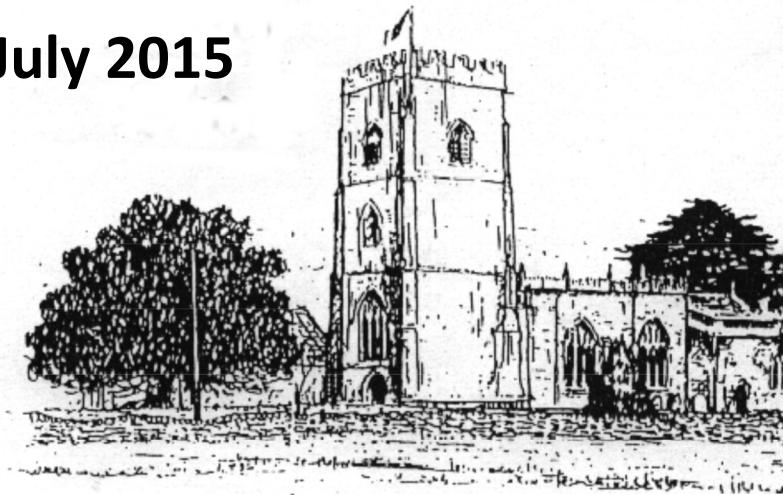


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## From the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings....



Every second Wednesday in term-time, the children of Draycott and Rodney Stoke School come over to St Peter's church for their morning assembly. It is our best-attended regular church service and open to all.

When I took on the task of leading these assemblies, I innocently thought it would be about my teaching the children, but quite the reverse is true.

I recall the very first school service I took, the first day back after the Christmas holidays, ten years ago. The theme was Epiphany, and we were talking about presents, and how we chose suitable things to give particular people. Then we looked at the wise men's gifts, gold for kingship, frankincense for God, and Myrrh for death. One of the girls in year four put up her hand and asked 'So did the wise men know that Jesus was going to die on the cross?'

I confess that I had not come prepared to discuss such detailed textual interpretations with eight year olds. I now realise that I should have! I suspect my stumbling answer was most unconvincing to my inquisitor, but the experience gave me a huge respect for the attention the children paid to these stories. It also made me realise the lazy assumptions I was making as a lifelong churchgoer.

On another occasion we were telling the story of Joseph and his brothers. We had reached the point where Joseph, the Pharaoh's governor in Egypt was visited, unrecognised, by his brothers. I asked the children how the brothers would feel if they realised this was the Joseph they had left for dead decades ago, and whether or not Joseph should reveal his identity to them. Some thought it would be just too embarrassing! But another 8-year old shot up her hand. 'Of course Joseph must tell them the truth', she said. 'He can't really forgive them unless everyone knows what's really happened'. Wow. I had nothing to add. I think that young lady could have a bright future in the field of International Conflict Resolution.

But it isn't only the theological and moral insights of the children which are so enriching. They share the highs and lows of their own lives in church too: 'My granny's ill'...'Our guinea pig has had babies'...'I'm going up to London this week-end'. I am delighted that our church seems like the right setting for the children to share these things.

*Nikki Devitt*

## A view from the pew

### Your church has talents.....

What does July mean for you, I wonder? Well it is getting to the height of summer, but before the peak summer holiday period chokes our roads with traffic. Roadside stalls and gardens begin to overflow with produce. It is a lovely time of year - perhaps the nicest time to be a resident of the Cheddar Valley.

But for children and parents- and young adults - there is another side. Schools are having leaving dos. Children in many schools are saying goodbye to teachers and familiar surroundings. Summer holidays may be planned round the all-important results dates for GCSEs, AS and A levels. There is always a slight end-of-term feeling to this time of year, even for many adults.

And in our churches we have a time of uncertainty and waiting of our own. We are currently selecting our new rector, but when you read this it is unlikely that the results will have been announced. There is nothing we can do... ...like waiting for the black or white smoke to come from the Vatican chimneys, to announce the new Pope. And as the young people go off to their new schools, universities and jobs at the end of the summer, so our new rector could be taking up their new post with us. At least let us hope so.

But let us not wish this time away. Just as those waiting for results can enjoy not having their future fixed, such a time can be important for our churches. It's a great thing to have a leader - but we can rely on them *too* much. Perhaps the absence of a rector leaves us freer to reflect on what our churches are *for* and even to take some initiatives on our own account. And who knows *when* we will be able to appoint? Last time the process took two rounds.

There is a well known parable of Jesus. A master goes away, entrusting three servants with significant sums of money, 'talents'. Whilst he is away, two use their pots profitably and are duly praised on the master's return. The third just buries it, and gives it back unimproved - and is soundly chastised!

We have splendid resources in our churches- let's use them. New ideas are always welcome - don't wait!

Have a lovely summer...

*Chris Green, Reader*



## **Roll on those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!**

It was Nat King Cole in the 1960's who sang about his idealised summer break, with ice cream, the beach and good times all round. Your idea of a good holiday might be different.

For some people, it's enough to just escape from 'normal' - to get away from the alarm clock and the daily routine. It's cheap, and you don't even have to go away from home. Others look for adventure or travel – caving, skydiving, and bungee-jumping, or just tasting a foreign culture.



Two thoughts come to mind.

Firstly, not everyone can have a decent holiday. Those out of work or with caring responsibilities can't just pack up the car or head for the airport. I'm always inspired by those churches who run holiday clubs: very often the children involved don't get much else outside the home all summer. It's a real gift to take the children off the parents' hands for a day or a week – everyone benefits.

Secondly, holiday is often the time to tackle the big issues in your personal life. Should I change job? Do I want to marry this person? When should I retire? How can I handle this diagnosis? Being away, having time with the right people makes it easier to see things in perspective.

However, it seems to me you can't take a holiday from saying your prayers. Even in summer, having a care for those less well-off or otherwise disadvantaged, for the Christian, calls you to prayer – and action. And wrestling with personal concerns gets a little simpler if you can make the time to pray through what's bothering you. Often that's easier up on a windy clifftop or while you're idling on the beach.

So, your holiday isn't really an escape from daily life: it's more a chance to look at things through different lenses. We should all have holidays, but God doesn't need one. Whether it's on some exotic beach or just in the back garden, he'll be ready, waiting for you before you get there.

*Stephen Lynas, chaplain to the Bishops of Bath & Wells and Taunton*

## Supporters of St Peter's update

A busy weekend for SOSP began with our First Saturday of the Month Coffee & Cake morning. It is always lovely to meet up with those who support us every month and share friendship and a chat over delicious cake with a cup of tea or coffee. This month we welcomed some new faces including some new folk to the villages we hope that they enjoyed their morning and as always we look forward to welcoming them again. Please remember if you would like to join us on the first Saturday of the month for coffee and cake but do not have transport please let Thea, Karen and Janette know and we will make arrangements.

On Sunday members of SOSP committee spent a very sunny and on occasions a little windy day at the Strawberry Fair with a book and bits and bob stall where we raised £64.68 profit. A big thank you to those who gave up their time to help run the stall.

Our next event will be the Teddy Bears picnic on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at St Peters to which all Teddy Bears are invited to bring along their special friends and families with a picnic.

Please look out for any other events coming up and as always we really appreciate your support.

*Karen Percival*

## John O'Groats to Lands End by bike

On Sunday 14 June, Draycott's Dave Mullay and his friend James Poole completed their **9 day, 900 mile** bike ride. It raised **over £3500** for Weston Hospicecare in memory of Dave's dad Alan and James' father-in-law, both of whom died of cancer and were cared for by Weston Hospicecare.



Truly well done!



## If you go down to the Church today....

To celebrate St Peter's Day please bring your teddies and a picnic & join us in & around St Peter's Church on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4.30pm ending in a short service of Compline. We will provide tea/coffee & soft drinks. All welcome



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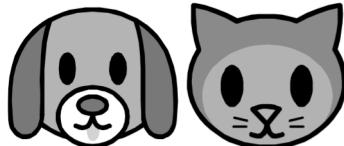
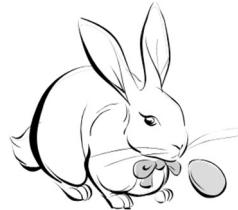
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## Did the fishers of men ever come to blows?

The building of Wells Cathedral c.1175, and the re-building of Glastonbury Abbey, following a fire in 1184, would have required huge amounts of money. Since possession of land related to income at that time the wetland, known today as the Somerset Levels, was a highly prized resource since it contained copious amounts of fish, particularly eels. This resulted in ownership conflicts between the two ecclesiastical establishments.

These two religious powerhouses never trusted each other. Savaric (d.1205) who became Bishop of Bath and Glastonbury in 1192 believed that securing wealthy Glastonbury for himself would enable him to pay off his own debts. Savaric, who also favoured the church at Wells, then traded the city of Bath in return for sole control of Glastonbury Abbey, much to the displeasure of the Glastonbury monks.

In 1245 the official episcopal title Bishop of Bath and Wells was confirmed by papal ruling but, although some were forgeries, the status of Glastonbury was protected by various old charters. Relations between Wells and Glastonbury deteriorated further.

I have discovered written evidence of 15 disputes between 1190 and 1359 in the Axe and Brue valleys. Whilst some relate to pasture and woodland the majority involve fishing rights.

Examples:

1313, £40 of damage was caused by the Bishop of Bath & Wells to gurgites (weirs) at Glastonbury with the destruction of seven fisheries. Retaliation by the Abbot of Glastonbury followed; he destroyed three fisheries of the Bishop on the Axe between Glastonbury and Rackley (Compton Bishop)

1359, The Bishop of Bath and Wells was accused of making weirs wherever they place holies (nets) and other instruments to catch fish there, by stopping up the water on the common ground of Thorlemoor (Mark Moor) Alan Rowntree



## Music Matters

### Holly and Ivy singing in the choir

After singing for us at St Peter's concert on 27<sup>th</sup> June, young soloist Helena Paish will shortly be moving school to Cornwall, to be a founder member of the Girls' Choir at Truro Cathedral. Like almost all the Church of England Cathedrals, Truro has had a choir of boys and men ever since it was built in 1880, but next term they will be joined by a new choir of girls, who will share the daily task of singing services with the boys. Salisbury Cathedral started its girls' choir in 1991, and since that date many of the other Cathedrals have followed its lead. (Very often the boy choristers had sisters who didn't want to be deprived of the fine musical education that their brothers enjoyed.)



Boy choristers are usually aged from eight or so up to 13 or 14. The younger ones learn as much from the older ones as they do from their choir trainers, and it usually happens that their voices are at their very best just before they change. At the same ages, girls' trained voices can be more or less indistinguishable from boys', but even so in most places the boys and the girls don't sing together except on very special big occasions, and perhaps for recordings and broadcasts.

What do the choristers sing? In Wells, the girls' and boys' choirs each sing four services a week during term time, the Friday evensong being sung by choristers alone, as it is the men's day-off, and the Wednesday evensong by men only. So that's the Eucharist followed by matins on a Sunday morning plus evensong every day. The settings of the canticles would probably not be repeated in one term, and probably no anthem would be sung twice in a year. That's an awfully big repertoire to keep going, music written over the last 600 years or so, and in Wells particularly a good deal of the music is very modern, (and difficult!) with a fair sprinkling of first performances of newly commissioned music.

But why ask me what they sing? You only need to drive six miles to find out for yourself.

*David Cheetham*

*St Leonard's Church Rodney Stoke*

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## Draycott revisited

*Phil Spencer lives in Melbourne, Australia. His father Alleine (Alan) Spencer emigrated to Victoria aged 14 in 1921. He worked first as a cadet (apprentice) farmer near Melbourne until he was about 20 then as a drapery salesman, before starting his own business in Footscray, in inner city Melbourne, in the 1930s.*



My first impression on entering Draycott on a Monday night at 8.30 pm on 2nd February 2015, driving from Cheddar along the Wells Road, was of a very cold, old, dark, sleeping, rural village surrounded by open country side.

I had longed for this 4 week visit to Draycott since my last visit twenty eight years ago. I wanted to show my 2 children Alan, 23, and Lisa, 19, our "roots" in England, where my father Alleine (Alan) Spencer was born in 1906, and where our family had lived for hundreds of years.

We explored Draycott village on foot the next morning, meeting people walking a dog or strolling, smiling and speaking to each other, and seeing old but well maintained, warm heated houses, built mainly of Draycott stone with slate roofs. Everywhere there were stone walls with characteristic odd shaped stones capping the top row.

We loved the quaint names of the narrow old streets. Most of them were just wide enough for one car. Every road seemed to have bends in it, except for The Street. There were convenient little bulges where cars could pass or park.

We saw the marvellous old houses that our ancestors had lived in and were amazed they were maintained as if they were new. In Australia a house that is over a hundred years old is an oddity. There was only one odd house called "Tynehurst", across from where my great grandfather Henry Spencer's house "Armidale" was, on Vicarage Lane near the corner, where an old man who was incidentally of an old Draycott family name had passed away last year.

He had put out various old iron farm artefacts like hand saws, a deep rake, old wheelbarrows without trays, a grinding wheel and an old plough, on his wall and opposite, and the blackberries and ivy were taking over and growing everywhere, but doubtless, it will soon be sold and renovated throughout, and hopefully remain as a single house.

On walking back down New Road to Wells Rd we were surprised at how many flats or occupancies had been constructed in the former Methodist Church on the corner, and how the front low stone wall to Wells road so effectively hid the cars

that parked behind the wall, retaining the view from the main road as it had been previously.

Back at our base at the "Courthouse" holiday cottage, thanks to our very kind hosts Lori and Mike Toms of the popular Strawberry Special Inn, we occasionally saw horse floats outside and horses being ridden. The Inn seemed to be the entertainment centre of Draycott as it had been for the same approximate 150 years that St Peter's Church had been in existence. Children were dropped off and picked up twice a day at the School next door to St Peters.

One night we watched England narrowly beat Wales in Rugby, on TV in the Strawberry Special along with about 50 other local men and about 3 women, and there was a roar in the pub when England scored their first try. We drank Somerset cider, sitting in the lounge next to the gas log fire and enjoyed the laughter, kindness and friendliness of Draycott folk, some with broad Somerset accents.

Cider seems to have replaced strawberries here and the number of cows is down too. Competition from foreign strawberries and cheap milk has destroyed much of the rural life I enjoyed here on my previous visits, and the ivy and blackberries have proliferated in the countryside, but Draycott still retains its unpretentious small village charm mostly.



The Street, Back lane and Wet lane are still magnificent old streets of natural houses and the old views around Draycott are still incredibly beautiful. We came back from crowded Bath one night and as we drove into the sunset, could see Nyland Hill standing so clearly as we came down New Road into peaceful Draycott. Another time when driving back to Draycott along the road from Wells, we saw Glastonbury Tor in the Valley with the sunset too. One late afternoon, we drove back from Cocklake towards Draycott, and the beauty of the moors and the Mendips was astonishing still.

We enjoyed St Peter's Church and its beautiful font, pulpit and altar screen, where I made a small prayer of thanks for being able to bring my children to Draycott. We visited the Spencer graves, their white marble now a soft grey .

I was sorry not to have joined the St Peter's congregation on Sunday, but I watch the British "Songs of Praise" every Sunday in Australia and imagine myself joining in the hymns there in Draycott. Hopefully I or my family will one day have the pleasure of being there again.

*Phil Spencer*

## Sue Walker    *Parish Portrait No. 20*

Sue's life began in a rented flat above a shop close to Wells Market Square. She was the only child. Her father was a plumber, who sent Sue to Horrington Primary School because he didn't think the plumbing was good enough at Wells Central! - then on to the Blue School. Inspired by the English and History teaching, she became the first in her immediate family to go to university, gaining a place to read Social Studies at Birmingham University. 'I really wanted to be a barrister and the headmaster did encourage me to apply for Oxford or Cambridge. But I was much too nervous to try.'

'After university I signed up for Voluntary Service Overseas in the Sudan for a year. A life-changing experience: it was quite tough physically, and initially very lonely. I wasn't impressed by my pathetic lack of resilience but I got used to it, enjoyed meeting the other VSOs, and read a lot of books! But it was from the Sudanese girls I taught that I learned the most, and it was amazing travelling again in that beautiful but troubled land 40 years later.

'I returned to Birmingham to do a postgraduate social work course, and met Rob almost immediately at a post graduate reception. An engineer, he was just beginning his PhD.' Sue recalls their first date: 'We went to see the film "MASH", set at the time of the Korean War, and Rob played it to the guests for our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We married in St Cuthbert's Church, Wells, in 1973 and lived in Liverpool for 6 years where our daughter Lucy was born in 1978. Thomas was born in Australia in 1981. Lucy now has two daughters, one just born; Thomas has one daughter.

'In 1983 I began a law course at City University, and immediately took to it. Before the children were born I had worked as a Social Worker, and witnessed some poor legal representation in the Magistrates' Courts. I still wanted to be a barrister, which did happen and eventually I found myself a Family Court Judge: always however a professional "Nosey Parker".

'I have divided my life for over 20 years between London and Rodney Stoke. I find that, enriching though it can be, it is frustrating not entirely belonging in either place, but I do love both. I have found, as I did in the Sudan and in Australia where I followed Rob and his work, that you can make the best of it, wherever you are. Friends, old and new, have always made the difference.

'I now face the daunting task of Church Treasurer for St Leonard's. Why do I say yes to these things? (My children said 'It doesn't play to your strengths, Mum'!) Well, I suppose I find it hard to say no, and maybe it's good for me to go outside my comfort zone.



'Yes, I do find our divided society, the rich and the poor, very disturbing and distressing. I feel uncomfortable being one of the 'better off', but I suppose I'm not a Gandhi, and of course comfort is quite seductive. I feel guilty, but I don't do a great deal about it.'

'As a judge I have to make very painful decisions. It's a horrible thing to take children away from their birth parents, but it can sometimes be the only decision to make.'

'If I were Prime Minister for a day? Well, I would ensure that the Human Rights Act was not abolished. It greatly benefits the administering of all kinds of justice: it is a benchmark by which to check decisions and contains a set of principles which few would wish to challenge. I would also ensure that we don't sell off any more social housing. I think the negative consequences of doing so far outweigh any positive, and it won't help our huge housing crisis one jot.'

'I am now, theoretically, seven months into my 'retirement'. I hate the concept of retirement, and I am still hearing some cases in London, and soon some in the West. This reflects a failure on my part to grapple with what I should do next, and I'm a bit disappointed with myself. Sooner or later, time runs out for us all.'

'I have always been drawn to religion, and to the Church of England – though maybe for the wrong reasons. It is comfortable and familiar...though also sometimes very annoying! It is a part of my heritage, and there is strength in its inclusiveness. I need more opportunities to think about the big questions facing us in life. I think I'm better with the questions than I am with the answers. I don't know, where faith is concerned, who is 'right' and who is 'wrong'. I do know that the older I get, the less judgmental I become.'

'I don't have great 'highs' of happiness: there is too much unhappiness in the world. But the births of our grandchildren have been a huge thrill. It's hard to describe that feeling of being greeted with arms wide open, and your name being called. I do experience those as my moments of greatest joy.'

MLT

## Congratulations Tricia

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## Tricia's Pantry

**'By night , on July's sky, deep, and transparent,  
new constellations are thrown'**



In July 1885, Louis Pasteur gave the first successful inoculation against rabies to a boy who'd been bitten by a dog.

Though not first to the idea, Pasteur's work led to wider European acceptance of artificially induced immunity to infectious disease. Pasteur also developed a vaccine for anthrax, and it was he who coined the term "vaccine," in honour of earlier discoveries by Edward Jenner, who studied viruses in cattle. Pasteur's innovation was to use a weakened form of disease material to prompt a protective immunological response - for his rabies vaccine he grew the virus in rabbits before weakening it by drying the affected tissue.

Jenner too stood on the shoulders of others. An earlier practice called variolation, in which material from an infected person was applied to a healthy individual - hopefully to produce a milder, but still effective, immune response - had been used by many cultures for centuries. In China, scabs from smallpox sufferers were dried, pulverised and blown into the nostrils of healthy individuals to induce immunity, and in Arabic communities infected individuals sold cloths soiled with disease material to other families. Material could also be rubbed into small cuts. Yet while many became immune, variolation was dangerous and little understood.

The process came to the UK from Turkey in the early 1700s, becoming popular after six prisoners, promised their freedom if they survived, agreed to be variolated and exposed to smallpox. All survived, and it became recognised that variolation offered better odds than waiting for natural infection. Hundreds of thousands were treated.

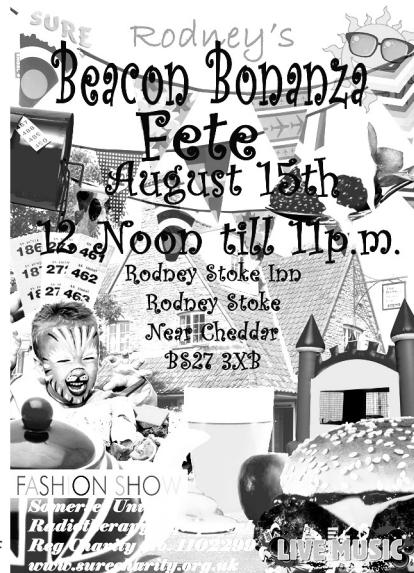
Jenner studied the fact that milkmaids, commonly exposed to cattle infected with cowpox, rarely contracted the more virulent smallpox. He tested his theory on his gardener's son, putting cowpox material onto his arms. The boy was later repeatedly exposed to smallpox material with no effects, an experiment repeated on 23 others. By 1840, variolation was banned and cowpox inoculation was free in the UK.

In 1979, the World Health Organisation assessed smallpox as an eradicated disease. They estimate immunisation saves 2-3 million lives annually.

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

## Rodney Stoke Inn Beacon Bonanza Fete Sat 15 August

Have a great day out and join us at the Beacon Bonanza Fete at the **Rodney Stoke Inn** on **Saturday 15th August** starting at 12 noon. It is in aid of SURE, our Somerset cancer charity, which is currently raising £500,000 for a new, replacement wide bore CT scanner/simulator for the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Hospital, Taunton. Scanners have a limited life and are used to accurately locate tumours so that treatments can be properly planned and progress monitored. Without the replacement scanner—the existing one will have to be withdrawn from service in 2017—patients will have to travel to Bristol for this essential first step in and on-going component of their treatment.



## 41<sup>st</sup> Rodney Stoke Show 0930 Sunday 30 August 2015



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# Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

## Life is But A Dream



A BOAT beneath a sunny sky,  
Lingering onward dreamily  
In an evening of July

Children three that nestle near,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Pleased a simple tale to hear

Long has paled that sunny sky:  
Echoes fade and memories die:  
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,  
Alice moving under skies  
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,  
Dreaming as the days go by,  
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream  
Lingering in the golden gleam  
Life, what is it but a dream?

*Lewis Carroll 1832-1898*

## Lovely Lemon Curdy Pud



**2 ozs butter**  
**4 ozs sugar**  
**(vanilla)**  
**Grated rind &**  
**juice of 1 lemon**  
**2 large eggs,**  
**separated**  
**2 oz self raising**  
**flour**  
**½ pint of milk**

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/gas 6.
2. Cream the butter, sugar & lemon rind in a mixing bowl. Add the egg yolks & flour & beat in, then add the milk & 3 tablespoons of lemon juice & mix well.
3. Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until stiff, then add the rest of the mixture. Mix it all well but do not over-mix it; you don't want the air to come out of the egg whites.
4. Pour into a buttered ovenproof dish, stand the dish in a roasting tin about a third full of water, then bake in your preheated oven for about 45 minutes until the top is set & spongy & it's a nice golden colour.

Serves 4

## Sunday Services in July 2015

|                                 | <b>Cheddar</b>                             | <b>Draycott</b>                       | <b>Rodney Stoke</b>      |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5  | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Morning Service  | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6 | 10am Parish Eucharist                      | 9.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service | 8am BCP Communion        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7 | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 12.15pm Pet Service      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8 | 8am BCP Communion<br>10am Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Parish Communion               | 11.15am Matins           |

## Readings for Sunday Services in July 2015 (Year B-St Mark)

|                                 | <b>Page</b> | <b>First Reading</b> | <b>Psalm</b> | <b>Second Reading</b>  | <b>Gospel</b>      |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5  | 617         | Ezekiel 2:1-5        | 123          | 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 | Mark 6:1-13        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6 | 623         | Amos 7: 7-15         | 85:8-13      | Ephesians 1: 3-14      | Mark 6:14-29       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7 | 629         | Jeremiah 23:1-6      | 23           | Ephesians 2:11-22      | Mark 6:30-34,53-56 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8 | 635         | 2 Kings 4:42-44      | 145:10-19    | Ephesians 3:14-21      | John 6:1-21        |

| <b>Regular Weekly Events in July</b> |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Monday                               | 9.30am Beginners Line dancing, Cheddar Church House<br>10.30am Intermediate Line dancing, Cheddar Church House   |
| Tuesday                              | 7.45pm St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott<br>8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar  |
| Wednesday                            | 9.15am Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only)<br>10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds when at 11.30)<br>10am-12 Strawberry Totts, Draycott Memorial Hall |
| Thursday                             | 9am LMG Morning Prayer – see diary for venue<br>7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke  |
| Friday                               | 10-11.30am St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only)<br>6.15pm St Andrew's Choir practice  |
| Saturday                             | 9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar<br>10am-12 Open Office, Cheddar  |

## Diary July 2015

|         |         |                          |               |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Wed 1   | 12.15   | LMG Meeting              | Den           |
|         | 8pm     | Ministry Team Meeting    | Den           |
| Thur 2  | 9am     | LMG Morning Prayer       | Wedmore       |
|         | 12.30pm | Lunch Club               | Riverside Inn |
| Sat 4   | 10.30am | SOSP Coffee and Cake     | Draycott      |
|         | 2.30pm  | Baptism                  | Cheddar       |
| Sun 5   | 3pm     | SOSP Teddy Bear Picnic   | Draycott      |
| Tues 7  | 10.30am | Greenhill Communion      | Cheddar       |
|         | 7pm     | Deanery Synod            | Blackford     |
| Wed 8   | 11.30am | Mothers' Union Communion | Cheddar       |
| Thur 9  | 9am     | LMG Morning Prayer       | Cheddar       |
| Sat 11  | 10am    | Cheddar Flower Power     | Cheddar       |
| Tue 14  | 2pm     | The Laurels Communion    | Draycott      |
|         | 3pm     | Sealey Close Communion   | Draycott      |
| Wed 15  | 11am    | Court House Communion    | Cheddar       |
| Thur 16 | 9am     | LMG Morning Prayer       | Weare         |
|         | 11am    | Cheddar Court Communion  | Cheddar       |
|         | 2.30pm  | The Homestead Communion  | Cheddar       |
| Sat 18  | 2pm     | Wedding                  | Draycott      |
|         | 2.30pm  | Messy Church             | Cheddar       |
| Mon 20  | 2.30pm  | Messy Church Planning    | Den           |
| Tue 21  | 10.30am | Greenhill Communion      | Cheddar       |
| Thur 23 | 9am     | LMG Morning Prayer       | Axbridge      |
|         | 4pm     | Wedding Rehearsal        | Cheddar       |
| Fri 25  | 12pm    | Wedding                  | Cheddar       |
| Wed 29  | 10am    | Healing Communion        | Cheddar       |
| Thur 30 | 9am     | LMG Morning Prayer       | Wedmore       |

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### July 2015 Rotas

#### **DRAYCOTT**

|                    | 5                                   | 12                     | 19                              | 26                              | Aug 2                               |
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| <b>Sidesman</b>    | R Dingley                           | N Devitt               | C Jeff                          | G Jeff                          | R Dingley                           |
| <b>Intercessor</b> | T Oliver                            | C Green                | R Dingley                       | T Oliver                        | A Jeffries                          |
| <b>Organist</b>    | D Cheetham                          | I Ames White           | B Rose                          | B Rose                          | TBA                                 |
| <b>Readers</b>     | J Jeffries<br>T Lumley<br>R Dingley | M Heckbert<br>N Devitt | G Jeff<br>R Dingley<br>T Oliver | G Jeff<br>T Oliver<br>L Whittle | J Jeffries<br>T Lumley<br>R Dingley |
| <b>Coffee</b>      | J Jeffries                          | T Lumley               | F Irving                        | C Jeff                          | A Jeffries                          |
| <b>Cleaning</b>    | J Jeffries<br>H Jeffries            | C Jeff<br>G Jeff       | T Lumley                        |                                 | J Jeffries<br>H Jeffries            |
| <b>Flowers</b>     | T Lumley                            | L Whittle              | L Whittle                       | G Salt                          | R Chard                             |

#### **RODNEY STOKE**

|                  |                   |            |                      |            |                     |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sidesman</b>  | D Banks           | C Kembrey  | A Newman             | C Neave    | S Percival          |
| <b>Organist</b>  | Joanne            | Joanne     | Michael              | Barry      | Joanne              |
| <b>Reader 1</b>  | S Percival        | C Kembrey  | A Newman             | D Banks    | I Turner            |
| <b>Reader 2</b>  | I Turner          | A Percival | H Neave              | S Percival | C Kembrey           |
| <b>Cleaning</b>  | M Banks<br>S Wild |            | S Kembrey<br>J Symes |            | F Pitman<br>J Drane |
| <b>Flowers A</b> | D Johnson         | J Holmes   | J Salmon             | I Sealey   | A Percival          |
| <b>Flowers P</b> | M James           | H Neave    | F Pitman             | J Holmes   | V Andrews           |

### **FROM THE REGISTERS:**

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