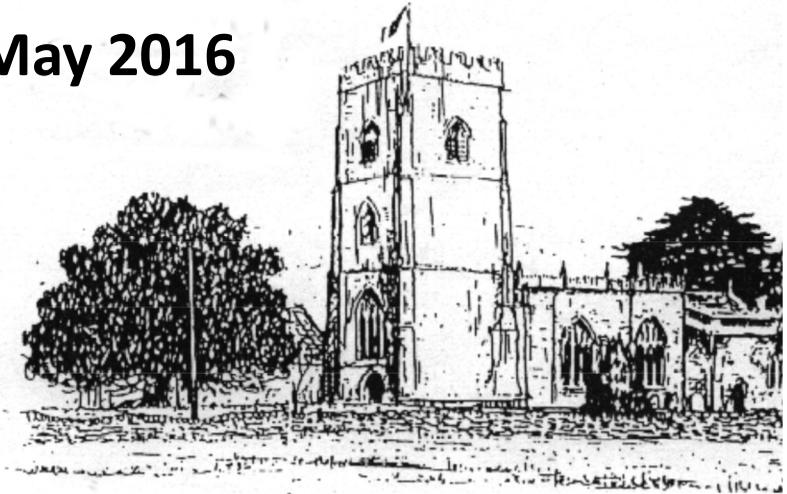


The Parish Churches of Rodney Stoke and Draycott

May 2016



Contents:

Christian Aid Week

A letter from Stuart
Burns

Was that 'Eureka'?

Tricia's Pantry

Saving the Monu-
ments at St
Leonard's

Parish Portrait No.
30

Don's Poem and
Mary's Recipe

50p

◆ Short Stays



Respite Care

◆ Day Care & Bathing

RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

A home from home where you can carry on all the things you love to do.

- ◆ 19 single rooms, mainly en-suites on the ground floor
- ◆ Best possible care in a homely & relaxed atmosphere
- ◆ Situated in a peaceful village with lovely views, gardens & patios
- ◆ Flexercise, bingo, musical sessions, whist, arts & handicrafts & excursions
- ◆ Visiting library, chiropodist, hairdresser, vicar etc
- ◆ Choice of GP, dentist & optician
- ◆ Private & Social Services funded residents welcome.
- ◆ Please pop in for an informal visit or phone us for a brochure.

THE LAURELS, WESTFIELD LANE,
DRAYCOTT, CHEDDAR, SOM, BS27 3TN
Tel: 01934 742649
Prop: Pam & Peter Townsend

Cheddar & District Funeral Directors Limited

(Incorporating George Williams Funeral Directors)



A family owned and run business offering a 24 hour Professional Service

- Private Chapel of Rest
- Home Visits
- Burials and Cremation

Golden Charter
Funeral Plans



Perfect Choice
Funeral Plans

Redcliffe Court,

3 Redcliffe Street, Cheddar, Somerset.

Email: cheddardistrictfunerals@outlook.com

www.georgewilliamsfuneraldirector.co.uk

CHEDDAR 01934 742958

Computer Help

Expert advice in plain English



We will quickly get your computer working at peak performance and advise on keeping it that way.

All Home and Business calls welcome.

Call Peter Holmes on
01934 733361 or 07876 652200
support@wedmoreit.com

Providing a reliable & friendly service for over 15 years.

Welcome to the Stuart Burns

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Stuart Burns to the Cheddar Valley as the new rector for the Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke. He is coming to us from the benefice of Down St Margaret with Hollymount, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Stuart will be instituted as Rector at a service in St Andrew's, Cheddar, on **Saturday 7 May at 5 pm**, to which all are welcome. There will be a chance to meet and socialise after the service at Church House, where there will be refreshments. Or join the congregation of St. Andrew's, Cheddar for Stuart's first service the next day, **10am Sunday 8 May** for Parish Communion.

Christian Aid Week

15-21 May 2016

This is the week we love every neighbour.

Jesus calls us to love all our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the road.

As usual, volunteers from Rodney Stoke and Draycott will carry out a house-to-house collection in support of Christian Aid. This form of fund raising is how Christian Aid Week began, and it still raises an incredible £6.5m across Britain and Ireland every year. For thousands of churches, it's a vital part of their mission and how they demonstrate God's love for all.

Collecting house-to-house is a great way to reach out to our local community and get us all chatting whilst helping to transform the lives of our global neighbours.

In Rodney Stoke and Draycott we are always looking for volunteers to join our loyal team of collectors, if you are able to give a couple of hours of your time just once a year, please contact either Karen Percival (01749 870067) or Trisha Heckbert (01934 742145).



"Christian Aid works with 700 local organisations across 50 developing countries. Working with poor communities, it trains people to deal with the effects of climate change and prepares them for the threat of natural disasters. These local organisations also work on HIV, training and education, health and sanitation and peace and reconciliation."

A Letter from Stuart Burns



Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to be writing this letter as my first for the parish magazines. I have read recent editions, and I hope I can match the standard!

Twenty-six years ago, I watched, mesmerised and thrilled, as Nelson Mandela walked from twenty-seven years of captivity, filled with forgiveness and also commitment to lead a broken people into ways of justice with reconciliation ... Today, though, millions of South Africans cope with deepening poverty, the never-abating violent crime it fuels, and associated greed and dishonesty in government ... However, what they face now in no way negates the astonishing freedom from vengefulness and the altruistic compassion, with which Mandela emerged from his suffering and led that nation, and which he privately attributed to his deep faith in Christ. What we saw in him was something utterly unlike the world's way, and something marvellously new.

This day, thousands and thousands of men, women and children just like us, are battling their way to cross Europe, having seen homes wrecked, family-members killed, and communities viciously torn apart by savagery in Syria or in other places. The west is an alluring, imagined promised land. Human hearts in these promised lands, though, can react with a defensiveness that comes from the old ways of selfishness and fear. However, a commitment to following the unexpected way and the "awe-fully" surprising values of Jesus, could move government to act with a new and radical generosity and welcome, and somehow to find a way, (and still hope to survive the ballot-box!). This, though, needs a liberation of mind, a turning outward from self, and a newness of heart and orientation ... we can find this in Christ. Can we find a way to lead as local Christian churches?

On 7th May, you will welcome me as your new Rector. I thank God for this and for you. I am full of hope that together we shall discover new friendship, new mutual encouragement to be faithful to Christ, and new joy as his family. These, we can't get from anywhere else.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Stuart." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Letter from a Bishop



May is a special month, and not least because it is the month in which I was born. No special Birthday this year however and I'm not sure if I really want to keep counting! However it is also in this month that we mark the Birthday of the Church: the day of Pentecost, the day when the Spirit of God set his people alight with the wonder of what God had done for them. Those new believers couldn't help but tell their story.

During the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8–15) Archbishops Justin and Sentamu are calling on us all to pray in the words of the Lord, as he taught us to say, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'. They are encouraging us to pray for the evangelisation of the nation.

Within the diocese we are beginning to make our first strategic priority one of 'putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do'. This means that we want to make sure we stay true to that initial purpose of what the Church is all about, the same purpose as that small gathering of believers who wanted to share their story of faith with others.

'Mission statements' are a commonplace for many companies let alone churches these days. However the word 'evangelism' can make us feel somewhat uncomfortable. All the talk of radicalism and fundamentalism in the media can make us fearful of using the word. Perhaps some of us have even experienced an overzealous believer seeking to browbeat us into thinking as they do. However it would be a shame to allow the baby to get thrown out with the bathwater.

Christ's last words to his disciples after his resurrection and before he left them to return to his Father, were "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples." Evangelism means 'good news', or in it's active sense, 'bringing or announcing good news'. So what's so wrong with that?

The Old Testament tells a wonderful story of four lepers who, during the siege of Samaria by the Syrian army, decided that as they were already rejected by their families and starving they might as well throw themselves on the mercy of the enemy. On arriving in the camp they discover it abandoned and so stuff themselves with the abundant food remaining and claim the spoils of war. And then they think, "We shouldn't be doing this! We have good news and we shouldn't keep it to ourselves." (2 Kings 7:9 GNB). If we have discovered the life-giving bread of Christ then shouldn't we too begin sharing it?

+ Ruth Taunton

A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT FOR YOUR DIARY!

7.30pm Saturday 21 May St Leonard's Rodney Stoke

The Churchill Singers (Conductor - Michael Taylor and Accompanist - Alison Blundell) will be joined by **two outstanding young musicians** POPPY MCGHEE and GEORGE BLUNDELL (both 11 years old).



Poppy has won The Grand Prize International Virtuoso Competition – the Best British Violinist Award for 2016 and the Emunah Young Musician of the Year 2015 competition. She is a member of the National Children's Orchestra and is a music scholar at Wells Cathedral School

George is a Wells Cathedral Chorister and musician extraordinary who was recently featured on the cover of The Gramophone. He will be playing his trombone on this occasion.

The **Churchill Singers** will sing a selection of sacred and secular music.

Tickets, £8 including refreshments.

To book tickets call Megan James (01749 870555) or Jane Holmes (01749 870467). Otherwise tickets available on the door.



SoSP (Supporters of St Peter's Church) ? ? ?

Music Quiz : from the 1950s to the present ? ? ?
£1 each player

At The Strawberry Special

On Saturday 14 May at 7.30pm
Cash prizes!!



Music Matters

Re-homing your Piano



I'm not, and never have been, a pianist, as I'm sure my friends will agree. (Not with a capital 'P', anyway.) However, I do very much enjoy playing the piano – especially duets, or a spot of accompanying. A good soloist distracts attention from the wrong notes, and is usually able to keep up.

One thing which makes piano playing more enjoyable is a good piano – not necessarily a grand piano or even an 'upright', since these days a high quality digital piano (especially a Roland or a Yamaha, in my experience) can sound and feel very much like the real thing.....which, of course, it isn't.

Sadly, people often seem to want to get rid of their pianos, although this has been very much to my advantage on several occasions. When I was a child some friends moved to Canada, and asked if we would 'look after' their fairly ancient upright piano. Fortunately they never came back for it. The tuner, who visited incredibly regularly, seemed to get used to replacing hammers, tapes, keys, pedals, and even the odd string, and to the fact that, on occasions, he said, it seemed as if it had been played with my dad's toolkit. (I like to think I was one of the first to discover that it was 'avant garde' to play by applying objects directly to the strings, without the tedious intervention of a keyboard, when it can make, eg, a kind of ghastly 'harp' noise.)

Things improved quite recently when a friend begged to give away his Broadwood grand piano. Strangely, several other people had already refused it. I, however, snapped it up – and called in the tuner. The tuner seemed already to have taken a considerable dislike to this instrument. He shook his head. He suggested a quick route to the local tip. He said that the tone was 'beyond improving': 'It's not worth spending any time on it.' Certainly it didn't sound that great. He returned a few months later, however, and said he'd had an idea. He elbowed all the levers to one side so that now a pristine bit of felt (on the end of each hammer) made contact with the string. The improvement was vast.

Recent visits to National Trust properties have led me to notice that they often like to have their pianos played. They don't like you sitting on their chairs, or going round by the wrong route, but they do like a bit of piano. There are surprises. A huge Steinway sounded like a bin of tin cans, whilst a strange looking old instrument produced a brilliant tone which might not disgrace a concert hall.

Names and makes aren't everything, then, but how good if every child had the chance which I did, to 'bash away', have some lessons, and see where it leads. If you have an unused piano that needs re-homing, or know someone who would like such a piano, why not let the editor know?

Michael Taylor

Science and Religion—was that ‘Eureka!’?



Religion under the microscope of science

Last month, David suggested that science and religion do separate things, and should not be seen as necessarily contradictory. Many scientists have thought the same. The evolutionary biologist and writer Stephen Jay Gould (of 'The Panda's Thumb' and other books) said that science and religion belonged to *non-overlapping magisteria*- NOMA - dealing with factual material on the one hand, and values, meanings and morals on the other.

This has not stopped them poaching in each other's territory! Arguably, an example of this was the Study of the Therapeutic Effects of Intercessory Prayer (STEP), a large trial funded by the Templeton Foundation and published ten years ago. It was rigorous and large - 1,082 subjects undergoing heart surgery were randomised to one of three Groups. Two groups were told they might be prayed for, although only Group 1 actually was. Group 3 was told they were definitely being prayed for. Collaborating churches were given instructions as to how to pray to standardise the method - and subjects were known by first (Christian!) name alone. Any serious complications of the surgery were recorded over ten years.

The result? There was no difference in outcome between Group 1 and Group 2. And Group 3 did *worse* than all the others!

Opponents of religion have crowed. Richard Dawkins (*The God Delusion*) says it shows not only that religion is false... but that it is bad for you!

But here is surely an instance of science destroying the thing it tries to study. This was not prayer in its natural habitat of personal relationship, but a travesty of prayer in a sterile laboratory. Deprived of the oxygen of love, prayer desiccated and died, like a butterfly on a collector's pin. This may or may not have been good science - it was *not* good religion.

But NOMA does more than warn science off the turf of religion. It cuts the other way, too, as Gould realised. Should religion make scientifically dubious claims for the factual, the historical, the material? This is something for us churchgoers to think about, as we listen to bible stories of creation and miracles... and ponder the meaning of 'resurrection'.

Chris Green, Reader



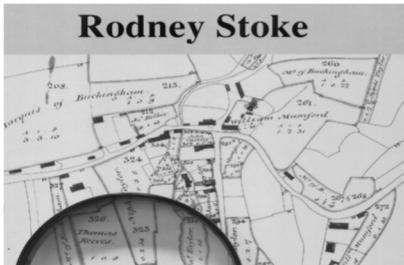
Ascension Day at Rodney Stoke

7am Thursday 5 May

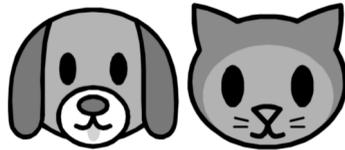
For a truly breathtaking start to the day, it is always worth getting out of bed for the traditional 7am Ascension Day Service at St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke.

But if first thing in the morning is strictly not for you there is always the local Ministry Group's 8pm Holy Communion at St John's, Axbridge.

Alan Rowntree is contemplating re-printing his Rodney Stoke book which is now out of print. If you would like to express an interest or reserve a copy please contact Alan on 01934 743063 or at a.rowntree@btinternet.com



Friends of St Leonards



Date for your diary

Rodney Stoke Pet Show

All the usual classes & attractions

Sunday 10 July

Manor Farm

Annual Pet Service

The Holy Rollers will be at it again this Summer at the Strawberry Special.

The dates & times of our matches will be available soon, please let Thea (01934 744739) know if you'd like to join us!!

Supporters always welcome!!

Thank you



Draycott Annual Parochial Church Council - 2016

April 3rd saw the Annual Church Meeting for our parish of Draycott. Fourteen people reviewed what had happened in the parish over the past year, and reflected on the one to come.

A year ago we were meeting without a vicar - Sue Rose had left two months beforehand. We did not know how long the vacancy would last, or how well we could sustain our parish activity without one. We were rather apprehensive!

In April 2016, things look very different. Largely thanks to Judith Rose and Hilary Thomas, the retired priests in Cheddar who have led our worship team, all regular services were continued. There were more weddings, baptisms and funerals than in the previous year. The first Saturday coffee and cakes event goes from strength to strength. And our festivals were all marked in appropriate style, with our Christmas carol service being particularly successful.

The most important new initiative this year is perhaps the Draycott choir- started by our organist-churchwarden, David Cheetham. As well as enhancing our church worship, it delights its members in the teaching of skills and sharing of good fellowship. We encourage others to join- practice every Tuesday evening. The meeting thanked all the musical leaders in our church- not only David, but also Barry Rose and Ian and Ruth Ames-White, all talented musicians who give their time and skills freely to our church.

And we have high hopes for next year. We now know that Stuart Burns will be installed as our new rector on the 7th May. As those responsible for our church for the last year welcome him, we thank them all for having discharged their duties so creditably.

Chris Green, Reader and PCC Secretary

(A full copy of reports and minutes can be found on our website:

www.RodneyStokewithDraycott.org.uk - go to Parish of Draycott, then Reports)



Mobile Police Station in attendance
3.00 pm Wednesday 25 May Rodney Stoke Inn
Speak directly to Linda Vincent our PCSO

Tricia's Pantry

'We know what we are, but know not what we May be'



The victors were not so merciful this time.

Napoleon's escape from Elba had presaged another lightning campaign, and it was only after Waterloo - "the nearest run thing you ever saw in your life," according to Wellington - that the Corsican was finally stopped. Avoiding capture by French Royalists, he sought asylum on a British frigate. Within days, off Berry Head, he and his party were stripped of arms and money and, surrounded by boatloads of sightseers, started their final journey.

After 67 days they arrived at one of the world's remotest places. St Helena, a 50 square mile rock over 1200 miles from the nearest land, would be Bonaparte's home for the remainder of his life. Remoteness was one insurance against escape, but not the only measure. Troops were placed at landing beaches, unauthorised vessels forbidden, and private boats secured each evening and guarded. Gates across the island were closed, and Napoleon's party expected to be indoors, by 9 pm. His guards were required to confirm his whereabouts every twelve hours, and a system of flag signals regarding his location and circumstances was devised. He settled at a remodelled country estate, its grounds ringed with sentries, with another ring at twelve miles. Within this he could ride freely; without, only if accompanied.

His conditions and circumstances resulted in complaints in the British press, and some concessions followed, but not on security. Occasionally there was cause for concern, including a plot to lower him over a cliff face to an early prototype of submarine. But they came to nothing, and Napoleon, in failing health, remained largely confined to his house and garden.

He died on 5 May 1821. In his will he requested burial in Paris, but neither the British government nor the French regime were interested. Instead, the soldier whose "presence on the field made the difference of 40,000 men" - praise from his nemesis Wellington - was buried in a willow valley under an unmarked slab, no one having an idea of an appropriate inscription. In 1840, he was returned to Paris, crowds thronging as his cortege passed along the Seine.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Audrey Moulton *Parish Portrait No.30*

Audrey looks back over 58 years in Draycott and until 3 June last year, all those years were spent with her husband Ronald, who died on 3 June 2015. They came to live in the village just a few months after they were married and lived in the same bungalow until 15 years ago when they moved to the house which had been Draycott Station.

It is about her husband and their life together that Audrey mostly speaks. He was a very sociable man who took over his father's window cleaning business which is now run by their son, who lives with his family in their former home.



Ronald was involved for some years with the St John Ambulance service, was a regular blood donor and

keen supporter of the British Legion, organising the annual poppy collections and fund raising events, including whist drives. When he died Audrey was very touched by the cards, messages and offers of help that she receive from local people. She wanted to be sure that everyone knew how much she appreciated the support.

Like many couples in those days, Audrey and Ronald met at a dance. She was persuaded by a friend to go to the EMI club in Wells where she and Ron got together and dancing became a favourite pastime. Audrey says Ronald enjoyed all ballroom dancing, but "Old Time" was the love of his life. Ron even gave classes in the old village hall and the two of them danced at events around the area. Audrey liked dancing and dressing up, but after a hip operation a few years ago hung up her dancing shoes, but was happy for Ron to keep going. For 46 years they had a caravan at West Bay, spending weekends by the sea, where there was also dancing. The caravan has now been sold but they made good friends there, who keep in touch. Another very happy memory for Audrey is a trip to Holland, a treat from their family for Ron's 80th birthday to hear the music of Andre Rieu, who is a firm

favourite.

Audrey describes herself as less outward going than Ronald. She was content to stay at home, bringing up their four children and in the evenings if she did not go out with Ron, she enjoyed reading and knitting. For 40 years she has been a member of “Cheddar Flower Power” attending the meetings and in the past assisting in flower arranging for weddings at St Peter’s. Although she comes from a farming background, she had not experienced village life until she came to Draycott and speaks warmly of happy occasions such as the street party for the Royal Wedding in 2011 and looks forward to a similar event for the Queen’s 90th birthday. She has done a lot of knitting for charity, but unfortunately now struggles with a few health problems, including with the use of her right hand and arm, so knitting along with some other tasks is not so easy.

The house is obviously special for Audrey and she had just had it all repainted when we met. Draycott Station closed when the railway line fell under the Beeching Axe but by making the station into a home and keeping some of the original features, Audrey and Ronald have preserved a piece of heritage. Before moving in they let it as a popular holiday cottage. Ron loved showing people around and they were happy to have it as part of an Open Gardens event a few years ago, although Audrey was a bit concerned that the garden was not good enough but made some effort to make it attractive for the day.

Audrey worked as the cook at what is now “The Laurels” residential home. It was set up by a very good friend of hers under the name “My Way” because her friend wanted to provide a better standard of care for the elderly than she had seen in homes where she worked. Audrey was initially reluctant to take on the task, as she had only cooked plain food for her family but that was just what was needed, her friend said.

Losing Ronald came as a shock. He had suffered with a persistent cough for some years, and was admitted to hospital for 3 weeks, but seemed to be making progress and arrangements were being made for his return home, but he contracted a serious chest infection and died 2 days later. Audrey obviously misses Ron very much, but she has never minded her own company, and enjoys her home and garden. She has local friends, family nearby, and as well as her grandchildren, she has seven great grandchildren, and is looking forward to a visit soon from her son who lives in Western Australia.

SMW

St Leonard's Rodney Stoke - Saving the Monuments

Grade I listed St Leonard's Church has just received promises of sufficient funding to allow the planned conservation project to go ahead.

Work will be starting shortly on the cleaning, repair and consolidation of the Rodney family monuments in the side chapel and chancel. The restoration work will also see the 15th century grade II* listed chest tomb repaired and the grade II double grave tablet of Draycott stone, dating from the 12th or 13th century, protected from the elements and brought inside the church.

Almost £42,000 has been promised by the following organisations:

- Allchurches Trust - the fund-giving arm of the church's insurers)
- Churchcare - the Church of England's conservation organisation
- Francis Coale Trust
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- The Leche Trust.



Monuments in Rodney Stoke Church, 1844, by J. Buckler



North west view of Rodney Stoke Church, 1844, by J. Buckler



St Monica Trust

Retire and relax

In the heart of North Somerset is Sandford Station, a vibrant retirement village with a great community spirit. The excellent facilities and staff provide the perfect retirement lifestyle.

To book a personal tour or to simply find out more call 0117 949 4004. See our latest video of life at Sandford Station just type www.stmonicastrust.org.uk/where-we-do-it/sandford-station into your browser.

Registered Charity 201151

Queen's 90th Birthday Party Weekend

The Rodney Stoke village celebration of the Queen's Birthday is to be a bring and share picnic on **Sunday 12th June** in the garden at Brangay Farm . Everyone welcome, details to follow but please note change of date.



The Draycott Jubilee Committee are holding an "all age street party" outside The Strawberry Special on **Sunday June 12th from 2.30pm onwards** with tea at 3.30pm. Donations of party food: i.e. cakes, crisps, biscuits would be most welcome, and there will be collection boxes for these donated goods in St Peter's Church, Draycott Post Office, The Strawberry Special, The Cider Barn and Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School until June 6th. All welcome to join in the fun!"

SOSP (supporters of St Peter's) **invite anyone & everyone** no matter who you are to join us on

The First Saturday of every Month

from 10.30am to 12 noon for coffee/tea of cold drink with cake/biscuits to just get together and "put the world to rights" or just chat, or even just to enjoy a "companionable silence"!

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there....



Early warning

First weekend in July

St Peter's 150 today!

Special Coffee and cakes

Barry Rose concert

New Rector on parade

Family picnic

More details – watch this space.



FOSL Country Dancing

2.30pm Sunday 15 May

Delicious Cream Teas will be available

Come and join us at Brangay Farm, Rodney Stoke .

Everyone is welcome & no previous experience is an advantage.

More details: Steve Percival 01749 870530



The Cutting Room



Hair Salon

01749 870 900

School Hill | Westbury-Sub-Mendip | BA5 1HL

David Ford Aerials

- All types of TV aerials plus extra points
- Freesat, Sky and European/Motorised dishes
- Discrete and careful installations
- FREE call out and quotations
- Quality installations for over 25 years



Please call DAVID FORD on 01934 742444 or 07740 946385

Alison's Buffets

Buffets For all Occasions

Christenings, Weddings, Birthdays, Funerals

Contact

Alison Pople

Tel 01934 742958 or 07738 040545

Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe



A Home Song

I read within a poet's book
A word that starred the page:
"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage!"

Yes, that is true; and something more
You'll find, where'er you roam,
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But every house where Love abides,
And Friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home-sweet-home:
For there the heart can rest.

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933

Garlic, Cheese & Roast Vegetable Naan Bread



**1 red pepper
1 yellow pepper
1 aubergine, sliced
2 tbsp olive oil
Salt & fresh ground pepper
1x85g Boursin cheese with herbs & garlic
4 mini naan breads
A few drops balsamic vinegar
Chopped fresh parsley**

1. Quarter the peppers lengthways, remove the seeds & cut the flesh into chunky pieces
2. Mix all the vegetables together in another large roasting tin with the olive oil & seasoning. Roast vegetables for 20-25 minutes in preheated oven, turning over halfway or until charred.
3. Spread a quarter of the garlic & herb cheese over each naan bread. Divide the lightly charred vegetables between the cheese bases. Transfer to the prepared roasting tin.
4. Bake in the pre-heated oven for approx. 10 minutes, or until hot right through & crisp. Drizzle with the balsamic vinegar, sprinkle with the parsley & serve immediately.

Sunday Services in May 2016

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
1 st May Easter 6	8am BCP Communion 10am All Age Service	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
8 th May after Ascension	10am Parish Communion	9.30am 2 nd Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
15 th May Pentecost	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
22 nd May Trinity	8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Matins
29 th May Trinity 1	10am United Communion Service at Draycott		

Readings for Sundays in May 2016 (Year C—St Luke)

	Page	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 st May Easter 6	876	Acts 16:9-15	67	Rev 21:10,22-22:5	John 14:23-29
8 th May after Ascension	880	Acts 16:16-34	97	Rev 22:12-21	John 17:20-26
15 th May Pentecost	885	Genesis 11:1-9	104:26-37	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17
22 nd May Trinity	891	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
29 th May Trinity 1	894	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	96: 1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10

Regular Weekly Events in May

Monday	9.30am Line Dancing, Cheddar Church House 10.30am Absolute Beginners 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 at 11.30) 10am-12 Strawberry Tots, 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 May 2014

Tue 3	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	Sing Sankey	Cheddar
Thur 5	7am	Ascension Day Service	Rodney Stoke
	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Axbridge
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
	8pm	LMG Ascension Day Service	Axbridge
Sat 7	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	Draycott
	1pm	Wedding	Cheddar
	5pm	Licensing Service of new Rector, with Bishop Ruth, followed by refreshments in Church House	Cheddar
Tues 10	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 11	11.30am	Mothers' Union Communion	Cheddar
	12pm	LMG Leaders	Den
Thur 12	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Wedmore
Sat 14	7.30am	SOSP Music Quiz	Strawberry Special
Sun 15	2.30pm	FOSL Country Dancing	Brangay Farm
Tues 17	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 18	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	8pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Cheddar
Thur 19	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Cheddar
	11am	Cheddar Court Communion	Cheddar
	1pm	Wedding	Rodney Stoke
	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 21	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar
	7.30pm	A Very Special Concert at St Leonard's	Rodney Stoke
Wed 25	2pm	Neighbourhood Network Meeting	Den
Thur 26	9am	LMG Morning Prayer	Weare



Are you free Tuesday morning 1000 -1130?

Fancy a coffee, a biscuit and a real good chat ?

Join us at Sealey Close Community Hall

DRAYCOTT					10 am	
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	L Whittle	G Jeff	C Jeff	
Intercessor	T Oliver	A Jeffries	R Dingley	G Jeff	C Green	
Organist	D Cheetham	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	B Rose	B Rose	
Readers	T Lumley G Dury R Dingley	A Robinson M Heckbert	C Jeff T Oliver L Whittle	C Jeff C Green T Oliver	G Dury C Jeff R Dingley	
Coffee	T Lumley	T Heckbert	F Irving	C Jeff	J & A Jeffries	
Cleaning	T Heckbert	C & G Jeff	H Robinsom P Mallam	T Lumley		
Flowers	C Jeff	C Jeff	Rachel C	Rachel C	E Rose	
RODNEY STOKE						
Sidesman	S Percival	C Neave	A Newman	A Percival	<i>United</i>	T Symes
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry		Joanne
Reader 1	H Neave	S Percival	A Newman	D Banks	<i>Service</i>	I Turner
Reader 2	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	<i>at</i>	A Newman
Cleaning		J Newman K Percival		A Percival	<i>Draycott</i>	L Moore H Neave
Flowers A	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Flowers P						

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

Madeleine Eva Chivers.

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

Stephanie Lumley and Dominic Basta

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

Lynn Nash, Janet Fowler, Vivian Crane, Ann (Nancy) Watt. RIP.

For Celebrations, Parties and Meetings of all kinds

Thanks to a programme of improvements funded by the Lottery and the European Union, Rodney Stoke Church Hall is now 100% accessible and wheelchair friendly with modern toilets.

Enquiries about hiring the hall should be made to Jane Holmes on 01749 870467.

Mr Peter Everett DO MRO

Registered Osteopath

12, Woodborough Road

Winscombe

BS25 1AA

01934 844764

**Home visits by
arrangement**

M J SHEPPARD

Independent Family Funeral Directors &
Monumental Masons

Private Chapel of Rest
24 Hour Personal Service
A friendly professional service

Mark Sheppard BA(Hons) Dip.FD LMBIFD
Funeral Director



Cheddar

01934 742885

Cornerways, Church Street,
Cheddar, BS27 3RF

www.mjsheppardfunerals.co.uk

WE'LL RECOMMEND A GARAGE DOOR SOLUTION THAT SUITS YOU, NOT US

That means we listen to your **needs**, take on board your **wants** and, very importantly, take into account your **budget**. We can then advise you on the best way to go; whether that be a top of the range automated door, a basic up and over or simply a repair.

So with direct access to the top manufacturers, a huge stock of spare parts for all makes and our own teams of experienced engineers, you can be assured of the result you want.



Call Debbie or Tracey on **01749 290298** to discuss your requirements, or visit us at our showroom on Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2AD.

Trading Standards Approved Trader



www.sdsgaragedoors.co.uk



Services include:

- * Dog Walking
- * Overnight Boarding
- * Doggy Day Care
- * Pet/Home Visits
- * Small Pet Boarding
- * House Sitting

Contact us:

Web: www.friendsforpets.co.uk

Email: contactus@friendsforpets.co.uk

Mobile: 07584 050544

Jan Edwards
Dip FA
Independent
Financial Adviser

LYN
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Advice on: Investments & Savings
NISA (New Individual Savings Account)
Pension & Retirement Planning
Life Assurance, Critical Illness Insurance
Inheritance Tax Planning,
Work Place Pensions Schemes



Tel: 01823 423800
Mob: 07766 686405
jan@lynfs.co.uk

www.lynfinancialservices.co.uk

INITIAL CONSULTATION FREE OF CHARGE



family owned livery yard

Set in 100 acres of farmland at Easton, just outside Wells
*High quality facilities - Look after your own horse,
part or full livery if preferred*
Broodmares & Youngstock also catered for

- * 12' x 15' loose boxes - each with outdoor yard
- * Individual grazing paddocks
- * 60 x 20m outdoor arena
- * Trailer park, toilet and shower facilities
- * BHS Approved - owner on site

Tel: 01749 677480 mob: 07841 151280

anna.seymour@btinternet.com

• www.redmondbottom.co.uk

BENEFICE cheddardraycottandrodneystoke@gmail.com

BENEFICE OFFICE 01934 742535

LAY/LICENSED READERS Dr Chris Green

CHEDDAR www.standrewscheddar.org.uk

Churchwardens: Jim Reeve 01934 744442 Margaret Gelder 01934 742165

Deputy Wardens: Paul Tullett 01934 743281 Peter Lythgoe 01934 744174

Deanery Synod Reps : Alan Rayfield, Mike Brownbill, Rod Walsh

Treasurer: Dawn Hill **Secretary:** Brian Halliday

Church House Bookings: Anne Langford 01934 742763

DRAYCOTT www.rodneystokewithdraycott.org.uk

Churchwardens: Thea Oliver 01934 744739 David Cheetham 01934 740255

Deanery Synod Reps: Tricia Lumley, Thea Oliver

Treasurer: David Cheetham **Secretary:** Chris Green

RODNEY STOKE www.stleonardsrodneystoke.org

Churchwardens: Jane Holmes 01749 870467 Megan James 01749 870555

Deanery Synod Rep: Jo Symes, Colin Symes

Treasurer: Sue Walker **Secretary:** Ann Percival

Church Hall Bookings: Jane Holmes 01749 870467

MAGAZINE EDITORS

Cheddar: Margaret Gelder e: margaretgelder@hotmail.co.uk

Rodney Stoke & Draycott: Rob Walker e: editor.rsdparishmag@gmail.com

Deadline for Magazine copy is 11th of each month

Contact Points during the vacancy

To arrange a special service please contact:

For Baptisms: Mrs Julie Hope 01934 742234

For Weddings: Rev Hilary Thomas 01934 742207

For Funerals: Ven Judith Rose 01934 744871

For all other queries please either:

- contact your Churchwardens — details above
- email cheddardraycottandrodneystoke@gmail.com

Published by The Rector and Churchwardens of the Parishes of Rodney Stoke and Draycott
in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Printed by Kings of Wessex Academy, BS27 3AQ.