continue emitting until 2050.

Pope Francis talks about the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. We are witness both to practices that harm the environment and people’s lives. Daniel Voskoboynik quoted in Jonathan Herbert’s book *Accompaniment, Community and Nature* says

*“To put on the glasses of ecology is to see a world of intersections and interactions. It is to realize that common threads bind together environmental destruction, inequality, racial exclusion, poor health, violence, patriarchy and poverty.”*

The end of September and beginning of October, involved me in a range of activities. The AGM of Christian CND, with the anticipation of the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, with only 4 more countries needed to make up the 50 required for it to come into force. Sunday 4 October, the beginning of black history month, involved a march through Bristol, demanding change in the often subconscious perceptions of black people, an end to micro-aggression and changes to curriculum. Sunday last, as I write this (13 October), saw a small protest in Bristol as part of a national weekend rally ‘*Solidarity knows no borders*’ against our country’s hostile environment immigration policies. It drew attention to those with uncertain immigration status who are afraid of accessing NHS treatment for fear of charges, the very people least able to afford them. This protest highlighted the case of Simba who arrived age 14 from Zimbabwe, now 20, suffered a stroke and was presented with an unpayable bill of pounds for the treatment he needed.

*Ben Bose*

## **What on Earth can we do..... .....and how do we get started?**



Several people, from all three churches in our benefice, 'zoomed' in to the virtual gathering we held last month, to think about how we can be more environmentally friendly as churches.

We had two guest speakers from the diocese to help us in our deliberations. Caroline Pomeroy, Diocesan Environmental Officer set the scene for us. She showed us how the rate of production of so-called 'greenhouse gases' was soaring, due to human activity, and resulting in increasing global temperatures, which then results in climate chaos. She reminded us that as Christians we are called to be good stewards of God's creation, and should examine our own lifestyles as individuals, and also as church organisations, to try and reduce our impact on the environment. The Church of England has officially pledged to aim for net zero carbon emissions by 2030, which is ambitious, and all church members can help to contribute to this target.

Our second speaker, Sara Jeffery, Assistant Diocesan Environmental Officer provided some very practical advice about assessing the carbon-footprint of our churches, and how to go about reducing it. We learned that, perhaps unsurprisingly, the biggest source of carbon emissions for most churches is the energy used to heat the premises. In fact, from the figures we had previously provided about the churches' energy consumption, Sara could confirm that our three churches were all well below the average carbon emissions for churches in England. However there is no room for complacency, and there were quite simple ways of reducing a church's carbon-footprint further, for example changing to a 'greener' energy provider, which uses renewable energy sources. Other easy wins were fixing draughts in the building, clearing gutters and aiming to warm the people rather than the huge spaces in the building, using simple measures such as cushions or blankets.

There are various organisations offering different assessment tools, which look at all aspects of church life, not just the energy consumption. This enables churches to calculate their carbon footprints and other environmental impacts, and can then form the basis of the environmental action plan. The various options for doing such a survey will shortly be considered by the PCCs of each of our churches, to get us launched

*Nikki Devitt*

## Engineering a Solution

Harecastle Tunnel is situated in Staffordshire, on the Trent & Mersey Canal. At over one-and-a-half miles long, it remains one of the longest canal tunnels in the United Kingdom. The Brindley bore (now disused) was completed in 1777 but the later Telford bore is still used by narrowboats today. Harecastle Hill, through which both bores were drilled lies near to Goldenhill, the highest district in Stoke-on-Trent.

The COVID contagion has wrought enormous damage, in terms of economy, mental health, social gatherings, everyday routines and many more hitherto unthought-about actions and decisions. Daily, we are hear dire prognostications about the future after the coronavirus. We are warned that

lockdowns may be re-imposed or that a safe, successful vaccine may be years away. It can all seem like a diet of unremitting gloom.

Structures like Harecastle Tunnel contain certainties. The very fact it is a tunnel means there is an end to it; there is light outside. Agreed the very length of a

tunnel may mean it isn't possible to immediately divine light at the distant end. The design may mean that, with various kinks or changes of direction, inside it seems darker still. But.....the end of it, the transformation from Stygian depths to a brighter surrounding is guaranteed.

When navigating a tunnel, it is a slow, laborious process but a necessary one, if moving onwards is to be achieved. Contrary to the perpetual naysayers and



doom mongers, so it will be with COVID. Incrementally, progress is made and humans move on. The light is drawing nearer.

*Ade Macrow*

## Support your local PTAF

Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School Parent Teacher And Friends Association, are getting creative with how we fundraise! Like a lot of organisations this year, COVID has put a stop to many of our activities. We wish to share with you some of our plans and projects as well as a few new ones. We would like to invite the community to be involved to help us raise much needed funds for our village First School. Current projects include:



- **Reading books.**

The PTAF are currently fundraising for new reading books for each classroom. The total we require is £500. We have got off to a great start with a very generous donation of £200 from the Sewing Group - which is an amazing contribution and we send them a big thank you! If you would like to help us reach the final £500 target please contact Samm Richards (details at the bottom).

- **Online Shopping**

Did you know you can raise money for our school with your everyday online shopping at no cost to yourself?

Please see our flyer for more information and details of how you can sign up at no extra cost to you!

- **Recycling with Bag2School**

Helping to raise funds for the school AND doing good for the environment by helping recycle as much as possible! More details on our flyer.

- **Christmas Cards**

Look out for our NEW school Christmas card, which will be available in the Community Shop soon!

The support we get from the villages makes an enormous difference to the school our children attend. We welcome participation and donations however big or small. We hope to write again soon and keep you up-to-date with our events and how our fundraising is progressing!

If you would like more information on our activities, please contact Samm Richards on samm\_percival@yahoo.co.uk .

## Ruth Motion Parish Portrait No. 47

Ruth is the Chaplain at Kings of Wessex Academy. She can be easily found in the school as she always wears a bright tie-dye garment. This goes well with her warm and welcoming personality.

Leaving teaching History and RE after 30 years, the job at KOW seemed just right. Already in training for ordination her two worlds came together. Initially the intention was to get to know pupils and staff and demonstrate that as a Christian she is quite normal and not a “Bible Basher”. As the Chaplain of a church school she seeks to promote Christianity positively and to get across that there is a special message, which is rather more than that we are nice to each other.

The COVID-19 situation has made counselling and pastoral work more central to her role and much time is spent listening to students on a one-to-one basis. A young person can access Ruth directly although referrals are also made by staff. Bereavement situations come straight to her. Often the loss of a grandparent is the first significant death experienced by a pupil who is trying to come to terms with a sense of loss themselves, while being aware that Mum or Dad too are grieving .



Problems brought to her cover a wide range but even seemingly trivial “teenage angst” will be of significance to the young person. They may just want to talk to someone who is not a teacher or a parent. Her background provides a good understanding of school, but it is important she is someone different. As well as her distinctive attire, she is always known as Ruth. There is a quiet, private place called the Sanctuary where Ruth will see a young person when she is confident that it is right to do so, being always mindful of safeguarding procedures. Outside pastoral care is available through “The Space”. Normally this is at school but it is currently only accessible on-line.

Ruth plans to arrange group meetings for pupils on Christian themes when circumstances permit. She does record an assembly which is played to different groups during the week which includes a bible reading and a prayer. Although as a Chaplain she is there to support children and staff identified as Christian, Ruth feels she is there for everyone. The ethnic and religious makeup of the school reflects the demographic of the area which means that children from other religious faiths are few and far between. Although only a few pupils are from church-going families, no children opt out of the Christian activities. Religious Education is taken by all pupils at GCSE. Its consideration of ethical and philosophical issues is notably popular.

The four times a year church services are attended by all, but Ruth has discovered that most students do not enjoy them or look forward to them. She is very keen to make them more positive experiences. Only the Christmas services have taken place during Ruth's time and she has tried to make them enjoyable, even fun with each tutor group making a star with key words that reflected what Christmas meant for them – such as Love, Hope and Family.

Some young people have shown an interest and a willingness to engage with assemblies and services. She hopes, when it becomes possible to do so, to recruit Student Chaplains who could act as peer mentors. They would not have to be Christian but should be empathetic with Christian values. Staff are also more engaged and interested than when she first arrived.

Ruth obviously enjoys her job. She seeks support when she needs it and it is available both inside the school and also outside from her Spiritual Director. Her hours have been increased and with her training for the Ministry and Sunday commitments, there is not too much time for other interests. Her favourite relaxation is to watch an old film!

*Sue Walker*

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# Harvest Thank you!

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**We are determined to remain open to our callers, but unfortunately, due to the current situation regarding rising rates of Covid-19 infections (and possible further intervention by the Government), we are obliged to change our opening hours once again.**

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We hope you, your families and friends, and your church communities are keeping safe and well. We send love and very best wishes to you all.

*Sister Teresa Mary CSC      Sister Rosina CSC*

*The return of Patricia's Pantry*  
**'Now in November nearer comes the sun  
down the abandoned heaven.'**



Stan Rogers seemed just another come from away. Ontarian, the musically inclined Stan had contemporary tastes, despite summers spent with Nova Scotian grandparents. Yet after an album about eastern Canada, Rogers "just couldn't let it go."

With a nimble guitar and rich baritone, Stan sang about all of us. In 45 Years,



he sang of enduring love in the province "where the Earth shows its bones of wind-broken stone, and the sea and the sky are one." In Bluenose, of the eponymous racing schooner that graces the Canadian dime: "Feel her bow rise free of mother sea, in a sunburst cloud of spray / That stings the cheek, while the rigging will speak of sea miles gone away."

Of re-emerging sea life as waning fisheries drove youngsters west for work: "Well it's blackfish at play, in Hermitage Bay, from Push Through across to Bois Island / They broach and they spout, and they lift their flukes out, and they wave to a town that is dying." Aging but adored housewives, stoic farmers, retired mariners, Stan poured humour, love and life into every word.

He called us to rise from adversity. Mary Ellen Carter chronicled a crew's determination to raise their beloved fishing boat from an early grave: "We talked of her all winter, some days around the clock, for she's worth a quarter million, afloat and at the dock / And with every jar that hit the bar we swore we would remain, and make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again."

But it was Barrett's Privateers, an acappella shanty about reckless Revolutionary War privateering, that cemented Stan's legacy. The call and response lyric, bellowed at bars and parties, became an anthem: "Oh Elcid Barrett cried the town (How I wish I was in Sherbrooke now!) For twenty brave men all fishermen who, would make for him the Antelope's crew..." Its lyrics were suggested as a password for outsiders seeking entry to Nova Scotia during the pandemic.

In 1983, Stan died in a flash fire while rescuing fellow passengers from a burning airliner. His memory is commemorated in an annual festival in his name.

*Tricia & Murray Heckbert*

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## Music Matters—and so do Hymns



Since the church reopened after Lockdown, one thing missing from our Services at St. Peter's has been hymns in which YOU can join.

Government guidelines (or is it just the C of E ?) instruct us that congregational singing is not currently permitted. So there you are, longing to jump up and join in. But no, you're going to have to sit there, listen and follow the text (or, as the weekly Music List at Salisbury Cathedral used to put it – *members of the congregation are asked to join in silently*).

Perhaps this is an opportunity to delve deeper into the texts without the music getting in the way ? I don't know about you, but I've sometimes been guilty of singing hymns with not enough thought for the text's meaning .

The whole of my musical life has been spent with hymns, starting with the *Golden Bells* hymn book way back at Sunday School in the early 1940's, and since then they have been foremost in my teaching of singers, young and old. Every choir rehearsal I ever took, daily or weekly, began with rehearsing hymns, not just as a convenient vocal warm-up, but also a method of teaching every member of the choir to understand just **what** they were singing, and how to paint the words. Quite recently I have attended Services in two of our great Cathedrals where the choir scrambled to find their books when the hymn was announced and then stumbled their way through it – all too obvious that hymns hadn't featured in any of their rehearsals.

Over the past few months David (Cheetham) and I have been recording hymns in St. Peter's, helped on one occasion by Helena Paish. If you'd been at these sessions you have seen and heard that we were not just singing through them, but stopping to talk about the meaning of each line of each verse and hoping to find the best possible way to get that meaning across to the listener.

But you're still longing to leap to your feet and join in?

Well, it looks as though you'll have to be patient for a while longer in church, though there's always the bath or the shower..... *Barry Rose*

## SOSP Christmas activities at St Peter's

### SOSP Christmas Wreaths

Autumn is upon us, the evenings are drawing in and the Advent season is fast approaching! As previously mentioned we are hoping to continue with part of our Christmas festival by decorating St Peter's church with wreaths depicting a Christmas carol or song.



Due to COVID restrictions we will be doing things rather differently this year and not hosting the usual fayre and lunch. However, the church will still be open the first weekend in December, following COVID guidelines, for visitors to come and view the display (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30 – 2pm and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 12-2pm). We are hoping the display will then remain in church throughout Advent.

The invitation to make a wreath is open to everyone, all ages and abilities warmly welcomed! **To allow us to follow COVID Guidelines, we can only accept wreaths from those who register an interest with Karen**, so please contact her on 01749 870067 or email [karenpercival100@btinternet.com](mailto:karenpercival100@btinternet.com) for further details and information.

### Nativity in the Glebe Field

Last year was our first year of "Nativity in the field". This year, we are wanting to make it BIGGER and BETTER! If you would like to get involved from dressing one of the characters to helping set the scene, please contact either Janette Vining 07967636260 or Karen Percival 01749870067 for further information. The more the merrier!



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# Friends of St Leonard's Annual General Meeting

## 4 November 2020

As in the time of COVID it will not be possible to hold the usual style of meeting in the Parish Hall this year, it is understood that the committee is proposing to hold a ZOOM Meeting with committee members rather than risk the traditional open meeting format. If this is agreed then the reports and minutes will be available on request from the chairman or secretary.in due course.

The arrangements have yet to be finalised so please keep your ears to the ground for the latest update.

### Mobile Police Station in attendance

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## Mary's Recipe and Don's Poem



### Elegy in a Country Courtyard

The men that worked for England  
They have their graves at home:  
And birds and bees of England  
About the cross can roam.

But they that fought for England,  
Following a falling star,  
Alas, alas for England  
They have their graves afar.

And they that rule in England,  
In stately conclave met,  
Alas, alas for England

They have no graves as yet. *G K Chesterton (1874 – 1936)*

### Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry

**2tbsp vegetable oil**  
**1 large onion, chopped**  
**1 medium red chilli, deseeded & chopped**  
**500g (1lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, chopped**  
**600g (1lb5oz) sweet potatoes peeled & cut into chunks**  
**2-4 tbsp korma curry paste**  
**400ml can coconut milk**  
**400g can chopped tomatoes**  
**250g green beans, trimmed & halved**  
**2tbsp chopped coriander leaves**  
**boiled basmati rice to serve**

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the onion & cook for 2-3 minutes until softened. Add the chilli, chicken & sweet potatoes & cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Add the Korma paste cook for 1 minute, then add the coconut milk, tomatoes & green beans. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, cover & simmer for 15 minutes until the sweet potato is tender & the chicken cooked through.
3. Stir the coriander into the boiled basmati rice & serve with the curry.



## PCCs of Rodney Stoke and Draycott

### 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 guidance and Church of England directives, and these will continue in November – 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.

***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](http://www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk).***

#### **Services at St Leonard's Rodney Stoke**

Sunday services at St Leonard's will be held at **11.00 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**

At St Peter's Sunday services will be held at **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 at [stuart.burns01@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.burns01@gmail.com)



**Sunday Services November 2020**

	Cheddar - 10am	Draycott - 9.30am	Rodney Stoke - 11.00am	Zoom - 11.30am
<b>1st November All Saints</b>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		Holy Communion
<b>8th November Remembrance</b>	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
<b>15th November 2 before Advent</b>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		Holy Communion
<b>22nd November Christ the King</b>	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
<b>29th November St Andrew</b>	10am St Andrew's Patronal Service with BCP Communion			Morning Prayer

**Readings November 2020**

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
<b>1st November All Saints</b>	34:1-10	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
<b>8th November Remembrance</b>	70	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end	Matthew 25: 1-13
<b>15th November 2 before Advent</b>	90:1-8	1Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
<b>22nd November Christ the King</b>	95:1-7	Ephesians 1: 15-end	Matthew 35: 31-end
<b>29th November St Andrew</b>	19:1-6	Romans 10: 12-18	Matthew 4: 18-22

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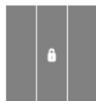
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