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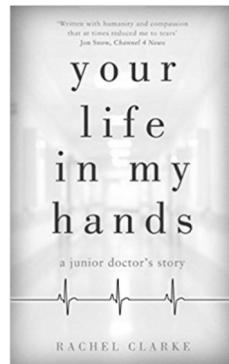
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## 'your life in my hands – a junior doctor's story'\*

This is an important book about today's NHS written from the sharp-end perspective of an experienced, but still 'junior', hospital doctor. It is not for the squeamish or the romantic but it is full of humanity, kindness and not a little hope. And it makes you think.

Above all the book describes the daily experiences of Junior Hospital doctors from the day they graduate until they become part of the backbone of NHS hospital medicine many years later. It has the ring of truth from beginning to end too. Indeed, it was just like listening, sometimes almost word for word, to our daughter Lucy as she struggled to describe her own lonely baptisms of fire before progressing to the daunting responsibilities of up to forty admissions a night working in an over-stretched inner-city hospital.



It was also very good at describing the occasional joys and highs – the things that keep Junior Doctors going. I remember our daughter saying how she had been given a very testing 'hard time' by the examiner on the practical side of one of her Membership exams. Out of the blue the 'exam question' – an 'old school' Glaswegian grannie - could contain herself no longer and rounded on the examiner 'Will you just shut up and let the wee lassie get out a word. She is doing right fine just now'.

All that said, I somehow doubt this volume will feature on the holiday reading list of Jeremy Hunt or any other member of the ministerial team at the Department of Health. Is it not true that 'change happens when those who do not usually speak out are heard by those who do not usually listen'? It would give Ministers little comfort for sure but that would be a small price for them to pay for hearing some real home truths based on hard-won front-line experience.

A word of warning – this book is a compelling page turner. I sat down with it just after 8pm and finally finished just before dawn. It would be about ideal for a flight to Los Angeles or the train to Inverness. If you would like to borrow my copy, give me a shout!

*Rob Walker*

*\*'your life in my hands' Rachel Clarke Metro Books (2017) ISBN 978 1 78606 451 6*

## Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop of Jerusalem

*The Samaritan “bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’” (Luke 10:34-35)*



The story of the Good Samaritan is one that is a guide to Christians across the globe as to how we can be neighbours for those who need us, whoever she or he may be; and it is relevant in our approach to how we as individuals and communities welcome and care for refugees. It is with this in mind that I write, aware of the extraordinary work that ordinary men and women in our diocese\* are doing in caring for refugees from Syria and Iraq. The refugee crisis is serious – very serious – and demands that we respond with compassion and care for people who have faced untold horrors, and who have had to leave their martyrs behind.

As refugees seek sanctuary, we as Christians are challenged to open our doors and share what we have with strangers. If we cannot for whatever reason share our house, then we must share our gifts and our resources. We must share what we have.

Hospitality is one of the hallmarks of this diocese: for centuries we have shown hospitality to pilgrims, to people who went on their way “sometimes not knowing whither they would come”, but seeking an expression of the Kingdom of God, as Abraham did. On other occasions and throughout history the churches of the region extended hospitality to the thousands of people forced to leave their homes for an unknown destination. During the past one hundred years there were Circassian refugees from Russia, Armenians from Turkey, Jews from Europe, refugees from Palestine, Iraq, Sudan, and many other places. Now our challenge is to show hospitality to yet another traveller, refugees and migrants from Syria.

At the moment Jordan welcomes some 1.25 million Syrians, 300,000 Iraqis, 400,000 Egyptians, 100,000 Libyans and 50,000 Yemenis. In Irbid (Northern Jordan) there are 250,000 refugees; and in the refugee camp of Zaatari’s on the Syrian border there are some 120,000 people who live in tents and caravans. Places that were once desert are now large towns, which require infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, electricity and water, shops and roads, and much more.

*Suheil Dawani, Archbishop of Jerusalem*

## Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells

In a magazine recently I read about a distance learning course being offered by St. John's College in Nottingham specifically for Church Administrators. It combines study alongside working, takes about 18 months, and leads to a Certificate in Christian Studies. Those who have completed the course speak of how not only has it transformed their way of working, but how it changed the way others within the church perceived them and the work that they do. I found that really encouraging.



All churches are dependent on the skills, gifts and talents of church members offering their time and expertise to help build up the Church. Valuing, appreciating and developing those God-given gifts is so important. When Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth he said; 'Now to each one has been given the Spirit's gifts for the good of.all.'. He then goes on to give examples of those gifts. He mentions prophecy and healing, preaching and teaching, leadership and tongues and many others. But tucked away in that list of gifts and ministries we read that God has appointed people with the ability 'to help others and those with gifts of administration' ( 1Corinthians Chapter 12) Administrators are mentioned in the same list as apostles, miracle workers and prophets.

Although as anyone who has ever been involved in Church work knows administrators often are 'miracle workers' ensuring that all the necessary administrative tasks of the church are done efficiently and effectively. The word Paul uses for 'administrator' is the same word that is used for a pilot of a ship, whose task it is to steer the ship safely through the rocks and the shoals to the harbour. Administrators seldom stand in the limelight, they work in the background and shoulder the routine but essential work on which everything else depends.

We don't always know who counts the collection, produces the service sheets, takes the minutes, or staples the church magazine together. But God knows and without all those people the mission of the church would not go forward as it does. Hurrah for administrators. *Peter Hancock Bishop of Bath and Wells*

*\*The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a diocese of the worldwide Anglican Communion, includes Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, within the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. There are 27 parishes centred on the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr, in Jerusalem. The diocese supports 35 institutions including hospitals, clinics, kindergartens, schools, vocational training programmes, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly, reaching out to interfaith neighbours in mutual respect and cooperation.*

## Benefice Events and Notices

### Free Benefice Holiday Club 'Pirates Ahoy!'



St Andrew's Holiday Club this year will be looking at the adventures of St. Paul through games, craft and storytelling on a Treasure Island. Holiday Club is free and takes place in Cheddar Village Hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm, each day from Tuesday 29 August to Saturday 2 September. All children aged 5 to 12 are very welcome.

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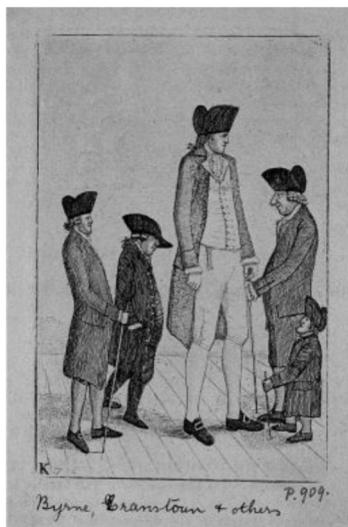


## Was there ever really a Giant of Rodney Stoke?

Once in a while, as editor of this magazine, you get a bit of a surprise.

About a month ago, I got just such a phone call. The nub of it was that the caller, as a boy, had lived in Rodney Stoke and the churchyard had been his playground. He described a cutting from the Glastonbury thorn that flowered every Christmas near the gate to the former vicarage. He went on to say that he had a secret that had been troubling him.

In 1951-53 or thereabouts the sexton of Rodney Stoke, whose wife was the school keeper in Draycott, had come into his mother's kitchen visibly shaken and white as a sheet, then sat down, demanding a glass of brandy or something equally reviving. He then told my caller's father that he had been digging a grave and, as must be a regular happening in ancient burial grounds, had uncovered some human remains but that they were very unusual indeed. My informant and his father then followed the Sexton past the church to a spot on the field side about 5 yards from the apex of the plot. There the Sexton had uncovered the skeleton of a very tall man between 7' 6" and 8' tall as measured by the Sexton's boot. There was then some discussion between the Sexton and my caller's father, the upshot of which was that the remains were covered over and left in place as was the sexton's usual practice. My caller was then sworn to absolute secrecy.



It is quite a tale. The caller is real enough and was for a time in the same class at The Blue School as my wife. The phone number he gave me always goes to voicemail and my messages are not returned. Alan Rowntree, our local historian, is unaware of any folk memory or tale about a giant in these parts and at that height he would have been highly unusual to say the least. Charles Byrne, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Irish Giant was 7' 7" tall according to the skeletal evidence (but 8' 4" according to his contemporary publicity material) while Angus MacAskill, the tallest ever native-born Briton (1825) was reputed to be 7' 9".

Can anyone shed any light on the mystery?

*Rob Walker*

## Tricia's Pantry

*"In August summer still yields The sun shines to no regret  
Wind sauntering 'til sunset "*



Born in August, 1866, the young Maryland landsman might not have been the obvious candidate for what he would undertake.

He was orphaned young and raised by relatives, with some accounts stating he was treated cruelly and ran away at eleven. With little education, he worked in kitchens and on merchant ships to make his way. And in a hat store, where an American navy lieutenant came across him and liked what he saw. The lad worked hard and knew something of the sea, and, spirited away, he proved his worth on a surveying voyage to Nicaragua. The lieutenant would thereafter sail with no other as his second.

Their attention soon turned away from the tropics towards the frozen north. The lieutenant was Robert Peary, and his goal no less than the frozen pole. By his side Matthew Henson became adept at mushing dogsleds, translating Inuit, trading among the locals, building igloos to keep the winter blast at bay. Peary, with a large party, built several supply caches before deciding to race to the pole. Henson was one of six selected for the final run in 1909, and there is evidence that he arrived at the pole first, Peary having been held back by illness or frostbite.

But it was Peary who would take the glory. Henson was black. Within a year, as Peary rose to the rank of rear admiral, Henson was working parking cars in New York, largely overlooked. He later worked as a messenger in a customs house before his death in 1955. Some recognition came by the end of his life. President Truman saluted him, Henson was made a member of the exclusive Explorer's Club, which took only twenty new members a year. President Eisenhower mentioned Henson in an executive citation, and honorary degrees followed. But it was all slow in coming.

In April 1988, following a petition to President Reagan, Henson was reinterred near Peary at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington. His memorial names him co-discoverer of the North Pole, the inscription noting his efforts an "exemplification of courage, fortitude and patriotism."

*Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

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## Music Matters

### Summer Serenade – a view from the audience



What a wonderful, varied and enjoyable evening was had by those who were fortunate enough to attend the Summer Serenade in celebration of St. Peter's Day! If you missed such a treat be sure to make a note of the future concerts to be held in aid of the fund for next year's restoration of the organ.

The programme began with Eric Coates' The Dam Busters March and I was amazed at the varied tones and volume Barry obtained from such a small organ of just two key-boards and 13 stops! He did tell me afterwards that he might play it again on the Wells Cathedral organ during his lunch-time concert at 1pm on Thursday August 10th. But no promises!

The programme continued with items by Ruth Ames-White accompanied by Ian; gems from Handel, his Adagio and Allegro, John Denver's Annie's Song and Tambourin by F. J. Gossec as well as Edward McDowell's 'To a Wild Rose' – not a reference to Barry!

Sandwiched in between were some glorious tenor solos beautifully sung for us by Oscar Golden-Lee. In the first half we heard songs set by Benjamin Britain and Ralph Vaughan Williams as well as A Song of Peace, a biblical text set to music by the Irish composer Charles V. Stanford. His choices in the second half were in a more romantic mood of love. His first pair were 'Orpheus with his lute' by Edward German, followed by 'O Mistress Mine, by Roger Quilter, then towards the end of the concert he sang the plaintiff appeal from Arthur Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance 'Oh, is there not one maiden breast', finishing with a tender rendition of 'Jeanie with the light-brown hair' by Stephen Foster. What a pity he is moving on from Wells Cathedral to Lincoln in September as it would have been great to hear him sing again in St. Peter's.

The concert ended with J. S. Bach's famous Fugue in D Minor played on three, yes, I do mean three, keyboards – organ, piano and harpsicord. A wonderful finale to a great evening from our trio of organists. Barry and David will be giving us another treat on 28 July with Eleanor and Alice Coton of Cheddar while the Rose's Christmas concert will be held on 28 December . See you there!

*Richard Dingley*

## Judith Rose *Parish Portrait No.41*

*“When I am an old woman I shall **not** wear purple”.*

This was Judith’s deliberate misquote of Jenny Joseph’s poem at the Church of England General Synod in 2000 on presentation of a successful motion for a study on the appointment of female bishops. As one of the first tranche of women clergy to be ordained, after 28 years of working for the Church and often fulfilling roles for which she was technically ineligible as a woman, Judith is the quintessential pioneer who breaks new ground for others to follow.

Coming to Cheddar on retirement Judith brought a wealth of experience first to St Andrew’s and then to the Benefice. As she says, retired clergy can be a pain to an incumbent but Judith’s insight shows that she has the sensitivity to avoid that trap and be an enormous asset, not least during the vacancy.

Born in London, Judith came to Wedmore as a very young child with her mother to stay with her father’s family and escape wartime bombs. Her father, an electrical engineer came from Wookey Hole. His desire was to be a farmer but not coming from a farming background he settled for a house in Cocklake with a large garden where chickens, ducks, lambs and a pony were kept. He mainly worked away and came home at weekends. Judith inherited his love of farming and left school at 16 to attend Cannington Farm Institute before returning to the family home where she tried to turn her father’s hobby into a going concern.

After three years hard work, hand milking and no profit she decided that she should pursue further training. As the eldest of four, no more family funds were available for this but at 21 she secured a grant and obtained a Diploma in Dairying which was followed by a job with the Ministry of Agriculture inspecting dairy farms in Cornwall.

Judith describes the shift in her Christian belief as like moving from B&W to colour TV. She had always been a church member but at college started to ask more questions of what it meant for her. It was a transition that ultimately led her to leave her secure Civil Service job and train as a Parish/Lay Worker. At the time this was all that was open to women in the church and she was not sure that it was for her – her image was of older women with a certain style of dress! The training was inspirational and she emerged with a Diploma in Theology. Her first job was in Swindon where she had a mainly pastoral role visiting parishioners, training Sunday school teachers then later taking services. After 5 years she wanted to

study more theology, but had no A Levels and no money for a 3 year degree. Somehow funds were found and she emerged with a London External Degree 20 years after leaving school.

The next seven years were spent in Leeds as a Parish Worker, part of a team serving a city centre church which ministered to students, professionals and academics as well as the dispossessed. It was challenging. She became a Deaconess but after Ministry for 14 years opportunities were limited. These were frustrating times for many of the church's able and dedicated women for there was no career ladder. Judith



however just kept going! Her path took her next to Bradford where she became Chaplain of the Cathedral, essentially acting as Vicar to the regular congregation while the Provost worked in the city and the diocese.

The move to Kent brought great changes for the church and for Judith. In 1987 women were allowed to become Deacons, and she then became the Reverend Judith Rose. As part of a team in a very big

parish with 4 churches she worked on a large housing estate and was effectively a team Vicar in fact if not in law! She was appointed the Rural Dean of Gillingham, while still a Deacon - the first female Rural Dean in the Church of England. In 1990 she was then invited by the Bishop of Rochester to be Bishop's Chaplain and ordained to the priesthood in 1994. Soon after this she became the very first female Archdeacon in the Church of England. Even this was not immediately official as Church law was being updated to make provision for women in Judith's position to become Archdeacons.

The major personal change for Judith was marrying her husband David in 1991. They lived in Tunbridge Wells when she was Archdeacon of Tonbridge. He was a widower with two teenage daughters. Sadly David died suddenly in 2000, two years before Judith retired. The return to the West Country had been their plan. Judith has two sisters living locally, so she came back to her roots and settled in Cheddar where she has made an enormous contribution to the Benefice with her wisdom, wry smile and great good humour.

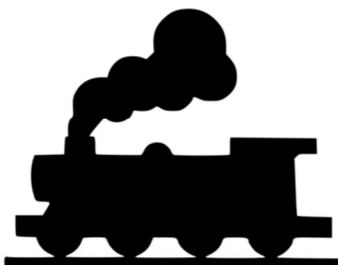
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Coming Events

***Memories of the Cheddar Valley Branch***

**Railway DVD filmed in the 1950s/1960s &  
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***St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke  
15 September @ 7.00 pm  
and  
St Peter's, Draycott  
29 September @ 7.00 pm***

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## Stoke Camp steals the Show

It was great to see that the rejuvenation of the Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury has been completed and that it has been properly re-opened with Royals and all. It was even better to discover that a specially commissioned panoramic painting (71cmx334cm) '*Looking South from Stoke Camp*' by James Lynch is at the very heart of the new museum display and well worth a visit in its own right. Draycott and Rodney Stoke are in the middle ground and the vista goes seemingly to infinity with an ever-changing sky. The picture above does it no justice at all.

James Lynch, who was born in Wiltshire and now works in Somerset, is one of the country's leading landscape painters. He makes and uses egg tempura paint on a bright gesso ground which gives his work an other-worldly luminosity echoing Eric Ravilious or even, to me, Paul Nash.

Suffice it to say, it was easily worth the trip, and certainly the admission charge, to discover the picture. The rest of the museum is very good too as an added bonus.

Our only regret was the demise of the old Friend's Tea Stall. Its outside seating under the trees, memorable lunches with those ample chunks of real cheddar cheese with proper chutney and its fulsome wedges of real home-made cakes are no more. We used to 'park' my mother-in-law under the trees for lunch together, then take ourselves off for a walk up the Tor or around the town before returning to share tea and cake. Meanwhile she enjoyed her chats with the Friends.

*Rob Walker*

## What's on in Rodney Stoke

**St Leonard's Church  
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Welcome to our  
Harvest Festival Service  
Sunday 24 September  
at 6pm  
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## Coming SOSP Events

*Everyone welcome*

### SOSP WILDLIFE TALK

**St Peters Church 7 pm Friday 15 September**

However you know them, hedgehog, hedgepig, Mrs Tiggywinkle, hedgehogs are one of the most popular of our native British wildlife. All of us can identify a picture of a hedgehog but only one in five of us has ever seen one in the garden; that's because they're so endangered. It's estimated that hedgehogs in the wild will be extinct by 2025 unless we help them. Fortunately our local hedgehogs have their own rescue centre right on their doorstep. The St Peters Wildlife Talk this year will be hosting an expert from Prickles Hedgehog Rescue in Cheddar to dispel some myths about these lovely creatures and tell us how we can help them. **Entry by donation**

### SOSP BBQ at Valley's Edge Saturday 19 August

Join us with Janette & Kevin Vining from 6 to 9pm for an evening of music, quizzes, games, BBQ fare including veggie alternatives!

Tickets £2 a head (including your first food item) in advance from SOSP committee or Draycott Post Office or on the night!



### SOSP First Saturday Coffee & Cake mornings

**in August and September**

Just for your information we are delighted to announce that there will be a wedding in St Peter's on the first Saturday of August. We will continue to meet for coffee & cake but we will be finishing a little earlier at 11.30am ready to help set the Church up for this Wedding. September back to usual. Please feel free to just drop in & try it out. Don't worry if you have difficulty getting to St Peter's: we can pick you up so if you would like a lift just contact one of us:

Thea 744739, Karen 01749 870067, Janette 744945.



## Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

### Trees

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree

*Alfred Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)*



### Watermelon & feta salad

**700g watermelon**  
**1small red onion**  
**180g feta cheese**  
**1 bunch fresh mint**  
**Extra virgin olive oil**

1. Scoop out & chop the watermelon flesh into chunks, discarding the peel.
2. Peel & finely slice the onion, crumble the feta, then pick the mint leaves, tearing any larger ones.
3. Place it all in a bowl & combine. Drizzle over a little oil & season with black pepper.



### Sunday Services in August and September

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
<b>6th August</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Trinity 8</b>	10am Morning Prayer		
<b>13th August</b>	10am Parish Communion	9.30am 2nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
<b>Trinity 9</b>			
<b>20th August</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Trinity 10</b>	10am Parish Communion		
<b>27th August</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mattins
<b>Trinity 11</b>	10am Parish Communion		
<b>3rd September</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Trinity 12</b>	10am Holiday Club Service		
<b>10th September</b>	10am Parish Communion	9.30am 2nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
<b>Trinity 13</b>			
<b>17th September</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
<b>Trinity 14</b>	9am Breakfast Service		
<b>24th September</b>	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	6pm Harvest Service
<b>Trinity 15</b>	10am Parish Communion		

### Readings August & September 2017

	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
<b>6th August Trinity 8</b>	97	2 Peter 1: 16-19	Luke 9:28-36
<b>13th August Trinity 9</b>	85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
<b>20th August Trinity 10</b>	67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
<b>27th August Trinity 11</b>	138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
<b>3rd September Trinity 12</b>	26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Matthew 16:21-end
<b>10th September Trinity 13</b>	119:33-40	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Matthew 18:15-20
<b>17th September Trinity 14</b>	103:8-13	Genesis 50:15-21	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>24th September Trinity 15</b>	145:1-8	Jonah 3:10-end of 4	Matthew 20:1-16

### Regular Weekly Events in August and September

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	7.45pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
<b>Tuesday</b>	8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am	Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Service in Church (term time only)
	10am	Holy Communion, Cheddar (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds at 11.30)
	10am-12pm	Strawberry Tots, Draycott Memorial Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	7.30pm	Bell ringing, Rodney Stoke
<b>Friday</b>	10-11.30am	St Andrew's Toddlers, up to School Age, Cheddar Village Hall (term time only)
	6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Cheddar
	10 – 11.30am	Rector available for drop-ins in the Den (except first Saturday)

### Diary August 2017

<b>Tue 1</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
<b>Thur 31</b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
	6pm	Wedding rehearsal	St Leonard's
<b>Sat 5</b>	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
	1pm	Wedding	St Peter's
	2pm	Wedding	St Leonard's
<b>Tue 8</b>	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
<b>Wed 9</b>	11.30am	MU Deanery Communion (Coffee from 10.45am)	St Andrew's
<b>Thur 10</b>	9am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
<b>Sat 12</b>	3pm	MU Afternoon Tea	
<b>Tue 15</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
<b>Wed 16</b>	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
<b>Thur 17</b>	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
<b>Sat 19</b>	2pm	Wedding	St Andrew's
<b>Tue 29</b>		Holiday Club	Cheddar
<b>Wed 30</b>		Holiday Club	Cheddar
<b>Thur 31</b>		Holiday Club	Cheddar

### Diary September 2017

<b>Fri 1</b>		Holiday Club	CVH
<b>Sat 2</b>		Holiday Club	CVH
	10.30-12.30pm	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
<b>Tue 5</b>	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	CVH
<b>Thur 7</b>	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
<b>Tue 12</b>	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
	7.45pm	Draycott PCC	Draycott
<b>Wed 13</b>	11.30am	MU Communion	St Andrew's
	1pm	LMG Meeting	Den
	7.15pm	Cheddar PCC	Den
<b>Thur 14</b>	9am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
	7.30pm	Swedish Choir Concert	St Andrew's
<b>Fri 15</b>	7.30pm	Alan Rowntree Talk	St Leonard's
<b>Sat 16</b>	2.30pm	Messy Church	CVH
<b>Tue 19</b>	10am	KOW Harvest Service	St Andrew's
	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
<b>Wed 20</b>	10am	KOW Harvest Service	St Andrew's
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	7.45pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den
<b>Thur 21</b>	10am	KOW Harvest Service	St Andrew's
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	2pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
<b>Sun 24</b>	6pm	Rodney Stoke Harvest Service and Supper	Rodney Stoke
<b>Fri 29</b>	7pm	Cheddar Harvest Supper	CVH

August 2017 Rotas				
DRAYCOTT				
	6	13	20	27
<b>Sidesman</b>	L Whittle	N Devitt	G Jeff	R Dingley
<b>Intercessor</b>	T Oliver	A Jeffries	G Jeff	C Green
<b>Organist</b>	D Cheetham	TBA	D Cheetham	B Rose
<b>Readers</b>	J Jeffries	M Heckbert	T Lumley	R Dingley
	L Whittle	G Dury	T Oliver	C Green
<b>Coffee</b>	S Burns	T Lumley	C Jeff	F Irving
	C Fulton			
<b>Cleaning</b>		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley
		C Jeff		
<b>Flowers</b>	R Chard	R Chard	E Rose	E Rose
RODNEY STOKE				
<b>Sidesman</b>	B Buse	A Percival	A Newman	J Newman
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry
<b>Reader 1</b>	I Turner	A Percival	J Turner	S Percival
<b>Reader 2</b>	D Banks	H Neave	A Newman	S Walker
<b>Cleaning</b>		D Johnson		J Newman
		J Holmes		K Percival
<b>Flowers A</b>	F Pitman	J Salmon	P Counsell	H Neave
<b>Flowers P</b>	J Holmes	L Davey	M James	V Andrews

September 2017 Rotas				
DRAYCOTT				
	3	10	17	24
<b>Sidesman</b>	L Whittle	N Devitt	G Jeff	C Jeff
<b>Intercessor</b>	T Oliver	A Jeffries	C Green	G Jeff
<b>Organist</b>	B Rose	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	B Rose
<b>Readers</b>	T Oliver	J Jeffries	G Dury	T Oliver
	L Whittle	M Heckbert	G Jeff	C Green
<b>Coffee</b>	C Jeff	T Lumley	C Fulton	F Irving
			P Mullay	
<b>Cleaning</b>		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley
		C Jeff		
<b>Flowers</b>	L Whittle	L Whittle	C Jeff	C Jeff
RODNEY STOKE				
<b>Sidesman</b>	T Symes	D Banks	S Percival	S Walker
<b>Organist</b>	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry
<b>Reader 1</b>	J Symes	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman
<b>Reader 2</b>	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival
<b>Cleaning</b>		A Percival		L Moore
				H Neave
<b>Flowers A</b>	D Johnson	I Sealey	J Newman	J Holmes
<b>Flowers P</b>	A Percival	F Pitman	J Salmon	P Counsell

## FROM THE REGISTERS:

### Marriage:

*We ask God to bless the marriage of:*

Michael Stead and Sarah Tungate, 1<sup>st</sup> July at St Peter's  
 Craig Hoskins and Victoria Scorse, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at St Andrew's

### Funerals:

*Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:*

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