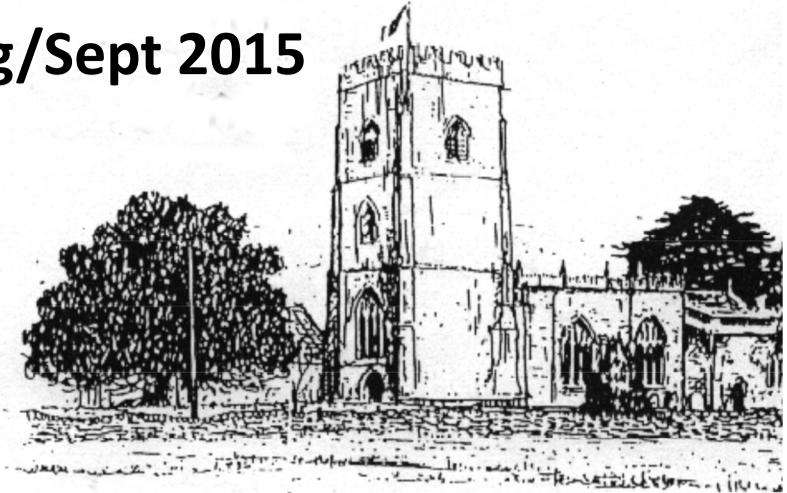


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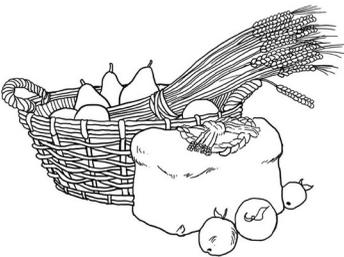
Thank you to everyone for supporting the interview process on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June. The interview panel met the sole applicant on the Friday morning. The unanimous view of the PCC representatives and our Patron (the Chapter of Wells Cathedral represented by Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle) was not to recommend the candidate for presentation to the Bishop. Therefore we will now need to continue the search for the next Rector. I have asked that the PCCs review the Benefice Profile and advert whilst make plans to interview again in the autumn.

While this is disappointing news, we are confident that with persistence, commitment and prayer we will be able to find a suitable priest to be the next Rector of Cheddar, Rodney Stoke and Draycott.

Archdeacon Nicola

Draycott Harvest Festival

A date for your diary - the Draycott Harvest Festival is on the 4th October—at our family communion service at 9:30 a.m. Food will be taken later to the Community of the Sisters of the Church, to contribute to their 'loaves and fishes' project feeding needy people in St. Pauls in Bristol. So please make your contributions of food of all kinds - but especially food with a long shelf life. Tins of soup, veg, meat and fish are always popular- as is rice pudding, custard and long-life milk. And why not round it off with instant coffee and tea bags, with perhaps some biscuits too.



Please bring any contributions to the church - a good time would be the 3rd October where all kinds of things are happening at St. Peter's (see separate announcements). Or take it to The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke (leave it in the porch, or phone 01749 870554 for collection).

Chris Green

A view from the pew

I wonder how many of you too are avid Wimbledon watchers?

I enjoyed spending time in front of the tele last month, viewing from my armchair as players battled it out, often in sweltering conditions, to get through to the next round.

The skill and stamina required were amazing - but also the character and temperament of the players were important. It's all very well to win the first set, but concentration, determination and stickability are also vital!

I have long-distant memories of playing tennis and feeling, when my opponent was about to win one game, "OK, let's accept that and try harder in the next one"! That was not the best attitude – I needed to fight on to the very end!

And now, as the news has come that a new Rector was not appointed following the interviews in June, we are together "in for the long haul" as we wait perhaps until March for a new leader.

This calls for stickability, the determination to pray faithfully, to trust God's calling of the right person and his timing, as well as to keep focussed on our own calling by God to do whatever he has called us to perform. In our readings in church recently we had two Bible verses which I have found greatly encouraging and sustaining. One is from the Book of Lamentations:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

The second from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth:

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Many of you will be going away on holiday in August, while others may be waiting until autumn for their break. Whether you go away or stay, may the summer bring refreshment and encouragement.

Our good wishes to those awaiting exam results and moving to a new class or school or further education!

And a welcome to all newcomers to our area! We hope you will truly enjoy friendship, hospitality and care in this place and in our churches – and that you will feel free to share with us.



Hilary Thomas

'The facts mam, just the facts' *

The Church of England has been in decline for over 30 years and that decline appears to have accelerated over the last decade, new data from NatCen Social Research reveals.



Research shows that people are less likely nowadays to see being Christian as an important component of being British. Therefore, fewer British people may feel that the Church of England is an important part of their identity.

The results show that the proportion of British adults who say they are Anglican fell from 40% in 1983 to 17% in 2014. However the shift has been most dramatic over the last decade as the proportion has fallen by two fifths in ten years, down from 29% of the population in 2004.

In real terms, this suggests that the number of Anglicans in Britain fell by about 4.5 million over the last ten years from around 13 million to about 8.5 million.

The biggest group remains people who say they have no religion, accounting for around half (49%) of all people in Britain, up from 31% in 1983 and 43% a decade ago.

However, most other Christian denominations have remained fairly stable over the last 30 years; Roman Catholics and those grouped together as "other" which includes Methodists, Presbyterians and Christians without a denomination, make up 8% and 17% of the population respectively and remain at a similar level as in 1983.

There has also been a significant rise in the proportion of people from religions other than Christian, up from 2% in 1983 to 8% in 2014. The biggest of these growing religions is Islam, which has grown from around 0.5% of the population in 1983 to around 5% in 2014.

From previous analysis of British Social Attitudes, the main explanation for the increase in British people saying they are not religious is generational displacement i.e. each generation is less religious than the next so as older generations die the overall population becomes less religious.

But this doesn't explain why the Anglican Church alone continues to decline. One explanation for this might be that the numbers of Catholic and non-Christian people in Britain have been supplemented by migrants with strong religious beliefs. Another explanation could be that in the past religion played a more prominent role in people's identity.

NatCen is one of Britain's leading centres for independent social research, having over 40 years' experience of listening to the public and making sure their voice is heard. Its work helps government and charities make the right decisions about the big issues.

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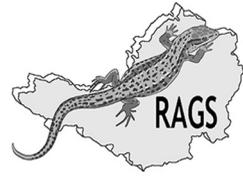
Every year, when I come to count the money collected for Christian Aid, I'm amazed. I always think 'surely' we can't beat last year's total? Yet somehow, thanks to the amazing generosity of Rodney Stoke and Draycott villagers, we always do! This year we collected £1,386.22, an increase of 9.5% on last year, of which over a third was gift aided.



I must say a huge thank you to the many people who kindly donate their time to carry out the house to house collections, to our Treasurer, to SOSF for organising a soup lunch and this year also to Karen Percival who has agreed to come on board and help me in organising Christian Aid Week in the future.

Tricia Heckbert

RAGS comes to Draycott pond



The Parish Council have given their permission for volunteers from the Reptiles and Amphibians Group for Somerset (RAGS) to clean out the pond on the burial plot behind St Peter's Church this coming winter. This pond is potentially one of a much larger number between Cheddar and Ebbor Gorge that, if we can get funding, RAGS will be cleaning out as part of a large project – The Mendip Ponds Project – in a couple of years' time. The aim of the project is to reinstate the network of functional ponds that existed in this area and thus safeguard any colonies of Great Crested Newts. These colonies are currently highly fragmented and isolated because of the very poor condition of the ponds in the area, and are thus vulnerable to extinction.



At present the pond on the burial plot is heavily overgrown and only supports a very limited flora and fauna: invertebrates tolerant of low-oxygen environments, a couple of frogs (one of which is shown in the photo), and a very small number of Palmate newts (I seem to catch the same five newts every time I survey it – the only difference being that they seem increasingly indignant at being caught on each successive occasion...).

It used to be used by the school for pond-dipping, but its condition at the moment makes that impossible. However, once cleaned out, a pond of this size and depth should very quickly become a home to all manner of interesting wildlife (dragonflies, beetles, frogs, the smaller species of newts, damselflies, and, we very much hope, Great Crested Newts) and pond-dipping should once again be on the timetable.

Following the restoration we'll be surveying it in subsequent years to monitor its progress and watch for colonization by amphibians and other wildlife; this won't exactly be a great hardship as it'll involve both daytime pond-dipping and torch surveying after dark (when ponds really come to life and you see so much more than you do by netting) – both of which are great fun.

If you just happen to have enough post-and-rail fencing lying around to go around the pond once it's cleared out we'd love to hear from you!

Jasper Casey A volunteer with RAGS.

St Peter's Day Concert at Draycott



Draycott celebrated St Peter's Day with an evening concert on Saturday 27 June. Organised by Barry Rose, it featured two soloists: Helena Paishe, soprano and Willard Carter, 'cello, both aged thirteen, but the beauty and variety of tone from these youngsters belied their age and amazed the audience.

Helena sang a wide range of musical styles (Gershwin's jazzy "I got rhythm" was quite a surprise!), and included two anthems with a small choir: "Hear my prayer/O for the wings of a dove" and "Laudate Dominum". Willard also gave us music from a wide range of historical periods, including Saint-Saëns's popular "The Swan", and showed his ability to accompany sensitively when he joined Helena in "Panis angelicus" and finally "When you come to the end of a perfect day".

We must say a big thank you to our two young and incredibly talented performers for giving their time and expertise in a really impressive evening of music-making. Both Helena and Willard are a great delight, and we must hope that someday in the near future we will be able to lure them back to St.Peter's for another concert. Thanks are also due to our vocal ensemble - we couldn't have done 'Hear my Prayer' without you.

The church was pleasantly full for the occasion; it was a free concert but nevertheless donations towards the Fabric Fund from the entranced audience amounted to over £700.

David Cheetham

St Leonard's Church Rodney Stoke

Saturday 17 October

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Music Matters

Cathedral Choirs — in absentia



Are you someone who enjoys the occasional visit to Wells Cathedral for the daily sung office of Choral Evensong ? If so, between now (Sunday, 5th July) and Saturday, 5th September you won't be able to hear the boys, girls and men of the Cathedral choir - they are on their Summer break.

It's an interesting fact that over the past years this break has got steadily longer. In my library of recorded tapes I have a broadcast Choral Evensong on the last day of a Cathedral choir's Summer Term, on Wednesday, 1st August ! - but that was way back in 1962, and much has changed since then !

The absence of the Cathedral musicians provides an opportunity for choirs from many parts of the world to visit our shores, and at this time of year, the UK Cathedrals are a magnet to such groups, especially those from the USA, giving them the opportunity to sing in a large and historic space as well as having a superb organ for their accompaniment. By the time you read this, choirs from the USA States of South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia will each have sung up to a week of daily Services here in Wells, and across the rest of the holiday period there will be others, as well as one from Hong Kong, and several from churches here in the UK.

Way back in the late 1950's I was a parish church organist and my own choir of boys and men had the rare opportunity to sing the Services for a whole week in August, in no less a place than the great St. Paul's Cathedral. What a thrill for us to make music within the liturgy in a huge building like that, and what a temptation to choose music that the Cathedral choir usually sang, but that was well beyond us !

I did (sometimes), and let's hope that's not a mistake made by our visiting choirs at Wells this Summer - especially on Thursday, 27th August, when I shall have the privilege of being the guest musical director at Evensong, with a choir I won't meet until that very day.

Barry Rose

Tricia's Pantry

'With robes that gleam with sunny sheen
Sweet August doth appear'



Summer, like every earthly season, began with an almighty crash.

While humans have always known seasons, our world hasn't. The word season comes from the Latin for a time of sowing or planting. And so it was as our planet whirled through a celestial seedbed billions of years ago, gathering mass, bombarded by asteroids and comets.

Approximately 4.5 billion years ago, Earth collided with a Mars-sized object, knocking the Earth off its axis. The remaining debris formed our moon. The colliding body is now known as Theia, after the Greek Titan who bore Selene, goddess of the moon. In 2001, a research team found that Earth rocks and those collected by the Apollo programme had the same isotopic signature.

As a result of the collision, the Earth currently spins on its axis at an angle of 23.4 degrees from the vertical. When orbiting the sun, therefore, it presents a slightly different face to our star at different times of the year. During northern hemisphere summer, the northern hemisphere faces the sun most directly, resulting in summer. It is also the reason that constant daylight occurs in the Arctic in the summer months - its angle to the sun means it receives constant sunlight. As the Earth's orbit continues, the southern face of the planet gets the attention, and the northern hemisphere slips into autumn and winter, and the Arctic grows dark and cold, before the Earth's predictable orbit returns spring and summer.

More interesting still: the Earth's axis is actually variable, between 22.1 and 24.5 degrees. Serbian astronomer Milutin Milankovic discovered that when the axial variation coincides with the maximum extent of the Earth's elliptical orbit, ice ages result. This coincidence occurs every 26,000 years. The maximum extent of the last ice age occurred 22,000 years ago.

As you drink Pimms and hear the cricket bat, or savour the strawberry in the warm, breezy sunshine, remember it was Theia, ultimately, who gave those moments to you. Perhaps bombing into a crystalline summer swimming pool is a better analogy, given the other summery name for Earth's collision with Theia: The Big Splash.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

St Leonard's Church,
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Alan and Jenny Newman *Parish Portrait No. 21*

The move to Rodney Stoke 19 years ago was a big change for Alan, Jenny and their children, who had always lived in London. One daughter, about to move to secondary school, was reluctant to leave her friends, but her enthusiasm for horses was a useful persuader. The family had spent a holiday at a local riding school and this partly influenced their decision to settle in this area, although Alan's job with the Civil Service was north of Bristol. Taking early retirement just four years later, he worked part time for 10 years as a finance officer in a local school, having trained originally as an Accountant.

Church has always been central to their lives. Alan's parents were involved with the church and he was a server, and then a "Pro Warden" (the equivalent of a Church Warden in a "daughter" church to a larger church; some C of E jargon that was new to me!).



Jenny's father had been a church organist in his youth, and sometimes he had taken her to services, but she had gone to the Baptist church with a cousin, and then with a school friend to the large church Youth Club where she met Alan. 'If I think about it, for a lot of my childhood, I did a lot of things on my own, I had a lot of freedom that children do not have today'

As a family they joined in the local community here and have made a significant contribution. When Jenny says that she does not do much and 'just loaf around at home', it is a comment that says a lot about her unassuming style. She has often got involved through her children, and she took up an invitation to undertake voluntary work with Riding for the Disabled, which she thoroughly enjoyed. When a pony came along who needed a home, not only did they take it in, but they also built stables at the back of their house which became home for some years to the pony and 'Esther', a large horse for their horse-mad daughter. Caring for the horses meant a demanding daily routine, which ended when the horses died but having started married life with a guinea pig, they have never been without animals. So important were their pets that Hamsters were transported by their daughters to and from University. They now 'only' have two dogs and four cats, two of which were luxuriating peacefully in the conservatory during the interview reflecting the gentle atmosphere that Jenny and Alan create.

Alan has stepped back from community and church jobs, having been on the PCC, and Treasurer of the Friends of St Leonard's. Editing the Parish Magazine for 6 or 7 years took up at least most of one weekend a month, often after family commitments had involved a 600 mile round trip. The church remains very important for

them, and Alan still generates the rotas for the magazine.

When they arrived in Rodney Stoke, the then landlord at the Rodney Stoke Inn said people in the village were either “Pubbies” or “Churchies”; they were comfortable to be both. The young are not attracted to Rodney Stoke they feel partly because of the cost of housing, but also because of the lack of activities for the young. Alan felt that village affairs were mostly run by elderly people which turned off young people. Church attendance has declined since they have been here and they did not see that changing, but the church is still the focus of village social life, especially through the Friends of St Leonard’s whose events do bring people of all ages together.

Much of their time now is taken up with family. They have four children. Their three daughters live locally (one still at home). They all play skittles at ‘The Strawberry Special’ winter and summer. Their son, who is in the Navy lives in Plymouth and has in the past been on some tough assignments which they admit has given them some anxious moments, but their calm approach must have been reassuring. Their 5 grandchildren are aged from 17 years down to 6 months and they will be looking after the youngest 2 days a week when their daughter goes back to work. Jenny did the London to Brighton bike ride with two of her daughters a few years ago and seems ready for another new challenge, being prepared she says to do crazy things.

As a postscript, Jenny has just heard that she has gained an Open University BA (Hons). It is what is called an open degree in that different subjects were taken each year - these included Childrens' Literature, The Arts Past and Present, Renaissance Art, Poetry, and Environmental Issues such as Global Warming: quite a wide spread and in all it took 6 years – some loafing around! SMW

Parish Portraits with a difference

After 20 excellent portraits, the task of preparing the portraits is being handed on to me. It may be time for a change but Michael is a very hard act to follow indeed. There may be the opportunity to take the concept in some slightly different directions though.

Do let the editor know if you would be prepared to be a subject, on your own or perhaps with another, a partner, relative or friend or even someone with whom you would enjoy a sparky dialogue! Alternatively perhaps you can suggest people from within the community of Draycott and Rodney Stoke who might be interesting as subjects. *Sue Walker*

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Alan Rowntree writes ' Ron Moulton will be greatly missed. The picture above was taken before the First World War. It shows Draycott Station, which became Ron's home and behind it the Railway Inn, now known as The Strawberry Special where Ron was a regular. The other picture shows the station platform, part of which is now in his back garden. Every other year I have been involved with local school children in a Victorian Day, which has always included a visit to the platform in Ron's garden complete with its signal. Ronny always entered into the spirit of the day by allowing the children into the old Waiting Room and into his house to look at his railway memorabilia'.



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SOSP—Coming Events

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SOSP invite you to join us for St Peter's Harvest Supper 'Curry Night' by kind permission of Mick & Lori Toms at the Strawberry Special in October (date to be confirmed). Put this in your diary & look out for posters and the October magazine for more information. The tickets will be £12.50 each to include either meat or vegetarian curry and a pud! We will be asking for donations of puddings to serve, please see Thea or any of the SOSP committee to offer! Thank you!

Michaelmas Fayre

In St Peter's Church on Saturday October 3rd 2015 from 10.30 to 2pm. Incorporating our usual

Coffee & Cake Morning with a variety of stalls including crafts and gifts and SOSP are running a Cakes & Preserves stall so would appreciate any donations towards this. We will be serving Ploughman's lunches from 12.30. Please come along and bring your gifts for the Sisters of the Church's loaves & fishes project to help decorate the Church for our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 4th October at 9.30am. Look out for posters for more details!



The **Holy Rollers** are still going "strong" too!! we win some... we lose some!! There will be a final BBQ & prize giving with musical entertainment at the Strawberry Special on the Sunday afternoon of the Bank Holiday weekend in August ... anyone & everyone is welcome to come along for a fun village celebration!

Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Success

'To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;



To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.'

Widely misattributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson (1805—1882)

Slow-roasted tomatoes with Worcestershire Sauce

12 English Tomatoes cut in half

1x295ml bottle of Worcestershire sauce

8 tbsp rapeseed or extra-virgin olive oil

1 tbsp English mustard powder

Celery salt

Black pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 230°C, Gas 8.
2. Place the tomatoes, cut side up, on a baking tray, and drizzle the whole bottle of Worcestershire sauce over the top. Drizzle over the rapeseed or olive oil and sprinkle with black pepper and the mustard powder.
3. Place in the oven and cook for 12-15 minutes until soft. During cooking, remove the tomatoes from the oven every 4 minutes to baste with the juices from the tray.
4. When cooked, remove the tomatoes from the oven, sprinkle with celery salt and place on individual plates to serve.



Sunday Services in August 2015			
	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
2 nd August Trinity 9	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
9 th August Trinity 10	10am Parish Eucharist	9.3 0am2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
16 th August Trinity 11	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
23 rd August Trinity 12	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
30 th August Holiday Club	10AM JOINT BENEFICE FAMILY COMMUNION AT CHEDDAR		

Readings for Sundays in August 2015 (Year B – St Mark)					
	Page	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
2 nd August Trinity 9	642	Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15	78: 23-29	Ephesians 4: 1-16	John 6: 24-35
9 th August Trinity 10	648	I Kings 19: 4-8	34: 1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6: 35,41-51
16 th August Trinity 11	653	Proverbs 9: 1-6	34: 9-14	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58
23 rd August Trinity 12	659	Joshua 24: 1-2a,14-18	34: 15-22	Ephesians 6: 10-20	John 6: 56-69
30 th August Holiday Club	United Service at Cheddar				

DRAYCOTT

	2	9	16	23	30
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	J Jeffries	C Jeff	United
Intercessor	A Jeffries	C Green	R Dingley	T Oliver	
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames White	D Cheetham	TBA	Benefice Service
Readers	J Jeffries T Lumley R Dingley	A Jeffries C Green	T Oliver TBA C Green	C Jeff G Jeff L Whittle	
Coffee	A Jeffries H Jeffries	T Lumley G Jeff	F Irving	T Heckbert	CHEDDAR
Flowers	R Chard	R Chard	E Rose	E Rose	C Jeff

RODNEY STOKE

Sidesman	S Percival	A Percival	J Newman	T Symes	CHEDDAR
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	
Reader 1	I Turner	H Neave	A Percival	S Percival	
Reader 2	C Kembrey	D Banks	A Newman	I Turner	
Cleaning	F Pitman J Drane		P Hills J Holmes		J Newman D Johnson
Flowers A	A Percival	L Davey	D Johnson	F Pitman	H Neave
Flowers P	V Andrews	I Sealey	M James	A Percival	L Davey

Diary for August 2015			
Sat 1	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	Draycott
Tues 4	10.30	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 5	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
Thur 6	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
Sat 8	4pm	Mothers' Union Summer Tea	Cheddar
Mon 10	2.30pm	Holiday Club Meeting	Cheddar
Tues 11	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 12	11.30am	Mothers' Union Communion	Cheddar
	8pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Cheddar
Thur 13	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
Tues 18	10.30	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 19	10am	Healing Communion	Cheddar
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 20	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 22	12.30pm	Wedding	Cheddar
Tues 25 to Sat 29	9.30am - noon	Holiday Club - Polar Explorers	Cheddar
Thur 27	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore

Regular Weekly Events in August and September	
Monday	9.30am Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House
Tuesday	7.45pm St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
Wednesday	10am Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds when at 11.30) 10am -12 Strawberry Totts, Draycott Memorial Hall
Thursday	9am LMG Morning Prayer – see diary for venue 7.30pm Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer, Cheddar 10am-12 noon Open Office, 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.



Sunday Services in September 2015			
	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
6 th September Trinity 14	8am BCP Communion 10am Morning Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
13 th September Trinity 15	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
20 th September Trinity 16	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
27 th September Trinity 17	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	6pm Harvest Festival

Readings for Sundays in September 2015 (Year B – St Mark)					
	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
6 th September Trinity 14	668	Isaiah 35: 4-7a	146	James 2: 1-10, 14-17	Mark 7: 24-37
13 th September Trinity 15	676	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	116: 1-8	James 3: 1-12	Mark 8: 27-38
20 th September Trinity 16	682	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	54	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37
27 th September Trinity 17	688	Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16,24-29	19: 7-14	James 5: 13-20	Mark 9: 38-50

Diary September 2015

Tues 1	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mother's Union	Cheddar
Wed 2	12 noon	LMG Planning	Cheddar
Thur 3	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn
Sat 5	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	Draycott
Tues 8	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 9	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	Cheddar
Thur 10	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Mon 14	2.30pm	Messy Church Planning	Cheddar
Tue 15	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 16	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 17	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Asbridge
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	11.30am	Axbridge Deanery MU Cathedral Prayers	Wells
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 19	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
Mon 21	2.30pm	Messy Church Planning	Cheddar
Thur 24	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
Wed 30	8pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Cheddar

September 2015 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT					
	6	13	20	27	Oct 4
					HARVEST
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	G Jeff	C Jeff	R Dingley
Intercessor	T Oliver	C Green	R Dingley	A Jeffries	T Oliver
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames White	TBA	D Cheetham	TBA
Readers	J Jeffries	M Heckbert	G Jeff	G Jeff	J Jeffries
	T Lumley	T Oliver	T Oliver	C Jeff	T Lumley
	R Dingley		L Whittle	A Jeffries	T Oliver
Coffee	C Jeff	T Heckbert	F Irving	T Lumley	C Jeff
Cleaning	J Jeffries		T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries				H Jeffries
Flowers	C Jeff	N Wills	N Wills	L Cann	Harvest
					T Lumley ++
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	D Banks	C Kembrey	C Neave	A Newman	S Percival
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	A Newman	C Kembrey	D Banks	I Turner	H Neave
Reader 2	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	C Kembrey	A Newman
Cleaning		A Percival		L Moore	
				H Neave	
Flowers A	J Holmes	V Andrews	D Johnson	I Sealey	TBA
Flowers P	J Salmon	M James	H Neave	F Pitman	

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

Ashton Gudgeon, Archie Charles George Latimer,

Darcy Edith Richards, Phoebe Denise Adams, Isla Parke and Joshua

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