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'No Room at our Inn?' Food Bank Crisis Update

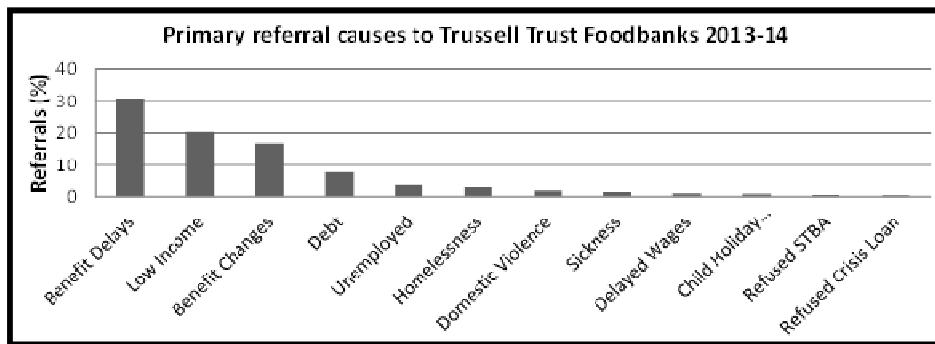


It is not just in the Cheddar Valley that there is a growing need for the emergency food and support provided by food banks. The Trussell Trust, the Christian charity that runs about a third of the UK's food banks (including our local one in Cheddar*), has just reported that:

- 913,138 people received three days' emergency food from Trussell Trust food banks in 2013-14, a staggering 263% increase over the 2012-13 figure
- This means that the total figure of referrals for all UK food banks in 2013-14 must be of the order of a shameful 3 million people
- 83% of food banks report that the actions and incompetence of the Department of Work and Pensions including 'sanctioning' are the main cause of the rising numbers of people being referred to them for help.

The food bank figures have triggered the biggest ever faith leader intervention, on UK food poverty in modern times. Our new Bishop is a signatory and supporter.

The onset of economic recovery is simply not yet apparent at the grass roots. The poorest have seen their incomes squeezed even more than last year and more people than ever are being referred to Trussell Trust food banks. The latest referral statistics —see below— show that the main cause of this misery is the sheer incompetence, not just the policies, of Iain Duncan Smith and his ministerial team at the Department of Work and Pensions.



* Cheddar Valley Food Bank, Unit 4, Wessex Business Centre, Cheddar, BS27 3EJ 07992 309369/ 07922 308154

Trussell Trust Factbox: The Trussell Trust was founded in Salisbury in 1997. It is a Christian charity that is independent of all political parties and receives no government funding. It is non-judgemental and inclusive, providing assistance to people of all backgrounds and all faiths or none who are found to be in genuine need.

Letter from the Curate



Dear Friends

After the ‘excitement’ of the last few months it is great to be back writing this letter. I’ve still got a while before I get back to full mobility but am going in the right direction, albeit a little slower than I would like. I don’t know about you but Sue’s inclusion of the Footprints poem last month really struck a chord with my recent experiences. Something I have read and used over the years suddenly took on a whole new meaning.

Everyone has been really wonderful and supportive but I have noticed how difficult it has been to accept help, or even more so, to ask for it over this period. From people I have spoken to before, I think this might be a quite common experience and I have been wondering exactly why this is. Most people are very happy to volunteer to help out so why is it so hard to accept that help?

We talk about the joy of living within a supportive community, but when it comes down to it most of us prefer to be part of the giving of support rather than the receiving. I wonder if it is because we value our independence, or is it because it feels like a sign of weakness to need to ask for help. After all how many of us have been brought up being told not to bother someone.

It is only when we are unable to be that independent that we need to take the role of the receiver. All of us need help from time to time whether it is a listening ear or more practical things (in my case including hair washing).

So maybe all of us need to learn how to ask for help when we need it, after all if we are more than happy to offer maybe we also need to learn how to be happy to receive as well.

Chris

From Bishop Peter, Taunton

The 40 Days of Easter



For most people Easter lasts for about three or four days and ends at midnight on Easter Monday, but for Christian people Easter is a season that lasts for 40 days and for good reason. It reminds us of the enduring hope that we have in God and that God has in us – hope that encourages us to work for a better future for humankind, especially for those who are the poorest and most vulnerable.

By the time you read this I will have joined with many others in supporting the ‘Live Below the Line’ campaign. From 28 April for five days we will be living on £1 a day both to raise awareness of the issues of food poverty around the world (and in our own country) as well as to raise money for a range of charities who are seeking to address the issue. I will be supporting ‘Send a Cow,’ a locally based charity just outside Bath who focus much of their work in Zambia and other parts of Africa.

They provide poor families with the skills they need to build new lives free from poverty and hunger. By providing training, livestock, seeds and support, they restore hope and create stronger communities for the future. You may, for very good reason, not be able to live below the line yourself but I hope you will be generous in supporting those of us who are.

Later in May you are also likely to receive a Christian Aid envelope through your letterbox. This too will invite us to be generous in our response to the enduring hope that we have in a God who seeks to bring an end to poverty and injustice. This year the focus is on ‘giving people a future without fear.’ We know that for a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life. Last year Christian Aid, through the churches, raised £12 million. War tears lives apart – our generosity can help put them back together.

The 40 days of Lent are over and the 40 days of Easter are here. We are invited to believe ever more deeply in the reign of God for our world and we are invited to live in confidence and in hope that the God who has raised Jesus from the dead can and will rebuild and revitalise all that poverty and injustice has shattered, with us as willing partners!

+Peter Taunton

'Flying in May may not be all plain sailing '



New York one day, Paris the next. Scarcely novel, though it was not always so. On May 20, 1927, a lone flier rose to the \$25,000 Orteig Prize, bait for the first non stop flight between the cities. The quest had already claimed several. A French ace only narrowly escaped a 1926 takeoff crash which killed two; in April 1927, two Americans died, also on take off. Less than three weeks before Charles Lindbergh flew, two French fliers passed west over the Irish coast and were never seen again.

An unlikely hero, in 1922 Lindbergh had his first flying lesson; in 1923 he bought his own plane and soloed for the first time, before, with five hours experience, he returned to the barnstorming circuit that had paid for it. Importantly, he learned to fly at night. But there was something there sure: he graduated first in his US Army pilot's class, besting 104 who joined with him. Afterwards he flew mails for two years before overseeing the design of his Spirit of St Louis. He had never flown over water before.

He bought Spirit with \$2000 of his own money, a bank loan, and a \$1000 donation. It flew for the first time just a month before his record attempt. Flight day. The Spirit, loaded with 1700 litres of fuel, struggled free of sodden Roosevelt Field, over the site where two had died the year before. Climbing over 10,000 foot clouds, skimming wave tops, flying though fog and navigating by the stars, Lindbergh flew over thirty three hours to Le Bourget field outside of Paris. Unsure of the airport's location, Lindbergh gravitated to an expanse of lights outside the city. It proved to be thousands of headlamps from vehicles crammed to greet his expected arrival.

Five years to the day, and a famed lady of the air also rose to the task. Leaving Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Amelia Earhart flew fifteen hours to land in an Irish pasture. "Have you flown far?" the farmer asked. "From America," she said.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

First School Bat-O-Gram



Today sees the start of the renovation of the old roof on the school.

We have been given a grant to replace the Victorian roof on the oldest classroom and also the school house. This is great news as it has been a concern for the management of the school that all the high winds of the winter, and the constant rain, might finally prove too much for its aged structure, and we might come to school one day and find large parts of the roof missing! The roof is going to be stripped back and new felt, battens and tiling put on.



Our bats will be properly considered. We have had to obtain a license to allow us to replace the roof and it has been granted on certain conditions. We will have a bat officer on the premises (our own special batman!) in case a bat is discovered. Bat boxes have been put up in the playground and if a bat is found then the 'batman' will remove it to the safety of one of the boxes. Each roof tile, on removal from the roof, has to be scanned in case a bat is clinging to its underside. We have to have special roofing felt as the most usual felt can fluff up and suffocate the bats. And, the new roof must have access points built into it, both across the ridge tiles and also into the roof tiles proper.

We hope that the bats appreciate the work we have had done on their behalf, as it all comes at a price.

With regard to the acquisition of a crossing in the village, I believe that the Somerset Highways are looking into putting a hedge along the playing fields to allow the bats a corridor (a batty M1) to travel along. Hopefully once this is in place plans for the A371 crossing can move on again.

Please email the Parish Council at rodneystokepc@gmail.com and let them know your views about the crossing. I think a proper crossing is essential for the village given the paucity of pavements along the A371 as it runs through the village and the increasing volumes of traffic.

Cathy Lowe

Singing hymns matters

My mother-in-law, aged 99 and living with severe dementia in a care home, spends her days singing hymns. Sometimes she mixes up the words, but the tunes are always strong and clear. She has lived with hymns all her life. Hymn singing is a very important part of British church- and chapel-life; in her case it is almost her only remaining contact with reality.



In the schools that I've taught in for most of my life, the young people loved singing hymns. They didn't sing pop-songs much; pop-songs were for listening to or dancing to, and they were also expressions of "tribal" loyalty, but with hymns they could sing together unselfconsciously. I do hope that in our church schools today the children are able to take part in an activity which can make religious thought very close, accessible and personal.

Our new A&M hymn book is full of hymns by contemporary writers such as John Bell, Michael Forster and Timothy Dudley-Smith, hymns that say something relevant to 21st century life, something thought-provoking and perhaps uncomfortable. We often sing these hymns at St Peter's with alternate verses for women and men, to give us a better chance to concentrate on the meaning of the words.

As for the tunes, I particularly love those emotional Welsh tunes such as *Blaenwern* (Love divine), *Ar Hyd Y Nos* (God, that madest earth and heaven), *Cwm Rhondda* (Guide me, O thou great Redeemer), *Hyfrydol* (I will sing the wondrous story) and *Aberystwyth* (Jesu, lover of my soul). Some Scottish and Irish tunes are equally powerful, and St Peter's congregation will know that I nearly always include one or two each Sunday.

But please don't let the organists have it all their own way in choosing the hymns. Let us know which hymns make singing a relevant part of the service for you, and we'll certainly fit them in.

David Cheetham



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Loaves and Fishes Project – Easter 2014 Update

We were delighted that our “Loaves and Fishes” project was featured in the March Panorama programme about food poverty. It highlighted the plight of people in this country - particularly in Bristol. One woman had to visit her son in hospital. She rang the Job Centre to say she would be late for her Job Seekers interview. The message was not passed on and all her money was stopped- and it can take several weeks to get it sorted out. This sort of thing seems to happen quite frequently as the Panorama team discovered

We gave out nearly 600 parcels of food at Christmas and over 500 bags of special Christmas items. We continue to give out 250 to 300 bags of food a week. However, we are not a food bank – we provide supplementary food to people who are struggling all the time. Many come for the support and friendship they find here too. We also provide for many of our volunteers, cooking regularly for 8 to 12 people To sit round a table, say grace and enjoy a meal together is often the only time some enjoy such fellowship.

It is so good to have such loyal and ongoing support from those such as yourselves. As ever, we depend on your generosity in giving.

With thanks and warm wishes from us all here.

Sr Hilda Mary - Sr Rosina - Sr Sue

St. Peter's Draycott and St. Leonard's Rodney Stoke are providing (by request) a special consignment of Easter eggs- some with covers made by a local knitting group. We are always willing to take food for the CSC- which can be delivered to Sedany, The Street (Draycott) or The Old Forge, Stoke Street (Rodney Stoke), or brought to Draycott church. Further information from Chris Green (01749 870554) or Karen Percival (01749 870530 knitting group).

Something for Everyone

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It is open to everybody so please feel free to just drop in & try it out.

Don't worry if you have difficulty getting to St Peter's: we can pick you up so if you would like a lift just contact one of us:

Thea 744739, Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945.

See you all at St Peter's on Saturday 3 May



Trisha Heckbert Parish Portrait No. 10

My childhood began in Wembworthy in North Devon: a rectory with a croquet lawn. My father was Rector of a small group of parishes there. Then to Staverton in South Devon when I was four and a half: another lovely vicarage. I had to be a vicar's daughter: brownies and guides and so on. And my mother was 'just the vicar's wife', and had to do all the necessary things, including running the W.I. She loathed some of it, but we remained there for a long time. Eventually I went away to Stover School in Newton Abbot. I remember the headmistress very well: Mrs Key was married to the Bishop of Truro. They retired in the school grounds.

You're asking about that huge picture over the fireplace. No, it's not the Duke of Wellington! It's my great-great-great Uncle William, one of my father's ancestors. It's been with us in many different places. Yes, all that brocade does make him look very stately.

After leaving school in 1981, I did a kind of Gap Year in the States. I loved it, and when I came back there was some waitressing in Scotland, mainly wasting time... and then joined the catering industry. I trained as a chef (don't tell anyone!) but I didn't really have the fiery temperament required, so I became manager of a country hotel near Brands Hatch. It was a hard way to earn a living, and by 1990 I had joined a firm of management consultants in London – doing work for a number of big companies. I then worked in the City for a few years, and during this time I was doing an Open University degree in Liberal Arts. I majored in philosophy and history: much enjoyed the philosophy, but history is my greatest love.

I graduated and decided to do some more study, gaining a place at King's College, London. However, during a trip to New York I picked up a brochure for the University of New Brunswick, in Canada. On a whim, I decided to enrol there for a 2 year master's degree in military history. I specialized in the First World War, trench warfare, tactics and technology, and especially that employed in 1915.

I met Murray in 1999 in New Brunswick, where he was doing a doctorate in Native American History. We were married the next year in Canada – the family



came out and for the honeymoon we hired a bus and took them all on a tour!

I still had my thesis to complete, and we returned to England in 2001. By this time my mother was not too well, and my father had retired. Murray and I came to Draycott in 2004 – it was a ‘pin in the map’ job! We were joined by my father in 2006, and I took my current job as Child Protection Administrator with the Children and Families Department of Somerset County Council. I provide business support for the adolescent intervention team working across Somerset. It’s the most rewarding work I’ve ever done.

I’ve always been involved with rural churches and I love the community spirit in Draycott. We need to contribute to the communities we live in. I believe that the Church must embrace change. Where we don’t move forward, we stagnate. I am very encouraged by the progress towards women bishops. Our Christian faith gives us a moral compass with which to live our lives. Many people find different things in the Church. I’m very ‘C.of E.’, very inclusive.

Murray and I hope to move to Canada in the spring of next year: his family are still there, and I love that part of the world. I look forward to new challenges, and I hope I shall continue to develop. Who knows what will happen?!

Trisha half-apologises at the end for having presented me with a picture of a ‘diverse sort of career’. I am reeling at this diversity in her many achievements, and realizing that, as I remark, there is a very great deal more to Trisha than a reputation for making the best chocolate brownies in Somerset

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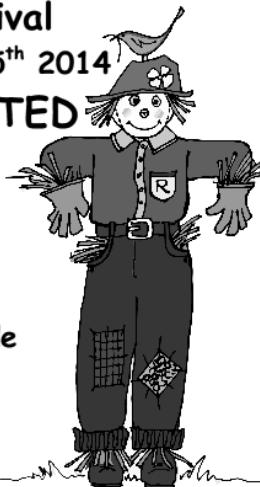
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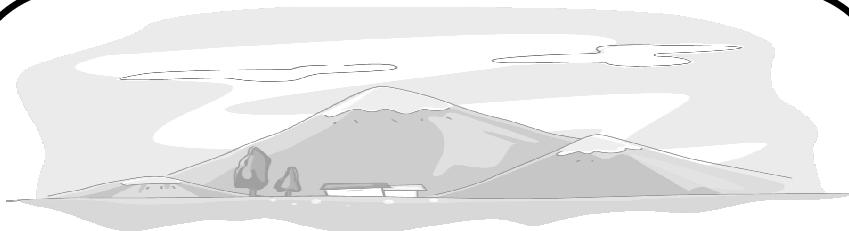
Two Lambs born on Good Friday afternoon!!!

At least 600 cups of tea served over 2 days

£2300+ donated for flooded farmers on the Levels

David and Diana would like to thank all the helpers and visitors for their fantastic support that made this unique event such a great success.

Everyone enjoyed seeing two lambs being born on Good Friday afternoon as well as the pony carriage rides, teas and cakes, stationery engines, vintage tractors, stick making, willow sculpting demonstration, face painting, the naming of the lamb and feeding the suck lambs. The raffle prizes were generously donated by local businesses and the community.



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War tears lives apart.....

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For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life. Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise. It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week. This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace. Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Mobile Police Station in attendance The Mobile Police station will be at the Rodney Stoke Inn on Tuesday 20 May at 3.00pm. Any-one wanting advice can speak directly to Linda Vincent our PCSO .



Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Gypsies

Last night the gypsies came -
Nobody knows from where.
Where they've gone to nobody knows,
And nobody seems to care!



Between the trees on the old swamp road
I saw them round their fire:
Tattered children and dogs that barked
As the flames leaped high and higher;
There were black-eyed girls in scarlet shawls,
Old folk wrinkled with years,
Men with handkerchiefs round their throats
And silver loops in their ears.
Ragged and red like maple leaves
When frost comes in the Fall,
The gypsies stayed but a single night;
In the morning gone were all -
Never a shaggy gypsy dog,
Never a gypsy child;
Only a burnt-out gypsy fire
Where danced that band so wild.

All gone and away,
Who knows where?
Only the wind that sweeps
Maple branches bare.

Rachel Field



Rich Beef Stew serves 4

1 tbsp. oil
1tbsp butter
225g/8oz baby onions, peeled & halved
600g/1lb5oz stewing steak diced into 4cm/1½ inch chunks
300ml/10floz beef stock
150ml red wine
4tbsp chopped fresh oregano
1tbsp sugar
1 orange
25 g/1oz dried porcini
4tbsp warm water
225g plum tomatoes
Cooked rice or potatoes to serve

1. Preheat the oven 10 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Heat the oil & butter in a large frying pan. Add the onions & cook for 5 mins or until golden. Remove with a spatula & keep warm.
2. Add the beef to the frying pan & cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until browned all-over.
3. Return onions to frying pan, add stock, wine, oregano & sugar, stirring to mix well. Transfer mixture to an ovenproof casserole.
4. Pare the rind from the orange & cut into strips. Slice orange flesh into rings. Add orange rings and rind to casserole. Cook in oven for 1¼ hours.
5. Soak mushrooms for 30 mins in small bowl containing warm water.
6. Peel and halve tomatoes. Add tomatoes & soaking liquid to casserole. Cook for further 20 mins, or until beef tender & juices thickened. Serve with rice or potatoes.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting- St. Peter's, Draycott

St. Peter's APCM took place on 13 April , with 15 in attendance- reporting on church events, fabric and accounts for last year. Highlights included:

Second Sunday Service. This has been our main worship innovation- a non-communion service, allowing us to try out new things. We have practised new hymns- and on the 13th, performed a group reading of the Passion gospel. Each one finishes with shared refreshments (including a specially baked cake) and a discussion of some aspect of the service theme.

Coffee and cake. Another new regular event, this time mainly social, on the first Saturday of each month in church (10:30 a.m. to 12). Various activities are laid on (knitting, dominoes...) . The vicar holds 'open office'. Why not try it? It is not a fund-raising or religious event, open to anyone.

Festival of Arts and Flowers, another variation on our Peterstide celebrations last June - with wonderful musical events organised by Barry Rose and friends, it also featured an 'Arts & Flowers' exhibition in church. We saw a stunning display of local talent, including paintings, sculptures, and embroidery. This year we shall give ourselves a year off!

Other events included curry nights, quiz nights, a jumble sale and carol singing- all in the Strawberry Special. Plus we had two soup lunches in church. Many were organised by the 'Supporters of St. Peter's' (SoSP).

Fabric and finances are healthy. We met all our financial obligations and gave £3,300 to various charities. We have no major repairs in prospect.

Curate- This year we look forward to being re-joined by Chris Butler following her illness and treatment- we rejoice that this is going well, and her licence is extended to the end of the year. A great extra burden has fallen on Rev. Sue, and we all expressed our great appreciation of her work and leadership.

For more details go to www.rodnestokewithdraycott.org.uk, select 'Draycott' then 'Reports'.

Chris Green

Sunday Services in MAY 2014

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
May 4th Easter 3	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15 Parish Communion
May 11th Christian Aid	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Second Sunday Service	4pm Rogation Service
May 18th Easter 5	8am BCP Communion 10am 3 rd Sunday Worship	9.30am Parish Communion (LMG exchange)	11.15am Parish Communion (LMG exchange)
May 25th Easter 6	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Sung Matins

Readings for Sundays in MAY 2014 (Year A – St Matthew)

Date	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 4th Easter 3	225	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	116: 1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
May 11th Christian Aid	229	Acts 2: 42-47	23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10: 1-10
May 18th Easter 5	232	Acts 7: 55-60	31: 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14: 1-14
May 25th Easter 6	236	Acts 17: 22-31	66: 7-18	1 Peter 3: 13-22	John 14: 15-21

Regular Weekly Events in May

Monday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 9.30am Beginners Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho 10.30am Intermediate Line dancing, Cheddar Ch Ho
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Rodney Stoke 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15am Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School assembly in Church (term time only) 10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds when at 11.30) 6.30pm Evening Prayer, Draycott
Thursday	9am LMG Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30am St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15 St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10-12am Open Office, Den, Cheddar (1 st Saturday of month at Draycott)

Free on a Tuesday morning? 1000 -1130?

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Diary for May 2014

Thurs 1	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	12.15pm	Deanery Standing Committee	Axbridge
	12.30pm	St Andrew's Lunch Club	The Riverside
Fri 2	6.30pm	YES! Group	Parish Office
Sat 3	10.30am	Coffee and Cakes plus Open Office at St Peter's	Draycott
	12 noon	Wedding – Andrew & Sarah	R Stoke
	2.30pm	Wedding – Richard & Claire	R Stoke
Tues 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	2.15pm	Cheddar Mother's Union	Church House
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Thurs 8	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	7pm	Deanery Synod	
Fri 9	7.30pm	SOSP – Nyland history	Draycott
	7.30pm	Chapter event	Axbridge
Sat 10	1.30pm	Wedding – Andrew & Zoe	Cheddar
	2pm	RS Maypole Dancing	Brangay Farm
Tues 13	12.30pm	Chapter	Weare
	6pm	Archdeacon's Visitation	Cheddar
Thurs 15	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Cheddar PCC	Parish Office
Sat 17	2pm	SOSP Jumble Sale	Draycott
Sun 18	11am	Meeting – re development project stall at Pet Shop	Church House
Tues - Wed		Sue to NADAWN Conference	
Tues 20	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	12 noon	LMG Planning	Parish Office
Wed 21	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 22	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	10.30am	KoW Ascension Service	Cheddar
	7.30pm	LMG Bereavement evening	Wedmore
Fri 23	1pm	Wedding – Paul & Sarah	Cheddar
Sat 24	10am	Tower Open Morning	Cheddar
Wed 28	12 noon	CVC Planning	
Thurs 29	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	7.30pm	MU Annual Dinner	Church House



**What do I say? How do I help?
 HELPING THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE
 THROUGH A BEREAVEMENT**

**An evening at St Mary's Church, Wedmore on
 Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm
 led by Joanna Horwood from Cruse Bereavement Care
 with the opportunity to explore the five stages of loss,
 some listening skills and to share experiences.**

Please use the list in church for sharing transport.

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	J Jeffries	T Oliver	G Jeff	T Oliver	J Jeffries
	R Dingley	R Dingley	L Whittle	C Green	R Dingley
Coffee	C Jeff	T Heckbert	F Irving	J Jeffries	T Lumley
Cleaning	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff			H Jeffries
Flowers	A Wills	G Salt	G Salt	R Chard	R Chard
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Sidesman	T Symes	D Banks	A Newman	C Kembrey	J Newman
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Michael
Reader 1	H Neave	S Percival	A Newman	A Percival	C Kwembrey
Reader 2	C Kembrey	D Banks	I Turner	A Jeffries	R Mann
Cleaning		J Newman		A Percival	
		D Johnson			
Flowers A	D Johnson	L Davey	J Salmon	F Pitman	H Neave
Flowers P	M James	V Andrews	J Holmes	I Sealey	A Percival

Baptisms:

We welcome into the Church family: Evie Cathrine Kirkup-Wall, Joshua John Kirkup-Wall, Harriett Louise Warren, Johnathon Nicholson

Marriages:

We ask God to bless the marriage of: Charlie Barrett & Gemma Holian

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of: Gill Halliday, Eve Mills, Marguerite Butt, Joan Lankester and Fred Lewis. RIP

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 Rev Sue know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate this aspect of the Church's care. Contact the Church Office on 01934 742535.





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