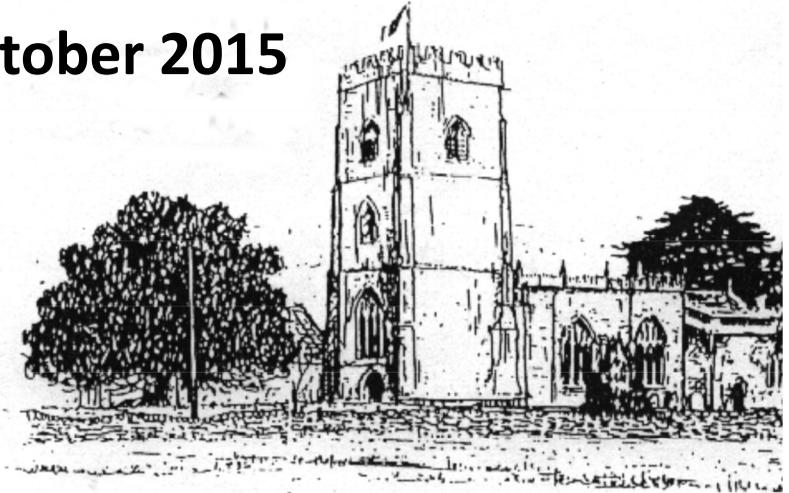


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A view from the pew

**“We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land;
but it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand”**



God’s provision of our food is not new. Remember the daily manna provided for the children of Israel during their wanderings. Nor is our food all for which we have to thank him.

Over recent years I have often thought how fortunate we are in these villages with a service in our own village church virtually every week. If there is a fifth Sunday we all meet in one church to express our unity. In some benefices congregations go to whichever church is being used that week. Fortunately we have retired clergy in our midst who are willing and able to help plus readers, lay assistants and organists. Our Church Wardens organise rotas and others help to ‘keep the show on the road’ – a wonderful example of pulling together and inter-dependence.

This reminds me of an experience Bernard and I had on Mt. Sinai which brought home to us the importance of our dependence on one another. We were in a small group of 4 retirees, 4 students plus our leader, Emma and old testament scholar, Andrew. We had visited St Catherine’s Monastery, ascended the mountain and slept up there in Elijah’s garden. Next morning we set off to trek with the Bedouin round the Sinai Oases, sleeping under the stars.

At around 9am, Andrew fell heavily and broke his leg. Emma rang for helicopter help but it was already answering a call and had a queue of others. So it fell to us to deal with the situation. The mountain side was scoured for wood and the retired doctor splinted Andrew’s leg. Meanwhile Emma and the Bedouin descended the mountain in search of help with transport. We realised Andrew would need shading from the sun and used camping blankets with wood as a shelter, providing him with an empty bottle for comfort reasons.

At last, at about 3.30 pm we saw one of the Bedouin running (!) up the mountain with a stretcher over his shoulder. We eased Andrew onto it and two of the students helped take him down to St Catherine’s, where a large estate car was waiting to ferry him to hospital.

We learnt later that Andrew dined out on his desert experience and what we had learnt from it – how God provides for us but no man is an island; we all depend on one another.

Joan Salmon



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RESPONDING TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS

A pastoral letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells

We have all been shocked and upset by the recent pictures from Calais, Hungary and – most distressingly – the beach in Turkey where the body of little Aylan Kurdi was washed ashore.

It feels as if there has been a breakdown in the human race's ability to care for its weakest members. While the big picture of politics and civil war perplexes us, the individual tragedies go straight our hearts. We all want to do something.

The plans announced by the Prime Minister relate only to bringing to Britain refugees from the camps established in the countries surrounding Syria. With the vast numbers of refugees looking for support in Europe, I echo Archbishop Justin's comment that this is a slim response. There is human need on our doorstep as well. The United Kingdom could and should do more as a nation to help our European partners as they struggle to deal with all this. You may want to write to your MP about this.

Our churches have already been asking what they can do to help, and collections of money and goods have already been taking place on a more or less *ad hoc* basis. We see practical needs, and it is natural to want to help. However, rather than start up lots of small-scale collections, I would encourage churches to work through established agencies who are already working in the field. These agencies have the skills and experience to do this work – whether that be at Calais or in Jordan, the Lebanon, or Syria itself. As regards the people at Calais, the UK and France are well-resourced countries. The agencies on site can buy what they need if they have the money: collecting and delivering supplies may not be the most helpful thing unless it is known there are resources to deliver and distribute them fairly.

Some people have already expressed their desire to open their home to a refugee family, offering rooms or meals. This is a generous and hospitable gesture. The time is not yet right for this to happen – we will have to wait for the Government's relocation scheme to be worked out. When refugees arrive, churches will be in the forefront of those offering assistance, and we will need to do this well. It will not be an easy task. There will be issues of language, dealing with vulnerable and traumatised people, finding suitable schools, and so on. Again, we will do best to work with agencies who know what they are doing.

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This is a fast-moving situation. The diocese will be posting information about practical things that we can do on the website; please follow this link -

<http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-ministry/mission/social-justice/>

Something we can all do is pray. I urge you to pray for the suffering people wherever they are, and for the hard-pressed agencies who are trying to help them. I also ask you to pray for governments and those with the power to change things for good. There are some prayers you can use on the Church of England website (see below).

We are living in a time of uncertainty and instability in world affairs. I encourage you never to be discouraged, but to be strong in faith and hope - and to do all you can for the victims of these awful events.

+ Peter Bathand Wells

9 September 2015

A prayer for refugees. You may like to use this in private prayer or in church

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.

We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome,
and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,
who fled persecution at His birth
and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen

Prayers for Syria:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-for-syria.aspx>

Prayers for refugees:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/a-prayer-for-the-refugee-crisis.aspx>

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

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Between January and April we gave out 3000 food parcels and spent £8000 on food. We also spent nearly £900 topping up gas and electric keys. The need we try to meet is greater than ever, but over the year we have seen a decline in donations. Perhaps you could think of us as you consider where to send your harvest gifts?

We always need tins- including meat, tuna, macaroni cheese, rice pudding, fruit, custard, baked beans, soup, vegetables; also packets of cereal, pasta and rice; plus tea and coffee. Fresh fruit and vegetables are also welcome. Any cheques should be made out to 'CSC'.

We thank Draycott and Rodney Stoke for being such faithful supporters!

With thanks and blessings from us all here

Sr. Annaliese, Sr. Rosina, Sr. Sue

The villages continue to support the CSC through food donations and cash gifts. Contribute through the churches, or directly to the CSC.

Draycott is giving produce from its harvest festival on 4th October. Please bring food gifts to the church on Saturday or on Sunday- we will remove it in the evening of the 4th to take to Bristol during the week. Or bring it to the house of Chris & Nikki (The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke), Tricia Corrick (Sedany, The Street, Draycott), or Thea (Barn Close, Wet Lane, Draycott)- or phone 01749 870554 to arrange a collection.

Weekend of Music at St Leonard's Rodney Stoke

THE OCTOBER CONCERT

7.30pm Saturday 17 October

Michael Taylor and Barry Rose present a performance of

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Axbridge Deanery Festival Eucharist

4.00pm Sunday 18 October followed by refreshments

The Deanery of Axbridge covers a huge area stretching from Easton to Burnham-on-Sea. Several of the parishes have church choirs which meet to sing together twice a year: in the summer in one of the larger churches such as Wedmore and in the autumn in one of the smaller, more intimate ones. This year it is the turn of Rodney Stoke. As well as a day of lovely music, it is an opportunity for us all to get together with like-minded people.

The singers, including the choirs of Rodney Stoke and Draycott churches, will be singing on Sunday afternoon the 18th October, and of course everyone is most welcome to take part in the service. The various church choirs of the deanery have been learning the music separately and will meet to rehearse a couple of times and then sing together on the day. The large choral group will make a splendid sound in this lovely building.

We have chosen a wide range of styles of church music for this event, from the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including Elgar's sweet anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* (Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer) and Pitoni's jolly *Cantate Domino* (Sing to the Lord). There will also be some favourite hymns for the congregation to join in.

By coincidence, this service falls on the day following the St Leonard's concert, when a much smaller (but more professional) group under the direction of Michael Taylor, and with Barry Rose at the organ, will be performing two of the most tuneful and stirring masterpieces of church music, Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and Fauré's *Requiem*. *David Cheetham*

Music Matters A New Song



How are you with modern music ? - pop or classical ?

If it's a memorable tune you're after, then some (if not all) of the 32 new works included in the recent BBC Promenade concerts may well have caused you to switch off the radio, or head off out to the kitchen to make the tea !

Sometimes known as *avant-garde* (literally 'at the forefront') you may revel in new and experimental sounds, instrumental or choral; or, you may share a famous conductor's view who, after conducting the premiere of a discordant and totally unmemorable piece of modern music was asked by his assistant if he should remove the score from the conductor's stand. "Don't bother" replied the conductor, "it will probably slink off by itself"

Centuries ago, the psalmist exhorted us to *sing a new song to The Lord*" (Psalm 96), and how interesting it would now be to learn his views on the way music in worship has developed over the centuries - more often than not a reflection of the current events and social attitudes of the times in which the composers and authors lived. Think Canaletto's paintings, and then think Handel's music - think Picasso, and then think Stravinsky. Randomly chosen, those four perfectly represent their respective times in pictures and sound.

One of the problems with new music is the very fact that it IS new ! Many of us are not able to appreciate the qualities of any new piece on a first hearing, and I count myself among that number. 33 years ago I was presented with the full-score of a specially composed setting of George Herbert's poem *Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen*. Scored for choir, brass and organ, I conducted its world premiere at the BBC's 60th Anniversary Service in St.Paul's Cathedral in June 1982. The composer was Michael Berkeley, & this month Michael is the guest composer at Wells Cathedral for it's *New Music* week. So why not go along to Evensong on Thursday, 15th October for the first performance of his latest work and see what **you** think on a first hearing?

I've just revisited the recording of that BBC Service from way back in 1982, and now, on repeated hearings, I've really grown to appreciate *Rise, heart*, much more than I did at the time.

Barry Rose

Tricia's Pantry

"October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." The etched words guard the statue's feet.



In October 1876, the Statue of Liberty site was dedicated on Bedloe's Island, New York. Sculpted by Frederic Bartholdi, the statue was a gift from France to America, with Bartholdi inspired by the Union's victory in the US Civil War and the resulting abolition of slavery. Bartholdi was taken by the island location as shipping would inevitably sail within sight of the statue.

The disassembled statue arrived in June 1885, although construction was stalled by delays in erecting the pedestal, the result of an initial lack of fundraising interest. Two hundred thousand pounds of copper were used in her construction, although oxidation did not result in her weathered green patina until 1906.

Slowly she took shape. At her feet is a broken chain, symbolising overcoming oppression; in her left hand a tablet inscribed with the date of the Declaration of Independence. Her raised right arm holds a torch whose flame is coated in 24 carat gold, which reflects sunlight during the day and is floodlit at night. Initial proposals to have the torch powerfully lit were shelved due to possible distraction to shipping. On her head perches a seven rayed crown, evoking the sun, the seven seas, and the seven continents. The statue's full name is "Liberty Enlightening the World." Her face is a stylised representation of the American Columbia and the French Marianne, both incarnations of the Roman Libertas, goddess of freedom, although rumours also held the face actually reflected Bartholdi's mother.

Though the lighting and other aspects were plagued with problems, the Statue of Liberty became a welcoming beacon for immigrants to America, with many remembering the anticipation of seeing her and her memory after leaving New York. In 1956, her site was renamed Liberty Island, and in 1965, along with nearby Ellis Island, the statue was incorporated into the Statue of Liberty National Monument. The site is visited by four million people each year.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

More and More 'Mindfulness'



'Mindfulness' seems to be an 'in' word these days – it keeps cropping up everywhere. Indeed, two of the current non-fiction best selling books are entitled *The Mindfulness Colouring Book* and *Colour Yourself Calm!* Yet probably the ground breaking book about mindfulness was one I read and was much influenced by, way back in 1994, *Mindfulness Meditation and Everyday life* by Jon Kabat-Zinn (Piatcus).

But that, of course, is not the true beginning. Mindfulness has been a part of the Christian tradition, though much neglected, for nearly 2,000 years and is central to both Buddhist and Hindu spirituality. The difference, of course, is that contemporary mindfulness is totally secular, whereas contemplation (and Buddhist/Hindu meditation) has a spiritual dimension. It's the methods which are very similar.

Yet all are about living fully aware in the present moment rather than living in depression about the past or anxiety about the future. And they are all about learning to give the mind a rest from its constant frenetic activity. ('Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof' ... 'God among the pots and pans'. 'The sacrament of the present moment').

The *other* difference between Christian contemplation and Buddhist and Hindu meditation, and secular mindfulness, is that much, but not all, secular mindfulness stops at rather selfish self-improvement, or in a money-oriented world, even used to make people work harder and more efficiently, while the main purpose of Christian contemplation is to make us more fitted for compassionate service in the world rather than seeking any wonderful experiences, though we shall be grateful for them should they happen.

In fact, at least in the early stages, it's all very simple – simply to learn to quieten the mind and live in greater awareness in the present moment. ('God's moment is always now' ... 'God will never be more present than in this present moment').

If you are interested in finding out more about mindfulness, I am planning to hold a simple, straightforward introductory session taking no more than an hour at 8pm on Monday 2 November at 9 Barnetts Well, Draycott, BS27 3TF.

Please let me know if you will be coming. I can be contacted on rumpus9bw@hotmail.com or at 9 Barnetts Well (I hate telephones!).

Gordon Jeff

Lori Toms *Parish Portrait No. 22*

When Lori Toms stayed in Draycott in 2000 on a “house swap”, it turned out to be life changing. Raised in Coffeyville, Kansas she worked as a Manager at the corporate headquarters of Delta Airlines in Atlanta, Georgia, which involved work overseas. Enjoying England, she travelled around on her vacations. Lori and her travelling companion visited The Red Lion in Draycott and were persuaded to play skittles. They knew nothing of the game, but had a go and in the opposing team was Mike Toms playing for The Strawberry Special. He asked her out the next day, she (and her friend) went along and the rest as they say is history.....



The history is that Lori married Mike two years later and began a new life running the “Strawberry” with him. Mike has owned the pub for 28 years. Lori likes to think that she has contributed to evolving the pub into a “Community Hub”. St Peter’s was the first to engage with this and asked to have Christmas Carol singing in the skittle alley but Lori thought it had to be in the pub itself because “that is where everybody is”; it is now an annual institution. The pub supports the church in other ways – the regular curry nights are a huge success, attracting 60-80 diners; there are also special quiz nights for church funds.

Coffeyville is a small town in an agricultural area and she feels Draycott is not so different from where she grew up, but the culture of the English pub is very different to that of an American bar. People come to the pub to meet others and be sociable; many come who don’t drink alcohol. Draycott is a quiet friendly village which is accepting of outsiders. Lori’s parents are still in Coffeyville and one of her sisters is Head of the Catholic school that Lori attended.

Other local groups benefit from Lori’s efforts with the Summer Skittles, which Lori revived, being the biggest fundraiser; this year raising over £4,000 which is divided between 5 local organisations. She is always open to ideas for new community activities.

Every Wednesday lunch time the pub serves a low cost roast meal aimed at pensioners but anyone is welcome. Sometimes there are few takers and

she asks if it is worth it, but it is usually well supported. Mike has offered lifts to anyone who needs it and he also delivers meals to two local residents. This used to be done by Ron Moulton, and Mike took it on when he died. It seems it is an unofficial Lunch Club in a familiar environment.

The meeting room at the pub is also open to any local group, and WI committee meetings were held there when Lori was Treasurer and President, but she now cannot think how she ever had time to do that.

Listening to Lori it is obvious that there is little free time for her and Mike who have very little help. Running the Bar, cleaning, shopping, doing maintenance, hosting functions in the pub and looking after a holiday cottage is plenty. Organising the fundraising activities is an added extra, which includes the monthly quiz night; Lori chooses and asks the questions. It is very popular, and people plan their diaries to be sure to be there. It is meant to be fun, she says and not taken too seriously.

When I interviewed Lori, she had just taken delivery of their Christmas cards and was using a “free moment” to start folding them. The pub she said seems to get bigger and the work grows with it. Their only break is usually to get back to the USA once a year for about 4 or 5 days! That has not been managed this year but Mike took her last October for her birthday. She wanted to be in Coffeyville for the annual Dalton Gang re-enactment. The town’s claim to fame is that all but one of the Gang were shot by the local people when trying to rob two banks, real Wild West stuff. She has not yet however managed to get away from the pub to see the Wells Carnival, but she enjoys the Moat and the Bishop’s Palace, which is such a contrast to America.

My impression was that Lori stresses the positives of everything she does, although she said that her hope for the future would be to put her feet up and rest a bit. Her job in the States was very demanding so she was used to hard work. She appreciates the support that the locals have given her over the years. The community has great appreciation for Lori, and Mike too for making the “Strawberry” so “Special”. SMW



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SOSPs—news and events

SOSP's September Surprise 2015 turned out to be a great success! So much so that we had to bring forward the start time to 5.15pm! On a lovely sunny evening 14 cars containing 50 people set off from St Peter's car park. I counted them all out & *eventually* counted them all back in again!! They followed a route set by Richard Oliver that took them up over Draycott steep to Priddy, through Ebbor Gorge into Wookey Hole, across to Wookey Village via narrow back roads from Panborough to Wedmore, where there were clues to be found on foot, then on via Cocklake & Nyland to the secret location 'Valley's Edge' Latches Lane, Draycott .. the home of Kevin & Janette Vining for a BBQ & great party atmosphere.

Thank you everyone who was involved we raised £200 and had great fun!

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!

Summer Skittles at the Strawberry Special

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's would like to say a very big thank you to Lori, Mike and all the other helpers at the Strawberry Special for their hard work on the Summer Skittles.

The Holly Rollers had a great time of course ending up a little nearer the top end of the bottom half of the table than in previous years.

But equally, and as a great bonus, this year the Summer Skittles has raised a fantastic £4379-80 for Draycott good causes, up from £2800 last year. St Peter's has received £789.56 which will be used to help maintain the fabric and improve the amenities of the church.

When is a door not a door?

When it's a jar.

For 10 days in September I was tasked with opening and closing St Peter's, a simple enough operation you might think. I dutifully went through the correct procedures but after two days I realised that as I went to lock up, the church door was always ajar after I had emphatically left it closed on opening up.



I had been taught to always leave gates and doors as I found them but the main door is heavy and it is possible that someone might have found it difficult to close. Or perhaps they were just plain careless in not leaving the door as they had found it.

But it set me thinking that someone was possibly leaving a simple message for me, since clearly a slightly open door is so much more welcoming than a closed one.

As the weather has been mild I have used the remainder of my roster to also leave the door slightly ajar and I feel better for it.

Alan Rowntree

On a busman's holiday?

What do Bishops do on their Sundays off then?

In the case of +Peter and Jane of The Palace, Wells, the answer seems to be that they visit churches on the quiet just like you and I might do. The evidence is there in the Visitors Books for Sunday 14 June 2015 — and they leave comments too just like we would too. For St Leonard's 'This is a beautiful, peaceful and remarkable church. The history is fascinating' and for St Peter's 'We enjoyed our visit. God bless you all'.

So now you know.

Rob Walker

Rodney Stoke Church Hall available for hire

Thanks to a series of improvements, the Church Hall is now 100% accessible and wheelchair friendly. Enquiries about hiring the hall should be made to Sue Walker on (01749) 870611 or 07790008448.

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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

The Fall of the Leaf



Earnest and sad the solemn tale
That the sighing winds give back,
Scatt'ring the leaves with mournful wail
O'er the forest's faded track;
Gay summer birds have left us now
For a warmer, brighter clime,
Where no leaden sky or leafless bough
Tell of change and winter-time.

Reapers have gathered golden store
Of maize and ripened grain,
And they'll seek the lonely fields no more
Till the springtide comes again.
But around the homestead's blazing hearth
Will they find sweet rest from toil,
And many an hour of harmless mirth
While the snow-storm piles the soil.

Then, why should we grieve for summer skies -
For its shady trees - its flowers,
Or the thousand light and pleasant ties
That endeared the sunny hours?
A few short months of snow and storm,
Of winter's chilling reign,
And summer, with smiles and glances warm,
Will gladden our earth again.

Rosanna Leprohon

Rice pudding with pistachios, rose water & pomegranites

**100g risotto
rice
400ml semi-
skimmed milk
150ml whip-
ping cream
3tbs caster
sugar
1tbs rose wa-
ter
2tbs roughly
chopped pis-
tachios
Pomegranate
seeds to taste**

1. Put risotto rice, semi-skimmed milk, whipping cream & caster sugar into a saucepan. Bring to the boil, then simmer gently for 25-30 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until rice is soft.
2. Stir in rose water & pistachios, roasted in oven first if time allows.
3. Finish with pomegranate seeds.
4. Serves 2.



Sunday Services in October 2015

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
4 th October Harvest or Trinity 18	8am BCP Communion 10am Harvest	9.30am Harvest Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
11 th October Trinity 19	10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	11.15am Parish Communion
18 th October St Luke	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	4pm Deanery Choral Eucharist
25 th October Bible Sunday	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins

Readings for Sundays in October 2015 (Year B – St Mark)

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
4 th October Harvest	1162	Joel 2:21-27	126	1 Timothy 6:6-10	Matthew 6:25-33
11 th October Trinity 19	701	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	90: 12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:35-45
18 th October St Luke	1137	Isaiah 35: 3-6	147:1-7	2 Timothy 4:5-17	Luke 10:1-9
25 th October Bible Sunday	716	Isaiah 55:1-11	19:7-14	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	John 5:36-47

Regular Weekly Events in October	
Monday	9.30am Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House
Tuesday	7.45pm St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott 8pm Bell ringing, Cheddar
Wednesday	9.15am Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only) 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
Friday	10-11.30am St Andrew's Toddlers, Church House (term time only) 6.15pm 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 October 2015			
Thur 1	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside Inn
Fri 2	7pm	Cheddar Harvest Supper	Church House
Sat 3	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake & Michaelmas Fair	Draycott
Tues 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mother's Union	Cheddar
Wed 7	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
Thur 8	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare
Fri 9	7.30pm	SOSP Harvest Curry Night	Strawberry Special
Tue 13	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close	Draycott
Wed 14	11.30am	MU Communion	Cheddar
Thur 15	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	7pm	Deanery Confirmation	Highbridge
Sat 17	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
	7.30pm	October Concert	Rodney Stoke
Sun 18	4.00pm	Axbridge Deanery Festival Eucharist	Rodney Stoke
Mon 19	2.30pm	Messy Church Planning	Cheddar
Tues 20	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 21	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 22	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
	7pm	Deanery Synod	Brean Methodist
Wed 28	10am	Holy Communion	Cheddar
Thur 29	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
Sat 31	7.30pm	All Hallows Eve Supper in Church Hall	Rodney Stoke Church Hall

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	4	11	18	25	Nov 1
	HARVEST				
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Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames White	B Rose	D Cheetham	D Cheetham
Readers	J Jeffries	M Heckbert	C Jeff	A Jeffries	J Jeffries
	T Lumley	C Green	G Jeff	T Oliver	T Lumley
	T Oliver		L Whittle	R Dingley	L Whittle
Coffee	C Jeff	T Heckbert	T Lumley	F Irving	J Jeffries
Cleaning	J Jeffries	C Jeff	T Lumley	T Heckbert	J Jeffries
	H Jeffries	G Jeff			H Jeffries
Flowers	T Lumley	T Lumley	L Whittle	L Whittle	G Salt
RODNEY STOKE					
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Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	H Neave	A Percival	S Percival	C Kembrey	A Newman
Reader 2	A Newman	D Banks	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave
Cleaning		R Mann		I Sealey	
		N Tame			
Flowers A	J Salmon	A Percival	L Davey	D Johnson	TBA
Flowers P	J Holmes	V Andrews	M James	I Sealey	

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

James-Edward Kemp, Sofia Daisy Payne,
Blake Don David Edwards, Charlie James Ethan Beason
and Willow Spencer.

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

Richie Matthews & Polly Higginbottom (22nd August).

Funerals:

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