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Is this what they do in our name?

'I, Daniel Blake' winner of *Palme d'Or, Cannes 2016*

We read a lot about food banks these days, but what is it like to use one? We hear about benefit scroungers, but how does it feel to have your benefits stopped (your only income)? And why should public libraries be kept open? If you are curious about such things - or just want to see a moving and well-made film, then this may be for you. On the other hand if you would rather not know what is being done in your name to 'sanction' poor people to save a bit on the benefits bill, stay away.

The story opens with a piece of dialogue worthy of Franz Kafka. Daniel Blake, victim of a heart attack in middle age, is in the process of being deemed 'fit for work' by a 'healthcare professional' employed by the Department of Work and Pensions - apparently because he can lift his hand to his head, walk ten yards and press a key on a key-pad. In this way poor Daniel begins his slide into the absurdist world of benefits bureaucracy. We know it will not end well.

This is not feel-good cinema. Yet it isn't entirely pessimistic either. As in other Ken Loach films, the impersonal establishment is offset at every turn by the humanity of ordinary people. There is a kind employee in the job centre. Strangers help him to fill in on-line forms at the public library. Daniel befriends a single mum and her two young children, another victim of the system. The food bank is portrayed sympathetically - it feels a bit like a community hall staffed by members of the local church (perhaps it is). And in the end Daniel is vindicated... morally, at least. Along the way, there are some good jokes as well.

This is vintage Ken Loach, from the stable of 'Cathy Come Home' and 'Kes'. Why are so many people disillusioned with politics? Why is inequality so bad for people? And which kill more people - sharks, or coconuts? To find out - see this film.

Chris Green



Department
for Work &
Pensions



PALME D'OR
FESTIVAL DE CANNES

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice

Dear friends,



Last week Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed licensed ministers in our diocese on the subject, *“Putting Mission and Evangelism at the Heart of all we do”*. I expected an impressive set of ideas and programmes to be presented. Instead, he passionately appealed to us (for forty-five minutes!) to *“be seized afresh by the deep love of Christ”* within our own hearts, (with the assurance that mission and outreach would then flow naturally if we sought this first). This echoes Jesus’ own exhortation to *“Seek first the Kingdom of God .. then all these things will be added to you also”* (see Matthew 6, verse 25 and following). Justin’s message was greatly refreshing in its simplicity and in its commendation of God’s love to every individual.

The leadership of our churches here has a very strong desire to welcome into church more people in the villages who do not attend regularly or at all. School services, Harvest Suppers, concerts, recitals, lectures, coffee mornings, Toddler Groups, Messy Church, and latterly the Breakfast Service (attended and thoroughly enjoyed by a hundred people - not all church-attenders) - all these have as their purpose the making attractive and enjoyable of the life of the church beyond its traditional attendees. I am very grateful that we have so many gifted and enthusiastic people in our churches who can make these things happen and so well.

However, (as Bp Justin says!) may we as individuals FIRST open our hearts to receive the very profound and unconditional love of Christ for every woman, man, girl and boy - for all humanity, (not just those who go to church of course!!). When this becomes a real, felt love in our hearts, wanting others to know it too is a compassionate human response. Faith-sharing and outreach will I think be spontaneous and will feel natural, and easier. Love begets generosity - it must.

This Christmas, may you be seized in a new and profound way, by Jesus’ love for you. I wish you joy and peace at Christmas.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Justin'.

Letter from Bishop Peter

Wonder and worship

Have you ever wondered how many stars there are? We know there are lots and we know we can't count them. It is clearly not a straightforward question. So what do we know? We believe the universe is some 14 billion light years old. We think it is expanding, but we don't know if it is infinitely large or not. And the fact that space-time seems to be curved makes it even more complicated. But if the Milky Way has some 100 million stars in it and if there are in the order of 100 trillion galaxies, we are looking at something like '1 followed by 24 noughts' as an answer. That is a lot of stars! And throughout all of human history people have wondered not only how many stars there are but also who made them.



The Bible gives us an answer to this and reveals God as the Creator of all things. The prophet Isaiah wrote:

'Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.' (Isaiah 40: 26)

Stars are beautiful, mysterious, awe-inspiring. They cause us to wonder and marvel. Who has not stopped at some point and just gazed at the night sky? It is said that the US President Franklin D Roosevelt used to take his guest out after dinner to look at the night sky. They would stare at the stars and then he would say: 'Now that we feel small enough, let us discuss our business.'

At the first Christmas it was a star that led the wise men to the baby Jesus. *'When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him.'* Christmas reminds us that Jesus is God's Son, our Saviour and our Lord. In the midst of all else that is happening may we make sure that we take time to wonder and to worship.

+ Peter Bath and Wells



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.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016

Dear Friends and Supporters

We are so grateful to all of you for your wonderful support throughout the year which enables us to continue to respond to the need of so many who come to our door. Some Churches are asking for our Christmas appeal in October so as to get it into their November Newsletters so we apologise for sending this so soon after Harvest! We continue to see people in various need including: single parent families, the elderly, the homeless, people living with addictions, refugees and asylum seekers & many who struggle on benefits or whose benefits have been delayed. Throughout 2015 we gave out 8,694 food parcels. Our special Christmas bags are a sign of God's love and the care of many churches & individuals in & around Bristol. We expect to give out bags to around 550 people this year, and are very grateful for each and every contribution towards them. We particularly need:

CHRISTMAS FOOD We are grateful for all food donations and at Christmas especially appreciate: **BOXES OF CHOCOLATES, FESTIVE BISCUITS, CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS, TINS OF HAM, MEAT OR SALMON, MINCE PIES, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE.** Please make sure all food items are in date for Christmas!

GIFTS FOR ADULTS We are especially asking for the following:

For Ladies: gloves, warm scarves, hand-cream and small toiletries

For Men: gloves, scarves, hats, socks and toiletries.

WRAPPING PAPER AND SELLOTAPE!

ARGOS VOUCHERS FOR CHILDREN

For the past two years we have asked for money donations for Argos vouchers, so that we could give a £10 voucher per child to all the families that we know are in need, and this was a huge success. Last year we gave out over 300 vouchers, and would like to be able to do the same this year.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDS

All donations are most welcome! As well as bulk buying of food throughout the year, we also some of our donated funds to top up gas and electricity meter keys for our most vulnerable callers and families, and we occasionally help out with household goods, babies' and children's items.

DELIVERY TIMES ARE MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY, 9.30-12.30am AND 2-3.30pm.

We welcome Christmas deliveries as early as you can bring them, and by December 5th if at all possible, to give us time to pack and hand out gifts.

We are so grateful to everyone who enables our ministry to continue. THANK YOU!

Sr Annaliese CSC

Sr Rosina CSC

Sr Teresa Mary CSC

Draycott Church will be taking Christmas food and presents to the Community of the Sisters of the Church on December 5th, for distribution in St Paul's, Bristol. Contributions welcome! (please bring to the church- NB. not children's toys)

NUMBER OF THREE-DAY EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS BY TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANKS



April - September 2016

519,342



Anti-poverty charity, The Trussell Trust, has just proposed a direct telephone line between foodbanks and local Department of Work and Pensions job centres – as it reveals that more than half a million emergency food parcels have been issued in the first six months of the year. This staggering number means that the foodbank network is on course to distribute the highest number of food parcels in its 12-year history during 2016-17. Their figures for the South West show that food bank use in this region is above the national average.

Between April and September 2016, Trussell Trust foodbanks across the UK distributed 519,342 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis compared to 506,369 during the same period last year. 188,584 of these went to children.

Benefit delays and changes have been the biggest reasons for foodbank use, accounting for forty-four per cent of referrals to Trussell Trust foodbanks (27.4 per cent benefit delay; 16.6 per cent benefit changes). In response the charity is calling for a hotline to each foodbank's local Job Centre Plus.

Low income was the second largest cause of a crisis, accounting for nearly one in four of all referrals to Trussell Trust foodbanks, driven by problems such as low pay, insecure work or rising costs.

Benefice Events



All children and carers welcome
Sunday 4 December 2016
Sunday 21 January 2017
2-30—4.00 pm
Cheddar Village Hall
(aka Church House Cheddar)

Christingle Services

4.00 pm Sunday 4 December St Andrew's Cheddar

11.15 am Sunday 11 December St Leonard's

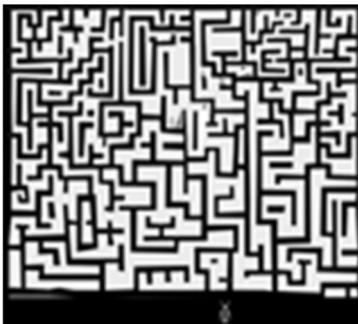
Rodney Stoke

All children and carers welcome



With its origins in the Moravian Church, and popularised in the UK by The Children's Society as a fund raiser, every child receives the gift of a Christingle, reminding us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" In this wonderful moment, in the darkened church, the visual symbol of the Christingle expresses the truth that in the darkness of the world there shines a great light.

'Moral Mazes'— examining the issues of today'



Benefice Study Group re-starts

**8pm Tues 17 Jan, Thurs 26 Jan and
more dates to be announced**

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Tricia's Pantry

Chill December brings the sleet, blazing fire, and Christmas treat.

Recent days have not seen the first time Americans were mad as hell and not going to take it anymore.



Needing to pay for an enlarged Empire, Britain had already raised taxes on sugar and other commodities. By 1765, the Stamp Act levied taxes on items from pamphlets to playing cards. It was the first direct tax on the American colonies, but boycotts and intimidation towards tax collectors rendered it unenforceable. Americans resented not so much the tax, but its imposition without American representation in Parliament. The Act was repealed, though Parliament still asserted its right to tax. Distrust grew. In 1770, a British redcoat was clubbed and five civilians killed after clashes in Boston. The redcoats's acquittal increased suspicion. Attempting to deescalate, Parliament removed all colonial taxes save a token levy on tea.

On December 16, 1773, three British tea ships lay at anchor for their third week in Boston, a resistance group, the Sons of Liberty, having prevented their unloading. Equally, the British governor refused to let the ships leave until the tax was paid. Regulations held the ships must either unload or depart within twenty days. Time was up. After a public meeting of 7000, over a hundred men, some dressed in Mohawk costumes, stormed the ships. In three hours, enough tea to fill eighteen million teabags, worth almost two million dollars, was dumped into Boston harbour. Even moderate British Parliamentarians balked. Boston port was closed, Massachusetts government restricted, trials involving British officials removed from local jurisdiction, and permission given for British troops to appropriate lodgings as necessary. Within a year, an American government in waiting had met for the first time.

Amongst the Boston uprising's namesakes is the modern Tea Party movement, a populist insurrection which channelled political frustration into electoral success for the modern Republican party. The phenomenon contributed directly to Donald Trump's election, for which there is no more fitting comment than the reflection of Boston Tea Party advocate and American revolutionary John Adams on the events of 1773:

"The People should never rise, without doing something to be remembered — something notable and striking."

Tricia and Murray Heckbert



Blow away all your post Christmas blues

A seasonal feast of favourite music. Nicola and Barry are now being joined by special guests Amy Carson and Tim Dickinson who are

'fresh from the Barbican, Glyndebourne and London's Queen Elizabeth Hall'

**7.30pm 29 December
Draycott Church**

Tickets: £10 from Draycott Post Office
or Thea Oliver (01934 744739)

October Concert by Helena Paish and Barry Rose.

We are quite used to hearing concerts of fine music in our churches, and we are so grateful to those who come to fire our imaginations with their musical talent. The Sunday afternoon concert in Draycott on 23 October was given by one of Barry Rose's pupils, 14 year old soprano Helena Paish, and her programme was a very varied one.

It's always good to include some well-known items together with a few pieces completely unknown. We were given old favourites – "I could have danced all night" and "Count your blessings" – along with folk songs and some beautiful songs by Purcell, Schumann and Britten. Christmas will soon be here, so our appetites were whetted by some seasonal songs, "Walking in the air" and "O Holy Night" among them.



Perhaps the highlight of the programme was the first UK performance of a song-cycle written by Barry for a children's choir in America, "Songs for Grace": sweet and direct, and incidentally showing our church organ at its best.

Helena's voice and performance were a delight throughout this demanding concert, and very much appreciated by the audience, who had come from the neighbouring villages as well as from Draycott. There are CDs available which include much of the music sung. Contact Barry or the churchwardens if you would like a reminder of this lovely occasion.

David Cheetham

Music Matters

Tis the season to be jolly....!!



'So wrote Thomas Oliphant back in 1862 when he first published his poem *Deck the halls with boughs of Holly*. In keeping with the best early dance-like carols, he used a cheerful tune (the catchy 16th Century Welsh melody *Nos Galan*), and as you read this I wouldn't be at all surprised if you're already singing it to yourself.



Now imagine the stillness and more measured pace of the tunes to *Away in a manger*, or *In the Bleak Midwinter*, and you'll have a small summary of the huge range of musical styles and emotions that Christmas carols and hymns have embraced over the past centuries.

We all have our favourites (mine still remains the timeless text of *It came upon the midnight clear*), and I've no doubt you will sing one or more of yours over the Christmas period - or hear them sung, either at the Draycott Carol Service on Sunday, 18th December (4.00 pm), or at the traditional Christmas Eve Carols at Rodney Stoke.

We are fortunate to have a choir at both occasions, and they will be singing some specially chosen items. At Draycott, the words and music will span four centuries – ranging from the jolly and effervescent English version of Samuel Scheidt's *Ein Kind geboren zu Bethlehem* to John Rutter's own 1989 words and music *Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem*.

If you don't yet know either of these, you'll instantly recognise *O Holy Night*. It's hard to believe that the words (originally in French) owe their origin to a local Jewish wine merchant in the remote small village of Roquemaure in the South of France, where it was first sung in the Catholic church at the Christmas Midnight Mass of 1847. Somehow, the composer Adolphe Adam had been persuaded to write the music, and his melody is now known around the world, recorded by several hundred artistes, from famous opera singers to pop-stars. Come and hear it for yourself on 18th December. We look forward to seeing you there.

Barry Rose

Bryan Hathaway *Parish Portrait No.35*

Bryan is well known, not only in Draycott but further afield for his work until his retirement earlier this year as Chairman and Caretaker of the excellent Draycott Memorial Hall. His offer after its opening in 2001 to be Caretaker was to ensure it was kept pristine and he believes much of the Hall's popularity is due to attention to cleanliness throughout the building. A keen Ballroom Dancer, Bryan knew the value of a good wooden floor and was dedicated to keeping it in immaculate condition. His advice on cleaning and maintenance has been sought by other halls throughout the county.

As someone who came to Draycott at the age of 18 months in the early 1930s, he is not strictly a native but has lived in the village almost all his life. Born in Paulton on the North Somerset coal field, his father was a miner who did not want his son to



go down the pit. Until the family moved he cycled across the Mendips on a daily basis from Paulton to Cheddar to the concrete works. Bryan attended the primary school in Draycott and secondary school in Cheddar. He did not try for a place at the Blue School in Wells as that meant not getting home until 4.40 p.m. on the train and missing out on playing time!

After undertaking an apprenticeship with the old firm of Clare's in Wells, Bryan worked there until the late 70s with a break for National Service. This involved active service in Korea for a year. He recalls the cold winter; the troops being instructed not to remove their boots as they would freeze. After Korea he was taken to Japan to wait for 6 weeks to be repatriated by boat but, along with a fellow Somerset soldier, he volunteered to escort equipment back to Korea. On return to Japan the boat had gone, but they flew with released prisoners of war to Hong Kong where they enjoyed the festivities put on for the POWs, finally catching up with the boat in Singapore but not before enjoying two days sightseeing!

Bryan recalls this story with the twinkle in his eye that is there when he talks about his past and present. He regards himself as lucky and someone who has been able to lead a full and active life.

Work at Clare's became scarce so Bryan left and was employed at the paper mill in Haybridge for 13 years, alternating 13 hour day and night shifts. He retired from there in 1998 just in time to take on the Hall project! Bryan is not completely retired now and still does some occasional work for a local funeral director.

Bryan met his wife Jean in the queue at the then thriving cinema in Cheddar. She bought his ticket and they sat next to each other which led to Bryan cycling frequently, often in the dark, over the Levels to Blackford, where Jean lived and they were married at the church there in 1954. After a brief period in Henton they came to live in Draycott, moving to their current home shortly after and they have been there ever since.

On the day of my chat with Bryan, he and Jean were preparing to spend the weekend in Dawlish where Bryan would be able to pursue his love of dancing. He usually manages a dancing event once a month and although Jean is no longer able to dance, she always accompanies him and they have made many friends through this hobby.

As if having a demanding job, being a Parish Councillor, dancing and raising 3 sons was not enough Bryan spent 34 years as a Special Constable, working mainly an 8 hour shift on Saturday nights. This was often in Wells but also many other places, at events such as the Carnival but also coping with serious incidents. Bryan was a Section Officer with the Specials and received a number of police medals for his service.

Bryan and Jean's family has expanded so that there are now five grandchildren and one great grandchild. The family all live locally and are very supportive. His youngest grandson has just started University and the great granddaughter was born this September just missing Jean's birthday by 4 hours.

Bryan says he likes to have a bit of fun and feels there is too much seriousness in the world. He feels very fortunate but is aware that life is not so good for others. His wife does not enjoy such good health and he is saddened that there are not local jobs for people nowadays with so many having to commute long distances for work.

Meeting Bryan is a tonic and he would brighten up any dull day! *SMW*



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Tuesday December 13th at Sealey Close, Draycott at 3.00pm
Speak directly to Linda Vincent our PCSO .

Draycott Coming Events

Everyone welcome

Posada 2016



Mary & Joseph & the donkey are already on their journey around the Benefice but there are still some spare dates available so if you have not signed up yet & would like to host them (they quite quiet, tend to be very good listeners and don't eat much). Please sign up in Church or speak to Thea (01934 744739).

POSADA PRAYER

*May God bless you as you prepare for Christmas.
May your Advent journey be filled with hope, joy and
the light of Christ Jesus. Amen*

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017 from The Supporters of St Peter's (SOSP)

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support fundraising not only for the continued refurbishment & upkeep of our village Church but also the Charities we support. We look forward to welcoming friends, old & new, to our monthly Coffee & Cake mornings on the first Saturday of every month, when we enjoy friendship, fellowship, good coffee/tea and, of course, excellent cake!!

Events planned for 2017 include Lent Soup Lunch, Jumble sale, Treasure Hunt, "meet a Hedgehog" evening, Michaelmas Fayre and more Curry Nights! Please watch this space in the magazine and posters around the village for details.

Please put these dates in your diaries, come along to join to have fun & fellowship & raise money for the good causes that we support.

Saturday 3 December 10.30am to 1.30 pm Coffee & Cake with craft stalls followed by our now traditional **Advent Soup Lunch**

Sunday 11 December 4pm Carol Singing at "The Laurels" (*please contact Thea 744739 to join us at The Laurels*)

Sunday 11 December 6.30pm Carol Singing at The Strawberry Special

Friday 16 December 7pm Carol Singing at The Cider Barn

Saturday 7 January 2017 Coffee & Cake resumes 10.30am to 12pm

These are all in addition to the Christmas services held in St Peter's Church. You are all welcome to join us on Christmas morning at 10am to celebrate Jesus' birth at an all-age family worship in St Peter's Church.

What's on in Rodney Stoke
Come and join us



**Christmas Eve
Carols by Candlelight**

6:30 pm Saturday 24 December

St Leonard's Church
Rodney Stoke

with the combined choirs of
St Peter's and St Leonard's

Come & help decorate Rodney Stoke's village Christmas tree in the Pound by the bus stop with carol singing; followed by 'bring and share' refreshment at Newell Farm
Saturday 10 December at 5.00 pm



Rodney Stoke Carol Singing 19 & 20 December

Meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at
6.00pm

Proceeds to Children's Hospice South
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Joint Plough Sunday Service with Priddy

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Date in January to be announced





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Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe



As Joseph was a-Walking

As Joseph was a-walking
He heard an Angel sing:
"This night shall be the birth night
Of Christ our Heavenly King;

"His birth-bed shall be neither
In housen nor in hall,
Nor in the place of Paradise,
But in an ox's stall.

"He neither shall be clothed
In purple nor in pall;
But in the fair white linen
That usen babies all.

"He neither shall be rocked,
In silver nor in gold;
But in a wooden cradle
That lieth on the mould;

"He neither shall be christen'd
In white wine nor in red;
But with the fair spring water,
With which we were christened."
Charles Kingsley

6oz/175g short-crust pastry
4oz/100g plain flour
½tsp ground cinnamon
½tsp ground ginger
½tsp grated nutmeg
2oz/50g butter
6tbsp black treacle
1 egg lightly beaten
½tsp baking powder
½pint/150ml whipping cream
Crystallised ginger to decorate

Shoo-fly Pie



1. Preheat oven to Gas7, 220°C.
2. Roll out pastry to fit 8in flan ring. Chill. Sieve flour & spices into bowl. Rub in fat to resemble fine bread crumbs. Stir in sugar.
3. Blend treacle with 120ml boiling water. Mix together egg & baking powder, then beat in treacle. Pour into pastry case. Top with flour mixture & bake for 10 mins. Reduce oven temperature to Gas 4/180°C. Bake for 30 mins until firm. Cool.
4. Whip cream until peaking. Spoon evenly around top of pie. Decorate with ginger.

Services in December 2016

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
4th December	10am Patronal Festival Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Advent 2	4pm Christingle		
11th December	10am Parish Communion	9.30am 2nd Sunday Service	11.15am Christingle
Advent 3			
18th December	8am BCP Communion	4pm Carol Service	11.15am Parish Communion
Advent 4	10am Parish Communion		
	6pm Carols		
24th December	4pm Crib Service	11.30pm Holy Communion	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Holy Communion		
25th December	8am BCP Communion	10am Family Service	9am Parish Communion
Christmas Day	10am Family Communion		

Sunday Services in January 2017

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
1st January	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Naming of Jesus			
8th January	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion
Epiphany			
15th January	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Epiphany 2	10am Parish Communion		
22nd January	8am BCP Communion		11.15am Matins
Epiphany 3	9am Cheddar & Draycott Breakfast Service		
29th January	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am New Beginnings
Presentation of Jesus	10am Parish Communion		Family Service

Readings

	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
4th December	72,1-7	Romans 15,4-13	Matthew 3,1-12
11th December	146,4-10	James 5,7-10	Matthew 11,2-11
18th December	80,1-8	Romans 1,1-7	Matthew 1,18-end
25th December	98	Hebrews 1,1-4	John 1,1-14
1st January	8	Galatians 4,4-7	Luke 2,15-21
8th January	72,10-15	Ephesians 3,1-12	Matthew 2,1-12
15th January	40,1-12	1 Corinthians 1,1-9	John 1,29-42
22nd January	27,1,4-12	1 Corinthians 1,10-18	Matthew 4,12-23
29th January	24,7-end	Hebrews 2,14-end	Luke 2,22-40

Regular Weekly Events in December

Monday	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
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)
	10am	Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 nd Weds at 11.30)
	10am-12pm	Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall
Thursday	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	7.30pm	Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
Friday	10-11.30am	St Andrew's Toddlers Cheddar Village Hall (term time)
	6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Cheddar
	10-11.30am	Rector available for drop-ins in the Den (except 1st Saturday)

December Diary 2016			
Thur 1	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
Fri 2	5.30pm	Cheddar Festive Night Service	St Andrew's
Sat 3	9-11am	St Andrew's Christmas Fair	Village Hall
	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake & Soup Lunch Inc. Christmas tree festiva	St Peter's
Sun 4	2.30pm	Messy Church	St Andrew's
Tue 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 7	7.45pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den
Sun 11	4pm	Carols at the Laurels	Draycott
	6.30pm	Carols at The Strawberry Special	Draycott
Tue 13	10am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	2pm	Messy Church Planning	Den
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 14	10am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	11.30am	Mothers' Union Communion	St Andrew's
Thur 15	10.30am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	6.45pm	Rotary Carol Service	St Peter's
Fri 16	9am	Early Birds Play Group	St Andrew's
Mon 19	7.30pm	Cheddar Court Carol Service	Cheddar
Tue 20	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 21	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
January Diary 2017			
Tue 3	10.30am	Greenhill Commuion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	MU AGM	Cheddar
Wed 4	7.15pm	Cheddar PCC	Den
Thur 5	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
Sat 7	10.30am	SOSP Coffee & Cake	St Peter's
Tue 10	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 11	11.30am	Mothers' Union Communion	St Andrew's
	12.15pm	LMG Meeting	Den
Tue 17	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 18	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7.45pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den
Thur 19	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 21	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
Wed 25	10am	Healing Communion	Cheddar
Tue 31	2.30pm	FOSA Committee Meeting	Den



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December 2016 Rotas				
DRAYCOTT	4	11	18	24
			4pm Carols	11.30pm
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	J Jeffries	A Jeffries
Intercessor	G Jeff	C Green		T Oliver
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	B Rose	B Rose
Readers	T Oliver	A Robinson	TBA	A Jeffries
	L Whittle	J Jeffries		C Green
Coffee	C Jeff	T Lumley	All hands	
Cleaning	T Heckbert	P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley
		C Jeff		
Flowers	Advent	Advent	Advent	All hands
RODNEY STOKE				Carols
Sidesman	D Banks	S Percival	C Neave	A Newman
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry
Reader 1	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	
Reader 2	A Newman	D Banks	I Turner	
Cleaning		F Pitman		
		J Drane		
Flowers A	Advent	Advent	Advent	D Johnson
Flowers P				M James

January 2017 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT	1	8	15	22	29
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	L Whittle	C Jeff	
Intercessor	A Jeffries	G Jeff	T Oliver	C Green	
Organist	B Rose	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	D Cheetham	
Readers	T Lumley	M Heckbert	G Dury	J Jeffries	
	R Dingley	A Robinson	L Whittle	G Dury	
Coffee	C Jeff	T Heckbert	F Irving	T Lumley	
Cleaning	T Heckbert	P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley	
		C Jeff			
Flowers	Christmas	G Salt	G Salt	E Rose	E Rose
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	T Symes	A Percival	A Newman	D Banks	
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry	Joanne
Reader 1	H Neave	D Banks	I Turner	A Percival	
Reader 2	A Newman	S Percival	A Newman	D Banks	
Cleaning	D Johnson		J Newman		A Percival
	J Holmes		K Peercival		
Flowers A	Christmas	A Percival	A Percival	V Andrews	V Andrews
Flowers P		L Davey	L Davey	J Salmon	J Salmon

FROM THE REGISTERS:

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