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"On behalf of the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the people of Somerset, Bishop Ruth and I would like to express our sorrow at the news of the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

Prince Philip was greatly respected, and well known and loved for his wide range of interests. He had an immense dedication to public service and he approached everyone he met and every duty he engaged in with cheerfulness and good humour.

On the few occasions I have been fortunate to meet him I was impressed by his depth and breadth of knowledge on a huge range of subjects, and his commitment to duty. We thank God today for his long life and his dedicated service.

His loss will of course be felt most heavily by Her Majesty the Queen and his family and we remember them in our prayers today and in the coming days and weeks."

Bishop Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells;

Bishop Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Chris Green

As I write, our churches have just celebrated Easter - and our church buildings have all been open for the occasion. In Draycott, some thirty people ranging in age from five to ninety-one came to church. Afterwards we went outside and sang 'Thine be the glory' in the spring sunshine in the churchyard, then had Easter eggs. This was the first time we have all sung together for over a year (as well as the first refreshments we have shared). Easter is always a celebration of new life and rebirth, but our long Covid lockdowns made it especially joyful this year. And everyone, not just churchgoers, can feel a new spring in their step as local and national life begins to open up.

And yet, our joy is tinged in sadness. As we look back over the past year, so much has been lost. There are friends and family we have not seen - some of whom have languished and even died without us being by their sides. There are young children who have grown up without knowing us - their grandparents, aunts and uncles. Children have missed school and school friends. There are jobs lost, failing businesses, health issues neglected because of extra pressures on the NHS. For some, there will be a legacy of depression and anxiety. For us all, too much has happened to forget quickly.

For Christians, Easter is framed by the death and resurrection of Jesus. And this has felt especially meaningful this year, echoing as it does the feeling of joy with sadness at its back which so many of us feel. On the Monday before Easter we pray "Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered into glory not before he was crucified…" The resurrected Jesus still bore the marks of his cruel execution. His followers do not try to *forget* the crucifixion. Instead we believe that God works a great good for us through this very suffering, that in some mysterious way, God takes our suffering upon Himself, and redeems it.

It is a thought that can lift our spirits, not just in the springtime, but in all the seasons of our lives.

Chris Green

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

Called to serve and care

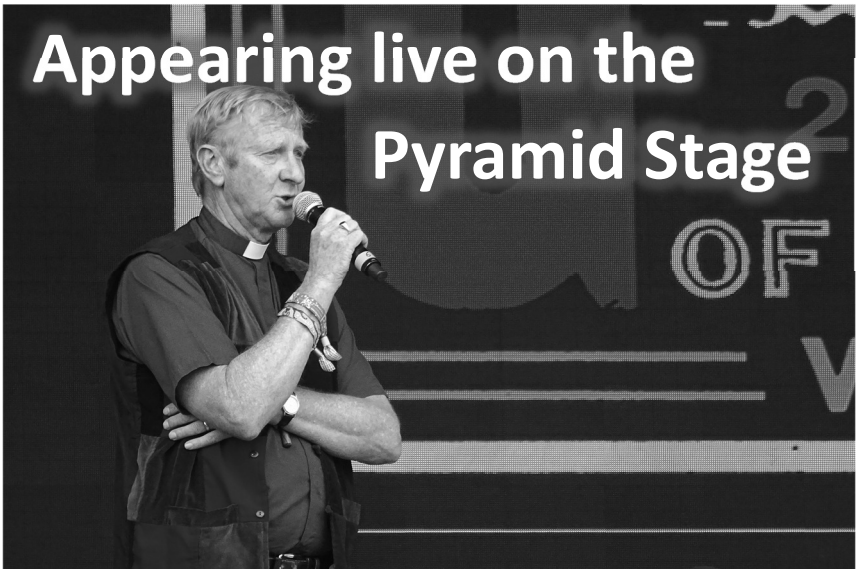
There are many things I shall miss when I retire. One is writing these brief articles for parish magazines. After some 41 years of writing articles and editorials you might think I would be pleased to stop. However, over the years this is one way I have been able to keep in touch with people and offer encouragement and support to all that is happening in the life of our churches and communities. In the ordination service for bishops the liturgy begins with the words: 'Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people, and being known by them.' These monthly articles are one way in which I seek to 'be known' across the diocese.

As I prepare to retire, I want to express my huge appreciation for the welcome I have received in all the parishes and places that I have visited. It has been an enormous privilege to join the churches of the diocese to see what you are doing, to preach and to share in your worship. I am conscious that despite getting out and about across the whole diocese there are still some churches which I have not visited, and I am sorry about that.

Reading the ordination service, I see that as disciples we are all called to 'witness to the resurrection and to preach the good news of salvation in all the world.' That is a calling and a privilege which will not stop as I lay down the See of Bath and Wells. It is at the heart of what it is to be part of the Body of Christ. So, as I say my farewells, I send you my blessing. Please know that my prayers will continue to be with you.

Yours with the love of Christ,

Bishop Peter



What moments stand out for you?

It has been an absolute delight to visit so many churches to share in worship, preach and to see all that clergy and congregations are doing or planning. Every confirmation service has been a real joy and privilege and the Cathedral confirmations have been inspiring.

What will you miss?

I shall hugely miss the visits I have made to schools, colleges and universities. To see young people learning, exploring and thinking about the world we live in has been a joy. I shall also miss the sitting down with Clergy, Readers and church leaders to talk and pray with them about the challenges and joys they are finding in ministry. I know that when we leave Somerset, Jane and I and our dog Juno will miss the glorious scenery and wonderful countryside.

What gives you hope for the future of the Church in Bath and Wells?

I can't think of a day when I haven't been encouraged and hopeful about the future of the Church here in the diocese. This past year has been particularly difficult for everyone but I am confident that despite the issues we face that the diocese is in good heart and in good hands.

What will you take away with you from Somerset?

I have wonderful memories of being the Bishop of Bath and Wells 'outside a church setting. Going to the Bath and West Show and taking delight in our rural and farming community, or responding to invitations to speak at civic occasions or at the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. Speaking at the Glastonbury Festival will never leave me - walking onto the Pyramid Stage in front of such a huge crowd was both terrifying and uplifting.

Christian Aid Week Appeal

10-16 May 2021

Christian Aid, a national charity that has been working for over 70 years to create a world where everyone – of all faiths and none – can live a full life, free from poverty. Christian Aid works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they're entitled to. Every year in May, we celebrate Christian Aid Week as a moment individuals, churches and communities come together to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world, and to fundraise for Christian Aid's work. As part of this fundraising, thousands of local volunteers deliver envelopes to homes in their communities. The envelopes are then collect dropped off at local collection points.

This year I have arranged to use deliver only envelopes. There will be two collection points in the villages at The Community Shop Draycott and the Rodney Stoke Inn where envelopes can be handed into staff.

If anyone can spare time to deliver envelopes please contact Karen on 01749 870067 who is our Christian Aid Organiser

Lent reflections *on 'Saying 'Yes' to Life'*

Saying 'Yes' to life is a book by Ruth Valerio advocating a Christian response to the environmental crisis. But given that the Bible has God giving Adam 'dominion' over the natural world (Genesis), and we are anyway promised a 'new heaven and a new earth' (Revelations), aren't Christians more part of the *problem* than the solution?

Three groups from our churches met on ZOOM to study the book this Lent, and I have rarely heard a more rousing wake-up call to action on these issues. Ruth Valerio uses Genesis, with the seven days of creation (understood metaphorically) as chapters. And she shows how each part of creation - climate, waters, creatures on the land and in the air - has felt humanity's malign influence. It is already affecting our food supply and quality of life, with crops and lives lost to extreme weather due to climate heating. The worst effects fall as ever on the poorest.

And for Ruth Valerio, the 'new earth' is a world *re*-newed, not trashed and discarded. She is a director of Tearfund, a charity working with churches on sustainability projects worldwide. She sees the worldwide church as a 'sleeping giant', whose waking could tip the balance on these issues.

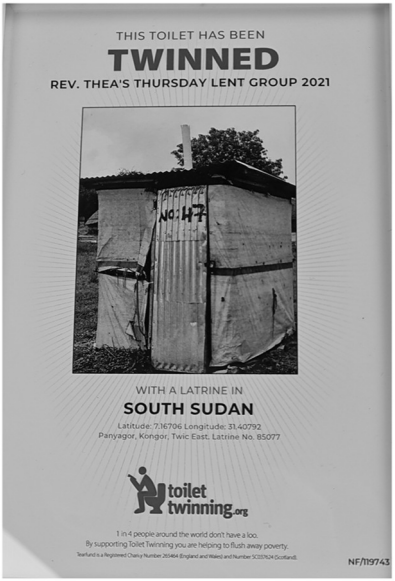
Your local churches may not be exactly giants, but perhaps we have been sleeping – but now we are resolved to be fully 'woke'!

Chris Green

Some of this year's 'woke' responses to our Lent reflections

We should actively support initiatives such as to:

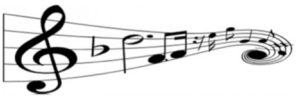
- put Creation – the environment – at the heart of decision making in the management of our churches
- join with others in our communities to promote more eco-friendly lifestyles and public works
- aim to reduce our individual and church carbon footprints, halving them over ten years
- sponsor tree planting in the UK, and a few of us have planted some ourselves already, with a Somerset group called 'Re-imagining the Levels'
- follow the lead of one group who went ahead and twinned a toilet in Cheddar Village Hall with one in South Sudan (see picture)



- reduce our consumption of meat and dairy products
- actively use our power as consumers and investors to reward providers that pursue green policies, and punish those that don't explaining our reasons where we can
- promote and practise local litter picking
- encourage our local churches to enrol in the 'Eco Churches' scheme (launched by Ruth Valerio)
- join the Somerset Wildlife Trust's 'Wilder Churches' scheme to make our churchyards better wildlife habitats.
- use our church worship to raise awareness in prayers and sermons, and by celebrating seasons such as 'Creationtide' (1 Sept to 4 Oct).

Music matters

The grass is ris'



Now that the season is well and truly here, can you think of any music about spring?

I 'm thinking of the first concerto of Vivaldi's Four Seasons – you know the one – Da dum-dum-dum-diddle-dee. The way that phrase ends with a skip and a jump always reminds me of new-born lambs gambolling in the sunshine. You may not have noticed that all these four concertos except for summer are jolly and up-beat; obviously summer in the Venice region where Vivaldi lived was the season of thunderstorms and destructive gales, and the music of that concerto is quite violent. I think I prefer our weather here in Mendip.

What about carols? In earlier times, carol-singing was not limited to Christmas-time, but happened throughout the year. There are some delightful spring carols; this one, written down a thousand years ago in the *Carmina Burana* manuscript, *Tempus adest floridum* translates as *Spring has now unwrapped the flowers,* and with its sprightly tune it became popular all over Europe. Until, that is, in 1853, JM Neale decided to use the tune for a new song in which he retold the story of a 10th century king of Bohemia: *Good King Wenceslas looked out*.

That was a Christmas song which borrowed the tune of an Easter carol. Sometimes it happens the other way round. I think my favourite spring carol must be *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.* It links the rebirth of the earth after the dead time of winter with the death and continuing life of Christ. *Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain.* This time, an Easter carol borrows a tune originally used at Christmas: *Noël nouvelet, noël chantons ici* (*Let's sing a new song of birth.)*

I'm writing this article on a sunny Easter Day: St Peter's Church has been open for the first time since the winter of lockdown, full of flowers. the choir has been singing, we were able to receive the sacrament in person, there were over thirty people in church including children and as the service ended we went outside into the churchyard to sing *Thine be the Glory* all together. What a wonderful symbol of resurrection! *David Cheetham*

A letter from the Isle of Wight

A*nn Percival writes:*
Just before Pam Hills left Holly Farm to live on the Isle of Wight she gave me some bulbs of the white heritage narcissus which abounded in her garden. I believe they are called 'White Lady' and Pam used to decorate the pulpit with these scented delicate flowers at Easter time. This year I wrote to tell Pam that they were thriving and were a lovely reminder of her. Her reply included the following:

> *I am so glad to think of those lovely Narcissi still thriving and being used to decorate the church. Their delicate blooms stood out so well against the dark wood. I was transported back to Rodney Stoke, among all my old friends, in my imagination. I do often revisit you in my thoughts, take an imaginary stroll about my old garden and remember how good it was to live there.*
> *But it is good here too. I often take a walk with Matthew and the dogs through a favourite copse. It has been such a joy this Spring, with carpets of wild daffodils, you would love them – and I take a walk to the sea every day, sometimes twice. Thankfully I still have the use of my legs, but my vision is getting rather blurred – and I have had both Covid jabs, what a blessing!*
>
> *All good wishes from Pam.*

‘Wilder Churches' is the name of a new partnership initiative between the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT). It is supporting communities to get to know the wildlife in their local churchyards and to work together to find ways of improving these special places for wildlife. Find out more here: https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/wilder-churches .

Churchyards are often the oldest enclosed pieces of land in their parishes, and because they have escaped the changes in land management and farming practices which have caused widespread habitat loss, many churchyards still support a wide variety of wildflowers and other wildlife. This makes them ideal sites to join up with other habitats to provide a wildlife corridor. Our Diocese oversees 477 parishes in Somerset, and SWT are helping the leaders of these churches to involve their local communities, so all can learn about the species in the churchyards, and how to manage these spaces better for wildlife.

The project consists of regular on-line training for anyone interested, with the aim of documenting and conserving existing species and habitats, working with nature, and engaging others in the wider community to join in this work. Spring and summer are excellent months for discovering and planning, autumn and winter are a great time to take action based on what we have found.

The first 'Wilder Churches' meeting took place on Zoom on 26 March with over 200 people participating. To start with, we are all encouraged to 'get to know' our own churchyards, to observe and document the plants and wildlife already there, and to find out who is responsible for its upkeep. For example the closed churchyard of St Peter's is the responsibility of Mendip Council, so they would need to be consulted on any plans to change its management. There is lots of support from SWT and other organisations, such as God's Acre and The Somerset Botany Group, for identifying and recording species. This was the subject of the second Wilder Churches meeting on 28 April.

We are very keen to launch this initiative at St. Peter's this summer, so look out for further details. *Nikki Devitt*

Ann Percival writes:

Rewilding St Leonard's churchyard

St. Leonard's PCC has been looking at ways to improve the beauty and biodiversity in the churchyard for over a year now, so I listened to the recording of the Wilder Churches meeting with interest. Two points that stood out were:

- All churchyards are different and no one-size-fits-all approach can be applied.
- The importance of the 3 C's – Consultation, Co-operation and Communication

For many years now, the grass has been growing strongly and has largely outcompeted the choicer wildflowers, but we do have primroses and a small clump of violets. The Ox-eye daisy patch will be allowed to flower again this year, and it would also be good to improve the look of the mound at the far end in the hope of deterring people from throwing rubbish and dead flowers on it instead of in the bins provided. If anyone would like to make a record of what they see, either plants or animals, in the grass, on the walls or in the trees we could compare notes at the end of the year.

I am concerned about the consultation aspect as opinions vary widely among the churchyard's stakeholders from the hard-line rewilders to those who favour a parks department neatness and tidiness regime as being much more appropriate. Striking a happy balance is not going to be easy.

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Spring is Sprung

Despite the warnings of snow showers and the occasional lurching from days of sunshine to completely contrasting grey, overcast skies, it is safe to state that Spring has truly sprung and yes, the grass is riz, as the old doggerel has it. With the easing of lockdown regulations proceeding apace, it is time to cast off our strait-jackets of gloom (okay, by their very substance, strait-jackets require somebody else to remove them, but just allow a little poetic latitude) and begin to appreciate life in a much more positive way once more.

Yes, in tune with the tanks of optimism being refilled again – lots of mixed imagery and strange phrases ahoy – Spring 2021 is when the dread word 'Brexit' should exit, 'lockdown' eventually be replaced by 'hoedown' and 'inoculation' be placed in isolation. Maypoles are seldom seen these days but lambs still gambol and the absence of a be-ribboned totem shouldn't prevent us from similar friskiness, either literally or figuratively, within our imaginations.

Take heed of the weeds. They never cease working hard, in their eternal mission to both appear in the most inaccessible parts of your garden and cover to fill any bare soil. Pull them out, if you wish (the exercise is good for us all, although the outcome isn't so enticing from the weeds' point of view) or leave them, in order that a wildlife-friendly haven might be provided for myriad insects, bees and the like. Needless to say, your Local Friendly Weeds firmly recommend you take up this latter option.

Look at that yellow orb above you. Actually, don't look directly at it as your own ocular orbs won't thank you for such a direct gaze. Rejoice in the warmth and different types of illumination provided, such as the mellow but vivid 'painterly' light of many a Spring evening. Better than any light bulb,

Speaking of bulbs, engage in the eternal game of planting and re-planting, always eagerly played by cats, squirrels, foxes and other creatures who take great pleasure in digging some of them up, in order that you might have more exercise in re-planting them. The animals are ever-thoughtful and no, they don't need any thanks – the knowledge that they are contributing is reward enough for them. If you're very fortunate, some of them may even aid their own contributions to the enrichment of your soil….. Ade Macrow

The return of Patricia's Pantry

May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive

The Miramichi summer of 1825 had been unusually warm. By October it hadn't rained for forty five days. An errant spark started what was most feared: fire.

The Great Miramichi Fire was the largest wildfire in the history of the British Empire, and the third largest in North American history. The woods birthed a wall of flame eighteen miles wide, with high winds driving embers far ahead of a front advancing a mile every minute. With no telephone or telegraph, there was no warning. In eight hours, the fire destroyed a fifth of New Brunswick - 16,000 square kilometres - and devastated the early Miramichi towns of Newcastle, Douglastown, Chatham Head, Napan and Black River. Cinders fell in Halifax - four hundred kilometres away - and ash fell as far as Bermuda. At least 3000 people died, although many more likely perished without trace in the woods.

The Miramichi River provided a respite for some. Families stood up to their necks in the frigid water, dipping their heads against temperatures of over one hundred degrees. The families were soon joined by livestock, raccoons, bears, moose and other wild animals that had charged into the water. They stood through the night while the woods, towns and ships burned around them, embers hissing into the river. An unkind cut followed: as the fire passed, temperatures fell below zero.

The fire stories live on in Miramichi. In Bushville, St Paul's Church was saved after a parishioner remained, dousing the roof with buckets of water. He returned home to find that his entire family had succumbed to the flames. In the woods, groups of people were found huddled in clearings, having perished together. Many typhoid sufferers had been unable to move, and died in their beds, while other townspeople suffocated in the streets.

The fire might have ended Miramichi settlement, but relief came before the river froze for the winter, and the towns rebuilt. Some industries, however, would never be the same. While shipbuilding returned, the Miramichi's primacy as a centre for the Royal Navy's spars and masts was crushed.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

A month in our country

Several people asked what can we do about the environment. Writing after Prince Philip's death, looking at the WWF website, I found an article '21 ways to help the planet in 2021', including writing to MP's, making garden's wildlife friendly, help to eat sustainably and a carbon footprint calculator to help build sustainable habits.

Julian of Norwich feast day is the 8 May. Julian speaking of a thing the size of hazelnut in her palm writes: "it was so small that I thought that it might disintegrate. And in my mind I heard this answer: '***It lives on and will live on forever because God loves it.***'... I saw that this tiny thing had three properties that were essential to it. The first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; the third, that God preserves it."

Julian of Norwich wrote at the time of black death. Yet there is great hope, the Easter hope, God is committed to creation. Her vision of Love is wonderful, O to remain in and be inspired by love and hope rather than fear. Julien says: "Know it well, Love was his meaning. Who reveals it to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why does he reveal it to you? For Love. Remain in this, and you will know more of the same... Love was never abated and never shall be."

Famously Julian heard the Lord "saying most comfortingly: I may make all things well, and I shall make all things well, and I will make all things well.". I'd suggest rather than passive waiting, it is an active waiting, the waiting for the Lord which is also the preparing of his way, the waiting which is taking care of the household of God (Mat. 24:45ff) and feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and visiting the prisoner (Mat. 25:35ff), embodying the resurrection life (Phil 3:10ff and 20ff).

To end with Julian "But I cannot say what this Creator, Preserver and Lover is. Until I am united with him in my essential being. *Ben Buse*

A digital coming of age

Backed up as it is by shedloads of statistics, it is hard not to be impressed by the scale of the changes within the C of E that have taken place over the past year or so. As the Archbishop of York said in a recent press release:

I think there has been a digital coming of age.

Of course we long to meet in person, but online services can be very beautiful. People of different ages, from different parts of the country or even the world, families sitting together, people watching whilst having a cup of coffee are all coming together to worship online in ways that we just couldn't have imagined a year ago.

Many churches report that they have more people participating in their online services than used to meet in person.

Of course, I hope these new online worshippers will join us in person one day. But even if they don't, we must carry on nurturing these online communities and seeing it as a way of reaching out to new people and building new communities of faith.

And it is not just about numbers on a Sunday. What about the Green agenda, the WOKE agenda and the legacy challenges presented by the churches stock of historic buildings to name but three? Does not the digital awakening have a part to play in each of them?

In the same press release Justin Welby alludes to the pressing need to be innovative and to think outside the box. It might sound like a soundbite cliché but was it not always a general rule even in yesterday's world that '*embracing change is not an option*'? Look at the carnage on the High Street – Debenhams may have gone but is not the one-time leader of the pack, John Lewis/Waitrose, also on the slide? It seems that it is the accelerating speed of change rather than anything else that catches out the unwary.

And is anyone out there thinking about Plan B?

Rob Walker

SOSP & PTA Easter Tree and Quiz

This was our first joint fundraising event for quite some time and we were delighted by the response from our villages and the wider community.

A big thank you to the Community Shop for selling the quiz sheets/entry forms.

The total of £85 was raised for PTA, and an amazing array of eggs were made and decorated for the SOSP Easter Tree in the Glebe field.

Our thanks to Rev Judith who pulled the winners out of a hat after the Easter Day service in St Peters.

Congratulations to:

Jeff and Tricia (adult quiz)

Othello, Oliver, Benji and Hamish (children's colouring and egg entries).

Home Communion

It is one of the great privileges in ministry to be able to bring communion to the elderly and housebound or those who are temporarily unable to get to church due to injury – do let us know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate this aspect of the Church's care. Contact the Parish Office on 01934 742535.

In the lead up to the Easter Holidays many of the children were busy designing their eggs ready for the Easter Tree. We hope you all agree that the display in the Glebe field looked great! The PTAF would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Supporters of St Peter's for their fun idea which allowed the children to get creative and the adults to test their minds with the adult quiz! We would also like to thank the Community Shop for helping to sell the entry forms and to everyone, both in and out of the villages, who purchased one.

Through the selling of the entry forms SOSP and the PTAF raised a grand total of £85 which the PTAF can now put towards the £600 a year cost for Bug Club.

Bug Club, is not what it sounds! We are sure the children would love a club all about bugs, however this Bug Club is the online reading platform that every child in the school has access to. It allows them to read more books at home, which are targeted at their individual level. Throughout their reading, the children are asked to complete questions on their books to win points. After they have finished a book, they can use the points to play interactive games. The school have been using this platform for a while, but as you can probably imagine, it came in extra useful all those weeks we were in lockdown!

Until next time, thank you for all your on going support, The PTAF.

Solitude

Laugh, and the world laughs with you,
  Weep, and you weep alone,
For the brave old earth must borrow its mirth;
  It has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer,
  Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes redound to a joyful sound
  And shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you,
  Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
  But they do not want your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many,
  Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
  But alone you must drink life's gall. *Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)*

Beef Curry

3oz grated coconut
8oz milk
2lbs beef
2tbsp olive oil
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 carrots, sliced
2tbsp curry
1tbsp cumin
1 pinch black pepper
1 pinch coriander
Salt & pepper to taste

1.Boil the milk & add the grated coconut. Cover & let cool for 30 minutes, & then filter the mix through a cheesecloth.
2. In a medium skillet cut the meat in pieces & cook for 10 minutes with 2 tbsp of oil, the garlic & onions over medium heat.
3.Add the carrots, curry, cumin, pepper & coriander.
4.Add salt & pepper to taste.
5.Add the milk & cook for 1 hour over medium heat.

Sunday Services May 2021

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke	ZOOM
2nd May Easter 5	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11.30am Holy Communion
9th May Easter 6	10am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer	11.30am Morning Prayer
16th May Easter 7	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer
22nd May Pentecost	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11.30am Holy Communion
30th May Trinity Sunday	10am Benefice Service St Andrew's Cheddar			11.30am Holy Communion

Readings May 2021

	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
2nd May	22:	Acts	John
Easter 5	25-end	8: 26-end	15: 1-8
9th May	98	Acts	John
Easter 6		10: 44-end	15: 9-17
16th May	1	Acts	John
Easter 7		1: 15-17, 21-end	17: 6-19
22nd May	104:	Acts	John
Pentecost	26-end	2: 1-21	15: 26-27; 16: 4*b* -15
30th May	29	Romans	John
Trinity Sunday		8: 12-17	3: 1-17

Benefice Diary May 2021			
Sat 1	11am	Wedding meeting	Den
Wed 5	11am	Holy Communion	Nave, St Andrew's
Wed 12	11.30am	Mothers Union Holy Communion	Nave, St Andrew's
	7pm	St Andrew's APCM	ZOOM
Wed 19	11am	Holy Communion	Nave, St Andrew's
	7pm	St Leonard's APCM	Rodney Stoke Hall
Thur 20	6pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Andrew's Church
Sat 22	2pm	Dan Tullett and Erin Jeffery's Wedding	St Andrew's Church
	4pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Leonard's Church
Mon 24	11am	Wedding meeting	Den
Wed 26	11am	Holy Communion	Nave, St Andrew's
Thur 27	3pm	Wedding meeting	Den
Sat 29	12 noon	Isaac Whitcombe and Lindy Neave's Wedding	St Leonard's Church

FROM THE REGISTERS:

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Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

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APCM

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