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This New Year at the school



The start of the new 2021 term at school didn't start as we had expected. Like everyone, we received the unexpected news that the staff at school would be teaching remotely and we would only have a small number of key worker children on-site. The new calendar year is always an exciting one with the youngest children and the staff were disappointed to not see them return although they were all keen to play their part in ensuring the health and well-being of our school and wider community.

Teaching quickly moved to an on-line model with parents and other family members all taking on the teaching and support roles at home. This time around we have been able to make much better use of our on-line systems and within the first few days staff were receiving photos of all the exciting things the children were learning at home.

The children who are learning on-site have all returned positively and are just as keen to continue their learning as ever! One child returned to our Goldfinch Class, with its furniture rearranged and adapted activities, and said "Oh, I remember this! I know what to do!". He had been one of the children to return last June and took to the 2021 routines without hesitation!

The coming weeks are uncertain for everyone, but one thing is for sure.....learning carries on thanks to the parents and family members at home who are doing a fantastic job! The staff at school would like to say a huge thank you to them all. We would also like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming members of our village and Church community back into school as soon as it is safe to do so.

Matt Perrett

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

It felt unrealistic to say “happy new year” this time. A “peaceful new year” seemed more attainable. New Year brought: the height of the pandemic, lockdown, more news of increasing damage to the earth, and a shocking threat to decency and democracy with right-wing extremist violence in the USA. Many of us are tired, and at times a bit despondent - from isolation, anxiety, fear of illness, and waning hope. AND - two out of our three churches have suffered vandalism over the new year period! “*O me miserum!*”, as the Romans would say!



Right through the 1980s, Archbishop Desmond Tutu spoke and wrote constantly of the need to hold onto an unbreakable hope in Christ that good would overcome evil, light would overcome darkness, and that racism and oppression would end in South Africa. I often heard Bp Desmond speak in those days, and every address ended with his trademark words, “*Remember - the darkest, coldest part of the night is just before the dawn!*”.

He was right. In January 1990, forty years of national suffering ended dramatically with the unexpected release from incarceration of Nelson Mandela, and then his negotiation of a peaceful settlement with F W de Klerk, the Afrikaner president who had held all the power. It is little known that their negotiations, which led to the coming of a new dawn of justice and freedom, were vitally mediated every day, in person, by a very few deeply committed Christian leaders.

Jesus Christ is the “*light of the world*” (John 8.12). He is the “*dawn from on high which will break upon us*” (Luke 1.78). He is “*the sun of righteousness who will arise with healing in his wings*” (Malachi 4.2). If this new year feels a bit like the coldest, darkest part of a long night, then let us be still and take time to focus on the risen Christ in our hearts. The dawn will come, and we await it peacefully, in the strength we gain from his ceaseless love for us, which we can know through the way in which we love one another.



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

One more step

January takes its name from the Roman god, Janus, who is usually depicted as having two faces, looking both to the future and the past. At the start of a New Year it is good to do the same.

2020 will sadly be remembered as the year disrupted by COVID-19. Cracks in our care for each other have been revealed and it has had a disproportionate effect on those already vulnerable or deprived. It showed us that those who are most essential to our needs, those who clean and serve and care, are often those valued least in our economy. However, we also saw extraordinary acts of kindness and compassion, as churches and communities worked together to provide comfort, support, and practical care.

So, what of 2021? The temptation may be to forget what we have learnt, to paper over the cracks, ignore what has been uncomfortable and to seek comfort in the familiar. I hope we don't. 2020 opened our eyes to the harm caused when people are excluded on the basis of race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or wealth. Jesus calls us to a better way. Jesus broke the bounds of exclusion, refusing to accept the social norms and speaking to Samaritans, women, Gentiles, tax collectors and sinners. He teaches that the first shall be last and the last first. He reconciles humanity to God through his death and resurrection.

As we look forward to 2021, we need to think again what it means to follow Christ and to build our lives and communities based on mutual love, respect and service. 'For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

May we all know the Lord's leading and guiding as we step out into a New Year.

With my warmest greetings,

Peter Hancock



Chris Neave

'I write with the terribly sad news that we lost Chris, our St Leonard's churchwarden last night. Chris told us just after New Year that he was suffering from quite bad cancer and was awaiting assessment and treatment. However his death so suddenly was not expected.

Chris was an extremely dedicated and faithful member and churchwarden of St Leonard's and the benefice. His loss is a great loss for us.

The loss is far more acute of course for Honor and the family, and I know we shall all hold them in God's love and in our prayers at this time.'

Stuart Burns 16 January 2020

The Children's Society

There was a moment in November when I wondered if it would be a good idea to leave collecting The Children's Society boxes until the summer months, when COVID would be a bitter memory and people would be happy to have someone

turning up at their door. The Children's Society had rung me to say they did not want their volunteers put at risk and understood if I wished to wait. However, charities have had such a difficult year, and the work the Society does is needed now more than ever so I decided to go ahead, carefully and sensibly. Thank you to Ann Percival who collects the boxes in Rodney Stoke for agreeing to help too.

I thought that we probably would take in much less than previous years as people had not been going out or using cash, and therefore had fewer loose coins to pop into the boxes. Also, many would be on reduced income or unsure about the future.

I'm pleased to report that our collection this year was up on last year, in spite of having a few less boxes. Our grand total came to £605.12. Even the collection box in the community shop was fuller. After opening the boxes I decided that the reason for this was that, when they saw how little was in their box, donors popped in a note instead. This not only increased the total but made the task of sorting and counting much cleaner and easier for the counters.

The money you have given goes to help young people who are struggling. When they have low self-esteem; when they're living in families who can't afford the next meal; or when there's no one else to lean on the Children's Society helps. They may be teenagers who want to give up drugs and alcohol, who are looking after mum, dad or their siblings or who have been taken advantage of by others. Often, the hope inside them has taken a battering, it might only be hanging by a thread. But it's still there, and The Children's Society helps them to see that:

"A better future is within reach".

Thank you for your support.

Tricia Lumley



A month in our country

Its a very difficult time, but also a time of evaluating and for new possibilities. Surrounding the anniversary of the Paris Agreement and the flurry of green policy announcements in December, warning voices remained, such as scientist Kevin Anderson that *'climate change requires immediate action, not a promise for action in ten years'*, the Very Rev Dr Frances Ward with others wrote of the need *'to engage openly with the risk of disruption and even collapse of our societies'*, and 41 scientists wrote that *'unprecedented, rapid and sustained emissions reductions, starting here and now, are essential'*.

Amongst this the government announced £12 billion for a green recovery whilst £24 billion for the military. £12 billion is far short of what is needed to address climate change; a group of NGO's reported an additional £25 billion per year was required for a greener fairer economy, and the Institute for Public Policy Research noted £33 billion per year was needed to meet the government climate targets. To highlight this discrepancy myself and others from Christian Climate Action (CCA) and Extinction Rebellion (XR), were involved in blocking the road entrances to the MOD Abbey Wood site for a day.

On the Clifton Downs, members of CCA, XR-Buddhists and XR, marked the start of the New Year, through an earth vigil, *'sitting in silence and contemplating the state of the planet, the interbeing of all things, and our deepest hopes for the new year'* as we leave COVID behind and approach the COP26 climate conference. February 17 is Ash Wednesday; if we consider ash in the bible we think of the city of Nineveh responding to Jonah's announcement of 40 days remaining. Lets pray that this Ash Wednesday we might as in the letter of Frances Ward and others, recognise the true extent of the climate threat and respond appropriately. Confronting the COVID crisis and the climate crisis we respond with Frodo *'I wish it need not have happened in my time'* and hear Gandalf's reply *"So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."*

Ben Bose



Thank you to everyone who supported the PTAF with our fundraising efforts during 2020. We are hoping to be able to provide an update on our Christmas sales, the Amazon Wish List and Easy Fundraising in the next magazine.

Not many things last year ran the “normal” way for a lot of us, but at Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School the teachers were keen to keep the build up to Christmas as exciting as it could be for the children and the PTAF were delighted to be able to help!

Unfortunately we were not to be able to hold our annual fundraising Christmas Fayre, where Father Christmas himself, would visit the school. However we were very pleased to help him by donating a little gift for each child in school. In the last week of term before the Christmas holidays, the children received an important message from the one and only - Father Christmas! The children were all very excited that he knew what they had been learning in each of their classrooms and were completely absorbed by the magic! At the end of their special message, Father Christmas told the children that he had left a sack of presents by their classroom doors - what better way to finish this very special message? We'd like to thank Steve Haywood for using his contacts to get in touch with Father Christmas for us!

We are now deep in home schooling again and not sure when we will be able to host our usual fundraisers, however we will soon be having a committee meeting to plan some new and exciting fundraising ideas to share with you all!

Best wishes for 2021,

Draycott and Rodney Stoke PTAF



Winter Wonders II

We have had more spells of proper wintery weather this year as the wet November became the frostier and drier late December and early January, but the walkers, joggers and cyclists have not been put off. We have been advised to have a daily routine to keep our spirits up, such as eating good food, exercising and trying to keep in touch with friends and family safely. The Draycott, Honeyhurst and Rodney Stoke circuit has become a routine for many and the regulars greet each other with a smile of recognition, or a longer talk, so that the walk becomes exercise plus social interaction which says that we are all in this together, so keep strong.

Winter wonders seen on this walk have included amazing skies, large flocks of seagulls flying in rough formation back to the coast in the late afternoon, kestrels hovering above the fields, a white egret flying over the village and settling briefly in a beech tree and mist across the valley giving the illusion that Nyland Hill is an island, which I believe it once was.

On 4 December I came face to face literally with four adult roe deer in the lane which, as I approached, ran through the hedge, across the field and straight into our garden.

On 27 December we ventured onto the Mendips to do one of our other favourite walks past Westbury Beacon to the top of Stoke Woods Nature Reserve. How different from the June visit when we couldn't count the number of wild flowers. This was a sunny morning with a biting wind and decidedly bracing, which is what is needed after two days of indulgence in a warm Christmas house. The winter wonder on this occasion was the sky, so vast, so blue and the domain of kestrels and a pair of ravens, whose strange honking call carried through the air. Gradually we became aware of an enormous black cloud, anvil shaped and rising from the valley floor towards the heavens. It was a cumulo nimbus incus (we later looked it up) and an ominous sign of stormy weather on the way and sure enough as we drove

back down to the village large raindrops began to fall.

Now to the most beautiful sight of all, and one which we would not have seen but for the wretched virus because we would have still been in bed at that time. Driving back from Wells after our weekly early morning trolley dash around Tesco on 31 December, the sun was just rising after a very frosty night. It shone on the frosted grass of the sloping Mendip fields, and the white branches of the trees and shrubs and on the walls of the cottages standing in solid relief. The colours of the sky and landscape were from a magic palette of shimmering pastels. All the colours of the rainbow were there but in opalescent hues. Above this beauty and looking down on it was the full moon in the western sky unwilling to leave the scene.

Whatever happens from now on, that scene will be with us forever.

Anne Percival



Isobelle Sealey *Parish Portrait No. 48*

St Leonard's has a long tradition of having excellent flower arrangers who provide attractive displays appropriate for the season and the occasion. Isobelle Sealey who has just retired from the team thinks she has been flower arranging at the church for about 50 years. She became involved when the Hale family left the Rodney Stoke Inn and she was asked to take over decorating the pulpit. A garden festival in the church led to Isobelle being responsible for one of the windows and it became known as Isobelle's window. The flower arranging she thinks has become rather more professional in recent years, although there is now a shift back to using more garden and wild flowers again. The flowers are changed weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter, with a special effort made for festivals and occasions such as weddings. The rota is organised by Vicky Andrews who says Isobelle has served the flower arranging team very well over many years.

Isobelle enjoys gardening and worked with her husband Bob on their market garden growing strawberries. Bob's father and grandfather were local farmers at Honeyhurst on the edge of Rodney Stoke and Bob worked on the farm but the strawberry growing took over after they were married and acquired land for themselves.

Trained as a teacher in Bath, Isobelle taught what was then called Domestic Science at the Cheddar Secondary Modern School and met Bob through dancing. They were married in Tintunhall, South Somerset from where Isobelle came and they have two children. Along with working with the business, Isobelle did some supply teaching, but then a 6 week supply post became a full time job at her old school which had by then become the Kings of Wessex School where she stayed for 13 years.

Teaching has been handed on to the next generations as Elizabeth, Isobelle's daughter taught at Wells Cathedral School until she took up a post at Hereford Cathedral School. She has recently retired but her two daughters are also teachers. Isobelle's son Michael lives very close to his parents and his two sons are still at school with the elder one due to do A levels this year which is obviously a concern in the present situation. Isobelle very much appreciates having them close by.

Many couples of Isobelle and Bob's generation enjoyed dancing in their youth and it was often on the dance floor that romance blossomed, as it

did for them but dancing has been a lifelong enthusiasm. Until COVID-19 meant that dancing had to stop they were participating in Modern



Sequence Dancing three times a week. Isobelle says that this is a pastime that does not attract younger generations, few of whom learn Ballroom Dancing which is the foundation of Sequence Dancing. Although she misses the dancing she accepts that they may have been reducing the amount of time they spent on their hobby anyway, but keeping this up must help keep mind and body active.

Isobelle and Bob have been married for nearly 65 years. They are not among the regular congregation at the church but they have always supported events organised by the church and the Friends of St. Leonard's including attending special

services such as Harvest. Isobelle has also assisted with church cleaning and her contribution to the flower displays in the church over so many years is very much appreciated.

Sue Walker

I asked how the bees were getting on and Izzy tells me that:

.....the bees are all tucked up for winter so there is not much to share at this time. We leave them alone and avoid disturbing them until the Spring.....



I like the picture of the bees slumbering away and getting on with their lives while we mere humans worry about today's chaotic world.

Rob Walker

The example of a chicken

The seemingly never-ending successions of local and national lockdowns and associated tier levels have undoubtedly been a cause of much anguish for those who have been unfortunate enough to have caught Covid-19 or have family and friends who have suffered or, in the worst cases, passed on. It has also meant increased physical and mental fatigue levels in many. The compassion that was so wonderfully evident in the first phases of COVID-19 is perhaps ebbing away; eroded by the relentless tide of new impedimenta.

The humble chicken is a commonplace enough creature. So much so, that few notice its distinct characteristics or differing plumages. Consider this, though: for most of their lives, each chicken will daily create an egg, formed from shell, albumen and yolk and containing protein, choline and cholesterol.



The eggshell colour can vary significantly but the contents within that ovoid container remain the same. The same can be said of humans. We are all the same lifeform, irrespective of skin tones.

The eggshell is there to protect the embryo within. Thus it is with us and our 'bubbles'. Bubbles are not physical objects but they are essential to us, if we wish to protect lives.

Within our bubbles, compassion is a must and although a chicken lays its eggs by rote, without conscious thought, we have choice over our own actions. The development of vaccines means an end is in sight – albeit not immediately – so we should strive to ensure our individual 'safety egg bubbles' are continually filled with compassion, love, trust and understanding. It is not easy but nothing worthwhile in life ever is.

The carapace is worthless if it contains nothing but air. Indominability and faith and sheer bloody-mindedness will ensure ours are full of the required qualities, no matter how long the battle.

Ade Macrow

The return of Patricia's Pantry

February is the border between winter and spring

Miramichi can be a captivating, storied place. The eponymous river drains a quarter of New Brunswick, with two branches merging at the town that takes its name, emptying into a thirty mile estuary. Miramichi means "Mi'kmaq Land" in Algonquian, after the Indigenous people who continue to live here. For thousands of years they grew crops and harvested shellfish, salmon and sturgeon, as well as deer and moose.



Early settlers reported being kept awake by leaping salmon migrating upriver, and foresters took to the woods every winter, sledging logs to the riverbank, before log drivers, following the spring thaw, urged the logs downstream, tap dancing across logs that would ultimately build merchant ships or provide spars for the Royal Navy. The local Log Driver's Waltz still charges young ladies to pick a log driver for a husband if they'd like a dancing marriage. The tune and others are still performed at the Miramichi Folksong Festival, the longest running folk festival in North America.

Miramichi - a long drive away from other large settlements - developed its own culture, marked by an irrepressible levity and damnation to troubles. "How ya makin' 'er?" is a common greeting, with "The very best!" the optimistic reply. "Hoop and drive 'er!" is a common exhortation to those experiencing trouble, as a whole community communicates its support and hope.

It might be considered remarkable that it is so. When I was a boy, pulp, paper and lumber mills dotted the river, ore was mined in the woods, the port hummed, and a large NORAD air base brought the world to our doors. The latter took advantage of Miramichi's sunshine - the area is sunny for more days than anywhere else in the region, and ideal for pilot training. Now, with the mine, the mills, the air base and port all largely shuttered, Miramichi is much quieter.

With heavy industry gone, the river has returned to health, a heaven for water sports and fishing tournaments. Festivals jam the summer, skates, skis and snowshoes come out in winter, and we enjoy the people and fun that make our new home so special.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert



‘Saying Yes to Life’

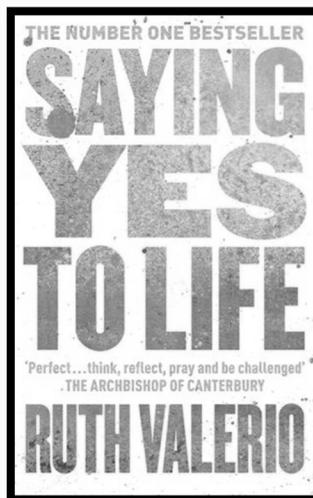
‘Saying Yes to Life’ was commissioned last year as the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent book. The author, Ruth Valerio, is an environmentalist, theologian, social activist and director of Tearfund, which is a Christian charity working for sustainable development in the poorest countries of the world. Valerio also led the launch of the ‘Eco-church’ project, which aims to encourage churches explicitly to include care for creation in every aspect of church life.

In this book, Valerio aims to lift our focus from natural, everyday concerns to issues that are having an impact on millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, she believes we are entrusted to look after what God has created: to share in God’s joy and ingenuity in making a difference for good.

The themes of the chapters are imaginatively drawn from the great song of creation at the beginning of the Bible, in Genesis chapter 1. Valerio draws on the themes of light, water, land, the seasons, humankind, other creatures, sabbath rest and finally resurrection hope, and she relates these things to matters of environmental and social concern.

In considering each aspect of the natural world she interviews relevant experts, for example an oceanographer and a professor of astronomy, to supply a contemporary view of the subject. She also provides a global perspective which is inspired by her involvement with Tearfund in some of the poorest communities of the world.

Her aim is to open our eyes to the world we live in through the themes in Genesis, but she shows that the world which God intended to be teeming with life is actually losing its life at an unprecedented rate. As inhabitants of the earth we are all complicit in environmental destruction, and she invites us to reflect on how we might act differently to be part of the solution, to say ‘yes’ to life.



Nikki Devitt

Lent Books and Groups

Lent begins on 17 February 2021. The clergy are recommending two books:

1. **Say Yes To Life** by Ruth Valerio (see Nikki's review opposite) This is quite a long and in-depth read, though truly inspiring and acutely pertinent.
2. **Exploring God's Mercy** by Steven Croft (now Bishop of Oxford) A shorter book - lighter and easier to read; described by Hilary Thomas:

You may remember the Lent Course we studied in 2011, 'Exploring God's Love' also by Steven Croft. 'Exploring God's Mercy' encourages us to consider the difference it makes to us as we receive God's kindness, and experience that kindness in our own lives. We are no longer lost, captive, sick, in danger and barren spiritually; but we are found, set free, healed, safe and fruitful.

We recommend that you order one of these books from us, read it at home during the six weeks of Lent, and, if you are able to, join us in a small group each week on ZOOM, to discuss what we are reading.

More details are in my Benefice E-UPDATE email of 16/1/21. Please join us and let Hilary (h: 01934-742207 e: hilarythomas@uwclub.net) know which book you would like and if you'd like to be in a ZOOM group ASAP.

Stuart Burns



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Update from Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

Along with almost everyone else, Team SOSP have had a rather quiet 2020. Since March no monthly 'coffee & cake' mornings, or soup lunches, or curry nights or Michaelmas or Christmas Fayres have been held, so consequently we have raised only a fraction of the amount we would normally be able to share between the ongoing upkeep of St Peter's Church and other charitable causes. However, we have not been idle or forgotten why we got together in the first place.

Team SOSP have kept in touch with each other via WhatsApp and Zoom (but we had to supply our own 'coffee & cake'!) . We have done our best to keep in touch with our regular supporters via phone calls or chatting at their garden gates, always wearing face coverings of course and observing the necessities of social distancing and when taking our daily allotted exercise.

As individuals we have joined others from our churches to send money and food to the Sisters in Bristol at Harvest time.

We held the Advent Wreath Festival and gift day and received a very generous total of £350 for St Peter's Church.



Team SOSP set up a life size nativity scene in Draycott Glebe Field, this year with electric lighting and a life-size camel!

Along with The Community Shop we set up a Nativity Trail, around both villages, and the sale of clue sheets telling the Christmas story raised £53 for The Children's Society in lieu of carols in the pubs.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and patience and have lots of plans for 2021 as soon as it is safe to get together again, so please look out for posters and watch this space!

Thea Oliver

Mary's Recipe and Don's Poem



The Administration of Charitable Relief

How often it is difficult to
be wisely charitable —
to do good without multiplying
the sources of evil.

To give alms is nothing
unless you give thought also.

It is written, not 'blessed is
he that feedeth the poor',
but 'blessed is he that
considereth the poor'.

A little thought
and a little kindness
are often worth more
than a great deal of money.

John Ruskin (1819-1900)

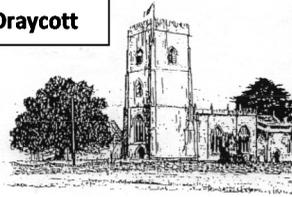
Lemon Chicken and Courgette Stir-Fry



1tbsp honey
Juice of 1 lemon
250ml chicken stock
1tbsp soy sauce
**4 chicken breasts, cut
into chunks**
1tbsp cornflour
1tsp vegetable oil
**2 carrots, finely
sliced**
**1 red pepper, cut
into chunks**
140g sugar snap peas

1. In a jug, mix together the honey, lemon juice, stock & soy sauce then set aside. Toss the chicken with the corn flour so it is completely coated. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan, then fry the chicken until it changes colour & starts to become crisp around the edges.
2. Add the carrots & red pepper, then fry for 1 min more. Pour the stock into the pan, bring to a simmer, then add the sugar snap peas & bubble everything together for 5 mins until the chicken is cooked & the veg are tender.
3. Serve with noodles or rice.

PCCs of Rodney Stoke and Draycott



Church services and church opening in February

In view of the worsening Covid-19 situation in the country and in the local area in particular, the churches in Draycott, Rodney Stoke and Cheddar have decided to postpone further services in church for the time being. Also St Peter's in Draycott and St Leonard's in Rodney Stoke will remain locked during the week (although St Andrew's in Cheddar plans to allow limited opening). These measures have been taken with great reluctance, with the support of the bishops, and will be reversed as soon as circumstances allow it.

ZOOM services

ZOOM services for the benefice continue. Sunday services will be at 11:30 am, and will alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. In the week we will continue to have ZOOM services at 8:30 pm on weekday evenings, and 10:00 am on Saturday.

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 – stuart.burns01@gmail.com.

Church magazine – subscriptions

The church magazine editor and contributors will continue to provide informative and entertaining pieces about the churches and the local community, and for the present the magazine will continue to be delivered to your door. Normally the annual subscription to the magazine (£5) would be collected during February, by your distributor calling at your door, however this does not seem wise in the current environment. We will not therefore be collecting this subscription until prevailing conditions permit. In the meantime the Magazine will be distributed to all current subscribers as normal.

Please note that these arrangements are reviewed regularly and may change in the course of the month; the most up-to-date information will be posted on the website: www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk.

| Services to be held should Churches be open | | | | |
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| Date | Cheddar | Draycott | Rodney Stoke | ZOOM |
| 7th February | 10am | 9.30am | 11am | 11.30am |
| 2 before Lent | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion |
| 14th February | 10am | 9.30am | | 11.30am |
| Sunday before Lent | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | | Morning Prayer |
| 21st February | 10am | 9.30am | 11am | 11.30am |
| Lent 1 | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion |
| 28th February | 10am | 9.30am | 11am | 11.30am |
| Lent 2 | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer |

| Readings February 2021 | | | |
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| Date | Psalm | First Reading | Second Reading |
| 7th February | 104: | Proverbs | John |
| 2 before Lent | 26-end | 8: 1, 22-31 | 1: 1-14 |
| 14th February | 50: | 2 Kings | Mark |
| Sunday before Lent | 1-6 | 2: 1-12 | 9: 2-9 |
| 21st February | 25: | Genesis | Mark |
| Lent 1 | 1-9 | 9: 8-17 | 1: 9-15 |
| 28th February | 22: | Genesis | Mark |
| Lent 2 | 23-end | 17: 1-7, 15-16 | 8: 31-end |

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

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