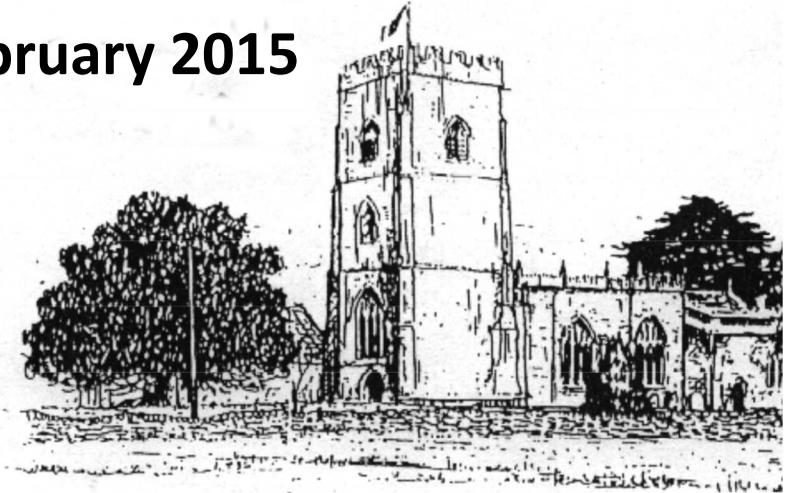


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Farewell to Reverend Sue

Sue Rose will leave us at the beginning of February to take up her new diocesan appointment as Director of Vocations and Post Ordination Training (IME 4-7) on 1 March 2015.

We shall be gathering with the congregations of all three churches of the benefice to express our thanks for her ministry and good wishes for the future on Sunday 1 February.

This celebration will take the form of a united Sunday Eucharist at St Andrew's, Cheddar at 10.30 am (note the later time than regular united benefice services). It will then be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in Church House at Cheddar. The congregation of St Andrew's will provide the first course; the congregations of St Leonard's and St Peter's have been asked to bring puddings.

All are welcome to either or both of these events.

Contact Points during the vacancy

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Alternatively email cheddardraycottandrodneystoke@gmail.com .

From the Vicarage



So all the quotes from the removal firms have been received and various files are being handed over at a great rate to those who are taking on extra responsibilities during the forthcoming vacancy period. I still find it hard to believe that by the time this edition of the magazine is printed and out my last service among you will be about to take place and that I, and the family, will by then be leaving.

The last six years have flown by with so many people and activities to be grateful for: the institution of the N2 Network in Cheddar, the brilliant Petertide Festivals that have become part of the annual round at Draycott, St George's dinners in the Church Hall at Stoke, Draycott's monthly coffee and cake fellowship, the establishment of Messy Church and so much more as well as the continuation of the regular round of services and meetings.

One of the best things has been to see established people growing in confidence in their roles, and watching others find new paths to follow and new responsibilities to enjoy. I know that in our Ministry Team we have dedicated and committed team members who will do all they can to support the Wardens and PCC's during the Vacancy and beyond. The Wardens, are a united team, but they particularly will have many extra plates to juggle so do hold them in your prayers as they lead the benefice at this time. One way in which everyone can help is to ensure that ALL dates for ALL church groups across the benefice are passed to Margaret Gelder so that she can maintain a benefice diary for everyone's reference.

I was given a prayer when I was leaving The Alfred Jewel Benefice and it seems apt to share it with you as I prepare to move on from here:

*As I step though another open door in my life,
I pray for all those friends who are left behind.
I give thanks that they have been with me on my journey
and pray that I may never forget their friendship.
May God bless them and keep them safe. Amen.*

May God indeed keep you safe and bless you,

Sue Rose

Communities are built around people

Something we are all seeing, whether we live in a town or a village, is that many local pubs are closing down. Currently this is at the rate of about 31 a week. There are now about 55,000 pubs in the UK, down from about 68,000 thirty years ago. Whether we use them or not and whatever our view may be on drinking, pubs support more than a million jobs in the UK and contribute significantly to the economy of their local area.



A recent study from Northumbria University says more than that. A thriving village pub it says gives a village greater community spirit and supports local social events and businesses. Pubs it claims are significant in promoting community cohesion, especially in rural areas. That is probably uncontroversial. But the same study also concluded 'that village pubs were also found to be more important to local life than the parish church'. That is something with which I might want to take issue.

I suppose it depends what you mean by contributing to local life. But I am very clear that parish churches are often at the very heart of the communities they serve and contribute significantly to creating, sustaining and developing thriving communities. In many communities it is difficult to imagine what life would be like without the local church being present and active in bringing people together and supporting them in every kind of need.

In Somerset new housing developments are being planned in a number of places. But, as developers often acknowledge, building houses does not automatically build communities. So one of the things that we as a diocese will need to give more thought to in the future is: 'how we can use the resources that we have to turn those groups of new houses into caring, inclusive and welcoming communities?'

Communities are built around people. They do not simply emerge unless people consciously value the place where they live and strive to make it a better place for everyone who lives there. Living and sharing our faith in Jesus, serving our communities and engaging with local concerns are ways in which we can contribute to making our communities welcoming and joyful places for all.

I enjoy going to a pub and there is no doubt that they can be a meeting point and hub for local communities. That is true of churches too, but they are much more than that. A church is a place 'where heaven and earth meet'.

With warm best wishes,

+Peter Bath and Wells

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Are you wi-fi enabled?

Internet access is increasingly one of life's essentials, especially in rural areas like ours. It's vital for our children doing their homework these days and, for those without transport or the elderly, internet shopping can be a lifeline.



The South West has the highest proportion of home workers in the UK, and in rural Somerset, where at least 15% of workers operate from home, they may need good internet access to make a living.

Similarly government departments increasingly dictate that applications for benefits and also for example, car and TV licences, must be done online. But what about the significant number of people who have neither the equipment nor confidence nor aptitude to learn computer skills?

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Tricia's Pantry

'February, when the days of winter seem endless'



February 1, 2015, in the UK, will most likely be a Sunday like any other. Not in America. For the football loving world - and America is clear on that: there is football, and there is soccer - it's Superbowl Sunday.

Britons could be forgiven for knowing little about it: football, rarely seen in the UK, is generally as Byzantine to Britons as cricket is to North Americans. Yet complexities aside, it's simple enough: with possession of the ball, a team has four attempts - called downs - to kick, run or throw the ball a distance of ten yards towards the opposing team's end zone. If successful, they continue their march, or offensive, down the field, scoring principally by carrying the ball into the end zone or kicking it through the goal posts. Unsuccessful in yardage or smothered by an armoured phalanx of defenders, they lose possession and face the other team's offensive. Two halves of thirty minutes, and it's all over.

In America, over a million high school kids play; 70,000 semi-professional athletes at university. Even at this level, devotion approaches religion; President Eisenhower, who played at West Point, quipped: "An atheist is a man who watches a Notre Dame-Southern Methodist University game and doesn't care who wins."

The Superbowl championship game is not so much spectacle as national cultural event, and is the third most watched annual sporting event in the world. In 2014, 112 million Americans watched, consuming 1.25 billion chicken wings, 223 million pounds of snacks, and 50 million cases of beer. Pizza sales spiked 35 percent. Unsurprisingly, seven million call in sick the next day. The large audience makes its own cultural weather: a sixty second TV advert during the game will set you back eight million dollars, making the adverts as talked about as the game itself; a segment of viewers tune in for the adverts alone.

A 2012 survey noted that 1 in 5 Americans would miss the wedding or funeral of a loved one, or the birth of their own child, to attend the Superbowl.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

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'For it's your wassail and it's our wassail'

Whatever were 60 Rodney Stoke residents of all ages (that is almost 25% of us) doing standing round an apple tree on a cold winter's night; twelve of them holding flaming lanterns, one crowned King and another firing a gun?

The Friends of St Leonard's brought back the ancient tradition of wassailing, held on January 17th (old 12th night) to awake the cider apple trees and scare away evil spirits. Toast soaked in cider is placed by the King in the boughs of the trees. Expect a bumper crop of apples this autumn as the cup was passed, the wassail song sung with gusto, followed by much noise and rewarded with a supper in the barn provided by Ron and Fay Pitman who generously hosted the evening. The Leader of Ceremonies was Judy Pearce, Chris Neave was King and marksman Don Banks took no prisoners.



*"For it's your wassail and it's our wassail
And it's joy to be you and a jolly wassail"*

May there be many more Wassails.



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Ancient and Modern



The first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* appeared in 1861, the same year that St Peter's Church was dedicated. It was the first hymnbook to gain general acceptance throughout the Church of England; before it, collections of hymns had been much more local publications. One aspect of including the word *modern* in the title was that the book needed to be constantly kept up to date – otherwise it would soon have become *Ancient and Even More Ancient!* The book has gone through many new editions since that first collection of 273 hymns; the 2013 edition which has 846 hymns.

When I was a boy, I remember that every hymn we sang in church had its own proper tune. There was never an example of two hymns sung to the same music. I don't remember the congregation ever learning a new hymn, much less buying a different book. Some of the 19thC sentiments sound uncomfortable now. ' *The rich man in his castle/the poor man at his gate/ God made them high or lowly/ and ordered their estate*' seems to endorse a rigid class system, while ' *Christian children all must be/mild, obedient, good as He*' It sounds much like "Children should be seen and not heard".

In this 21stC, our ideas of social justice are both more liberal and more indignant. We sing ' *Longing for food, many are hungry;/ longing for water, many still thirst./ Make us your bread, broken for others,/ shared until all are fed*'. Or again " *Don't query our position! /Don't criticise our wealth!/Don't mention those exploited/by politics and stealth.*"

There are so many splendid new hymns that we can't possibly learn new tunes for them all, even though we hold regular congregational practices, so we have adapted well-known music of all kinds – orchestral, folk songs, even pop-songs - to fit the words. Recently we have used the Dam-Busters March, the Eriskay Love-Lilt and Scarlet Ribbons among many others. [It was William Booth who asked in 1882 "Why should the devil have all the best tunes?"]

We shouldn't make the mistake of thinking that with the 21stC we have reached final doctrinal perfection. Christianity is a rich religion, versatile and resilient, and will surely continue to develop and change. I can foresee that A&M will still be going strong in another 154 years' time; they may even still be singing *Christ, be our light*, quoted above, but by then it will have become one of the *Ancient* items. Who can tell where unfolding theology will lead the church?

David Cheetham

Support for the Sisters of the Church in 2014

St. Peter's Draycott continued to support the Community of the Sisters of the Church in St. Paul's, Bristol throughout 2014. This was alongside our financial contribution to the Cheddar Food Bank. Also we have a faithful contributor in Rodney Stoke who leaves tins in our porch, every week - which alone adds up to a significant fraction of our giving (you know who you are... thank you!).

Before Easter, I took a boot load of food- mainly tins, plus a large consignment of Easter eggs together with some hand-knitted Easter egg covers (from a local knitting group). When I told them in advance Sr. Hilda Mary replied that the Easter eggs were an answer to prayer! So never underestimate prayer, even for chocolate confectionery...

My next big drop was after Harvest festival at Draycott - greatly helped by the school agreeing to add their gifts to those from the church. And Draycott PCC pledged half the proceeds (£350) from their curry night harvest supper. With tins accumulated over the summer (see above) this was a most respectable offering - my car was full, rear seats down.

And so to Christmas... another boot load, with many contributions across the spectrum of presents, basic food, and more fancy Christmas fare (plum puddings, tins of chocolate biscuits and tinned ham), and individual cash gifts. There is always a most festive air about the Bristol CSC Centre at this time. Sr. Annaliese was visibly excited about all the things they were getting ready to give out in special Christmas bags.

And the message for 2015? Food poverty is sadly on the increase, and it will only get worse as the year goes on. So, please keep the gifts coming! Our porch is always open - and St. Peter's church is also open during daylight hours. CSC contacts are given above. And I collect if needed. Thank you!

Chris Green, The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke- 01749 870554

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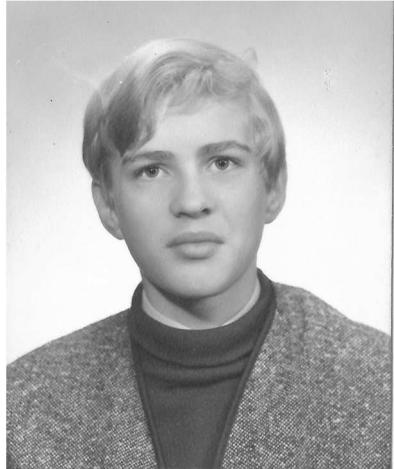


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Chris Green *Parish Portrait No. 16*

Chris has agreed to be interviewed in the middle of preparing his sermon for tomorrow. Aware that he would have preferred not to have this interruption, I ask him how he approaches the task of writing a sermon. First, he says, I feel quite blank about it. I need quite a lot of thinking time. It can be very hard organizing these ideas though. What am I trying to do? I'm trying to make sense, let's say of the readings, for myself, and then for other people. For me this process is a struggle and it is a very important to think about the season; I look at the readings...and then the ideas come pinging in, a bit like emails.

Chris grew up in Ealing, his father a career geologist, his mother a philosophy graduate. At their wedding, the best man joked that their partnership was sure to find the philosopher's stone! Chris is the second of four brothers. He went to St Paul's School in Hammersmith. Despite a great interest in English and philosophy, his passion was science. His mother encouraged him to become an avid reader. He became interested, among other things, in insights from psychology and psychotherapy. He also liked making model aircraft.



I was brought up in the Anglican Church, says Chris, joining the choir, youth group, and Bible Study group at St Peter's Church in Ealing, along with a number of my contemporaries. The Christian Union at school proved challenging, encouraging faith to be taken more personally and seriously. At that time I was impressed by the writings and ideas of C.S.Lewis and G.K.Chesterton. Chesterton introduced me, through his priest-detective, to the unfamiliar idea that those without a religious faith were often more (and not less) prey to superstition and irrationality.

After school there was Southampton University, studying Biology and developing a new interest in computer science (his current field of work). A PhD followed at Sheffield, Chris's great interest being genetics, and the study of animal behaviour. I asked what the title of his thesis was, and Chris couldn't remember. He found a battered copy, which bore the snappy title: "Behavioural and physiological responses

of two sibling species of *Drosophila* to Ethanol.”

A Bible study group met in his halls of residence at Southampton and there he met Nikki, and for the first time encountered fellow Christians with very different backgrounds. There was a visit to Taizé in 1973, which made a huge impact on him, and ‘anchored me in an ecumenical and liberal outlook’. Chris and Nikki became engaged in 1982, and married in 1984. An academic post had come up at Bristol University. The research was into the behaviour of the Tsetse fly, and provided the opportunity for fieldwork in Africa: 7 months in Zimbabwe, two years (with Nikki and their first child, Abigail) in the Ivory Coast and many subsequent journeys. Ben was born on their return from Africa in 1987.

I asked Chris what the greatest influences had been on his life and his thinking. My mother, he says, was a huge influence. She taught me always to see two sides of a question and not to judge people. I learned from her that there is always another side to things, a counter-argument. Without that you can’t get at the truth. From my father I learned to take a sunny and optimistic view of human nature, a love of science, and a ‘can do’ approach to things in general.

How does a scientist conceptualize God? Chris replies that this has become the most important question for him: How do we talk about God? - and then, What should we do about it? “I have been hugely helped by the work of Carl Jung: that there is something older and wiser within us than our conscious self; that the experience of God comes from the depths of our being, from what Jung calls our ‘collective unconscious’. We don’t make God up. God is there within us, what he would call ‘an archetype in our own subconscious’. So Jung allowed me to be both a scientist and a Christian at the same time, and he goes on being the most important influence on my concept of God.”

Finally I asked Chris whether he thought faith could survive in a secular and scientific age. He observed that our institutions continue to feed our souls, despite having become spiritually ‘hollowed out’. People tend to look for fundamentalist certainties, even to radical atheism. But ‘God has a future!’ – the God who is older and wiser than our trends and preferences remains there to be discovered within us.

With these huge thoughts circling in my head I leave Chris to return to his sermon.

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Ninety Two Children and The Lion King

It was a real nightmare getting 92 children through London to Covent Garden where we would eat our lunch before walking round the corner to the Lyceum. The Wednesday matinee cost £39.50 each including the coach compared with £70 in Bristol with all the added production wow of the real West End. It was worth all the effort and the eight hours on the coach but why cannot we get discounted tickets in Bristol or Bath?



The overall result is a spectacular feast for the eyes and ears. Originally an animated film, the main visionary, Julie Taymor was not only was the director but also responsible for creating the amazing costumes, masks and puppets and writing some additional lyrics. It communicates a dream of Africa in its entirety.

Circle of Life opens the show with a huge array of animals walking down the aisles in the theatre, a wonderful start creating excitement in the audience. The characters are represented through their costumes and masks including Rafiki, the mandrill monkey brightly decorated and Mufasa, the father who is powerful, terrifying and compassionate. His costume, swords, hair and make-up are based on traditional Maasai warrior dress with the swords also doubling as the front legs of the lion when he is on the prowl. Zazu is a hornbill and the king's major-domo. Combining the costume and puppet present the character as a 'double event', where the audience sees both the actor and puppet simultaneously. This also happens for Timon and Pumbaa the comedy duo who have had their own TV programme.

The music mixes African and Western influences. The choral music by Lebo M is inspired by South Africa. The percussionists, seated on both sides of the stage use traditional African instruments such as Djembe drums. The chanting of the lionesses, the grasslands and dance from the townships generate the look, sound and feel of Africa. The main musical force is Elton John and Tim Rice whose additional popular Africa-influenced songs for the stage made the score much bigger and more theatrical. Additional music was added by Mark Mancina, Hans Zimmer and Lebo M.

Every one of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the show. It combined performing arts, design and technology to produce a magical and awe inspiring experience.

Joanne Turner

Dates for your diary —Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

Here is a list of dates for coming events from The Supporters of St Peter's:

- There will be a Curry Night starting at 7.30 for 8.00 pm on **Friday 6 March** at The Strawberry Special.
- The March First Saturday Coffee and Cake Morning will be on **Saturday 7 March** will incorporate our Lent Soup Lunch raising funds for Christian Aid.
- By popular request there will be an extra Quiz Night at The Strawberry Special on **Sunday 29 March**.
- A real Jumble Sale is being planned for **Saturday 25 April**.

Meanwhile the Christmas Lights on the church path at St Peter's will be again left on until Candlemas which is **Monday 2 February**, so-called because Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in his arms that day, said that the baby would be a light for the Gentiles.

**SOSP invite you to
another**

Friday March 6th

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Tricia Lumley 740253 Janette Vining 744945

Karen Percival 01749 870067

Calling all Soup & Cake Makers

SOSP invite everyone to join us at St Peter's for our Lent Coffee & Cake followed by Soup Lunch raising funds for Christian Aid on Saturday March 7th 2015 from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Offers of Soup & cakes will be gratefully received

Please contact Thea 01934 744739



News from Rodney Stoke

St Leonard's Church Hall available for hire

Access to St Leonard's Church Hall is now much easier, thanks to a series of improvements funded largely by the PCC with help from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Friends. These include a new access ramp, with safety railings, leading from the Church path to the widened hall doorway, getting rid of those dreadful steps and allowing wheelchair access. A new outside light has been installed, and a stair lift has been fitted so that the upper floor can also be reached more readily.

Anyone wishing to hire the hall should contact the Treasurer, Len May, on (01749) 870448.

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Dream-Pedlary



If there were dreams to sell,
What would you buy?
Some cost a passing bell;
Some a light sigh,
That shakes from Life's fresh crown
Only a rose-leaf down.
If there were dreams to sell.
Merry and sad to tell,
And the crier rang the bell,
What would you buy?

A cottage lone and still,
With bowers nigh,
Shadowy, my woes to still,
Until I die.

Such pearl from Life's fresh crown
Fain would I shake me down.
Were dreams to have at will,
This would best heal my ill,
This would I buy. *Thomas Lovell Beddoes (1803-1849)*

Pea, Leek and Potato Soup with Pesto and Cheesy Toasts



15g (½oz) butter

400g (13oz) potatoes, peeled & chopped

1 leek, trimmed, cleaned & sliced

600ml (1 pint) hot veg stock

175g (6oz) frozen peas

1tbs pesto

Salt & pepper

1. Heat the butter in a saucepan, add the potatoes & leek & cook for 5 minutes to soften. Add the stock & bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, Cover & simmer for 20 minutes until the potatoes are tender, add the peas for the final 5 minutes.
2. Blend the soup with a stick blender or in a food processor until smooth. Heat through & season.
3. Toast the bread slices on one side under a pre-heated grill, then turn the slices over, top with the cheese & grill until melted.
4. Ladle the soup into 2 warm serving bowls, swirl through the pesto & serve with the toasts.

Sunday Services in February 2015

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
February 1st Candlemas	10.30am Joint Communion, Cheddar. Sue's last service Followed by Bring and Share Lunch in Church House		
February 8th 2 nd before Lent	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
February 15th Sunday before Lent	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
February 22nd 1 st Sunday of Lent	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins

Readings for Sunday Services in February 2015

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
February 1st Candlemas	60	Malachi 3:1-5	24:7-end	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40
February 8th 2 nd before Lent	497	Proverbs 8:1, 22-31	104:26-end	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14
February 15th Sunday before Lent	500	2 Kings 2:1-12	50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 22nd 1 st Sunday of Lent	507	Genesis 9:8-17	25:1-9	1 Peter 3: 18-end	Mark 1:9-15

Regular Weekly Events in February

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

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.



Diary for FEBRUARY 2015

Tues 3	10.30am	Greenhill Communion, Ann	Cheddar
	2.15pm	MU Wave of Prayer	Cheddar
Wed 4	7pm	Deanery Synod	Draycott
Thurs 5	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
Fri 6	7.30pm	Concert and Somerset Supper	Cheddar
Sat 7	10 - 1.30	Marriage Preparation	Wedmore
Tues 10	12.30pm	Chapter	Weare
	2pm	Laurels Communion, Thea	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion, Richard	Draycott
Wed 11	11.30am	MU Communion	Cheddar
Thurs 12	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
Sat 14	10am	Open Office	Cheddar
Tues 17	10.30am	Greenhill Communion, Hilary	Cheddar
Ash Wed	11am	Court House Communion, Ann	Cheddar
Thurs 19	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion, Ann	Cheddar
	2.30pm	Homestead Communion, Ann	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Cheddar PCC	Cheddar, Den
Sat 21	1.30pm	Wedding – Robert & Sophie	Draycott
	2.30pm	Messy church	Cheddar
Thurs 26	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge

Lent Groups

Have you ever done a Lent Course?

Whether you have or have not, you are invited to come and join one of the small group meetings each week, starting week beginning February 23 for one and a half hours.

We shall be looking together at the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment, using a book from the “Pilgrim – a course for the Christian Journey” series. Pilgrim approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion but rather through participation in a pattern and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

Please sign the lists in St Leonard’s and St Peter’s if you are able to come. Information on the dates, times and venues is available there too.

Hilary Thomas

February 2015 Rotas					
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Sidesman		C Jeff	G Jeff	J Jeffries	R Dingley
Intercessor		A Jeffries	T Oliver	R Dingley	C Green
Organist	Joint	I Ames-White	B Rose	D Cheetham	D Cheetham
Readers	Service	G Jeff	C Jeff	T Oliver	J Jeffries
	in	J Jeffries	T Lumley	R Dingley	T Lumley
	Cheddar		L Whittle	C Green	R Dingley
Coffee		T Lumley	T Heckbert	F Irving	C Jeff
Cleaning	J Jeffries	G Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	C Jeff			H Jeffries
Flowers	G Salt	G Salt	T Lumley	LENT	LENT
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	Joint	C Kembrey	C Neave	J Newman	A Percival
Organist		Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	Service	C Kembrey	A Newman	D Banks	I Turner
Reader 2	in	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey
Cleaning	Cheddar		A Percival		
			I Sealey		
Flowers A	J Salmon	F Pitman	F Pitman	LENT	LENT
Flowers P	J Holmes	I Sealey	I Sealey		

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms:

We welcome into the Church family:

Beatrix Willow BRIGHT.

Marriages:

We ask God to bless the marriages of:

Michael Stanton & Natalie Trudgian (31 December)

Carl Clark & Samantha Abraham (2 January)

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

Frank Newton Villiers, Kathleen May Clements, John Leslie Sims, Jane Greet, Roland George Chick (Roly), Terence George Evans (Terry), Robert William Alan Mullay, Zack Tame, Edna Burlton. RIP



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