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On Duty 24/7?



Many years ago, we were assured that computerisation would mean shorter working hours and more leisure for everyone.

What a hope. More and more people are working ever longer hours but – and this is my real point – because of computers, I-pads, Facebook and All That Stuff, many people are never properly off-duty, never off-call, never fully able to relax.

I've always felt that even the landline telephone is an intrusion into my life. At least our mobiles are permanently 'off' and are just carried in case of a car breakdown etc., and no-one has our numbers.

In retirement, I grant, it's all easier. I think of the old-fashioned two postal deliveries a day, so I look at emails in the early morning and for a 'second post' after lunch, but after that, any incoming emails will jolly well have to wait until the following morning. On holidays, we are always totally unreachable; no-one knows our address nor can telephone. So we can relax.

This 24/7 availability for work or other pressures worries me more and more, denying that need to be relaxed and simply off duty.

I guess that by now, as well as consigning me to the dinosaur age, you are expecting the 'pious' bit which comes in every article I offer for the magazine ... well... the Genesis Creation story is of course a profound story and not remotely history, but in that profound story, by the seventh day God has finished his work and blesses it, and it has remained ever since, at least as an ideal, a day of rest.

Surely this is saying something important about the necessity to stop working and to relax and be aware of Bigger Things, or even just to stop and relax. Of course, every reader of this will have a different life, but it would be worth, I'm sure, taking a bit of time to consider what might be our equivalent of a seventh day's rest – some properly switched-off time each day? And truly switched off on weekends and holidays?

Gordon Jeff

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

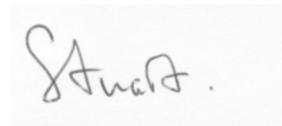
I write this on Remembrance Sunday, when I feel saddened by remembering two of my school-friends, who died from injuries sustained fighting with the South African conscripted army illegally invading Angola in the 1980s. Trump has just called Kim Jong-un “short and fat”, whilst Kim called Trump a “dotard” (he knows English better than I do!); meanwhile they rub their hands and count their ballistic missiles. Environmental scientists have just warned that 2018 will see unprecedented occurrences of floods, hurricanes, famines (AND volcanoes and earthquakes - how do they know?!).



So (please forgive my facetiousness!) .. a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to us all ..

On my recent, much-needed, four-day silent retreat (at the Sheldon Centre in Devon), I read H A Williams’ *“The True Wilderness”*. I share with you that he encourages us to embrace the true wilderness within ourselves - which is our ultimate aloneness, the sense of isolation we feel from others around us, and also our incapacity to be “good” people apart from Christ. God promises that, as we in brave honesty open up inner space by seeing our own wilderness, then God’s Spirit will and does fill our hearts with his constant, loving presence. Henri Nouwen’s *“Life of the Beloved”* (my other retreat read) implores that we hear God saying to each of us “you are my beloved child” (as he said to Jesus at his baptism); we belong not to other people nor to the world - we belong to God as our Father - and this is our true identity.

Jesus was born a human so that, through faith in him, you and I have a clear and uncomplicated way to claim and revel in our true identity as a beloved child of God, possessed by his Spirit. So we need not despair at the Trumps and Kim Jong-uns of this world, and we need not roll over in fear when nature quakes at human abuse of the earth. Instead we rejoice at the birth of the Saviour who alone brings true, unassailable hope, and I do wish you a joyful Christmas, and deep personal peace in a new year.



Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

We've been seeing the Christmas decorations in the shops since the summer holidays ended. It starts sooner than ever each year doesn't it? At the beginning of November a checkout assistant was telling me she already had her decorations up at home due to her daughter's insistence. I remember the time when my parents would put up the tree on Christmas Eve and we weren't allowed into the living room until the next morning. Our excitement knew no bounds!



'Waiting' is something we are not very good at. Many of us are impatient in this world of immediacy. We want our needs, our wishes, fulfilled straight away. We are like that with our shopping online, paying more for next day delivery. And we can be like that with our prayer too. Challenging God as to why He doesn't appear to have heard us when we don't receive the answer for which we are looking.

This season of Advent is all about waiting. Waiting and watching, not just to celebrate the festival of Christmas, the coming of the babe in the manger, but also waiting and watching for his coming again in glory. The early Christians were anticipating that Jesus would return for them in their lifetime. His words in John's gospel about "going to prepare a place for them", 'going ahead' of them, caused them to be expectant of another advent or arrival of God, breaking into their world. They couldn't understand why He didn't come back quickly particularly when they faced persecution for their faith.

I know of people now who live in that expectancy of Jesus' return each day, opening their curtains with the words, "Maybe today, Lord". Perhaps you do. I'm aware that I don't do that enough. Not because I'm fearful of life in the 'here and now' but rather thinking of each day as potentially the last here on earth and therefore thinking about how to make it count. Thinking about how I might live and tell the story of God's love to friends and neighbours, strangers and family, in a way they might hear that message most effectively. So that they can come to know a God who loves them enough to enter into their world and be present with them.

This Advent perhaps we need to become more aware that it's not only us doing the 'waiting' but also God waiting to receive the best from us.

Ruth Worsley

Benefice Events and Notices

**Come and join us for the
Benefice Family Breakfast
9am Sunday 10 December
Cheddar Village Hall
(aka Church House)
enjoy good food and a short
service**



**Sunday
3rd December**

ST ANDREW'S MESSY CHURCH

at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Christmas craft, including a Christingle,
and tea followed by the**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

at 4pm in St Andrew's Church

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Harvest – Thank you

Dear Friends at Draycott church & school- thank you so much for your deliveries of food for our Harvest Appeal, and also for your very kind donation of £280. We are more grateful than we can say for your generous contributions to the help we give to so many needy people, especially at this time of rising food prices other pressures.

Christmas Appeal 2017

Dear Friends and supporters

We continue to see people in many kinds of need - single parent families, the elderly, the homeless, people living with addictions, refugees, asylum seekers and many who struggle on benefits or whose benefits have been delayed. Throughout 2016 we gave out 9372 food parcels, an increase of 700 on the previous year. This year we aim to give special Christmas bags to around five hundred people over Christmas.

Food: Can Draycott church particularly contribute **jars of instant coffee**? We also need boxes of chocolates, mince pies, and tins of ham, as well as the usual items- all in date for Christmas, please. (NB. we *don't* need Christmas puddings this year thank you.)

Gifts: Both men and women- gloves, scarves, toiletries & toiletry sets; **men's socks**

Children: We are giving a £10 Argos voucher per child to families that we know are in need. For this we ask for cash donations. Last year we gave out 200.

Additional needs- As well as bulk buying food throughout the year, we use some donated funds to top up the gas and electricity meter keys of some of our most vulnerable callers and their families. We occasionally help out with household items.

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

Sr Rosina

Sr Teresa Mary

A collection will go from St. Peter's again this year. Contributions need to be with us by the end of Sunday 3rd December- at the church, or to The Old Forge, Stoke Street, Rodney Stoke. Or phone and we will collect from you - 01749 870554

Tricia's Pantry

'Hot cocoa and cold toes remind me of Christmas'

I was surprised to find a link to Christmas. In October I had what in any other age would have been a miracle. In thirty minutes a surgeon opened my abdomen, navigated nerves, blood vessels and tendons, repaired a gap, installed a nylon mesh, and closed. Within three hours I was eating lunch.



Surgery got surprisingly complex, surprisingly quickly. Trepanation - boring into the skull to relieve pressure from head trauma - was common practice in early human communities. Broken bones were manipulated and treated to avoid infection, or quills stitched in place to allow deep wounds to drain and heal. Surgeons in ancient Greece and Rome undertook surgery to make artificial airways, remove gall and other stones, reduce hernias and repair eye injuries, all while managing blood loss and experimenting with natural anaesthetics.

More considered progress awaited developments, largely in the nineteenth century and further advanced thereafter. Systematic exploration of anatomy became more common, and the use of ether and other anaesthetics allowed for longer and more complex surgery. A final keystone followed the realisation of the link between sterile surgery practice and a reduction in post operative infection. Rigorous training in all of these harmonised surgical practice, making it safer and more effective. In 2014, there were almost five million surgical admissions in the UK alone, the most common of which - hip and knee replacement, organ removal and repair, or impromptu surgery following trauma - would have been unthinkable only decades ago. Only since the 1980s have heart transplants been reliable, with other technological developments, such as reliable pacemakers and cochlear implants, similarly recent. Advances continue in individual fields - pacemakers can now be installed, for example, by comparatively simple insertion through a leg vein.

This remarkable world is fragile, for example, due to increasing antibiotic resistance in bacteria, which raises the risks of surgery, particularly invasive surgery. But surgery, as I found, is often referred to as routine. Hence to Christmas. Searching for that perfect Christmas selfie - The Independent reported in 2016 - autumnal surgeries from botox to nose jobs are increasingly common. Not as necessities. Nor personal preferences. But as presents. Happy Christmas.

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Musical Treats for Christmas

Amidst all your preparations for Christmas, please do try and make time to attend the Carol Services, both at Draycott (4.00 pm on 17 December) and Rodney Stoke (6.30pm On 24 December). A lot of careful musical preparation goes into these occasions, and from past experience, I know just how hard choirs have to work on what seem to some to be apparently simple carols.

Then there is the Roses' annual Christmastide Concert in St Peter's, Draycott – this year on Friday 29 December at 7.00 pm – see below. Just the thing to help you through that post-Christmas 'I wonder what to do today' feeling, and all in a good cause too – the total proceeds will be donated to the forthcoming refurbishment of the church organ. Come and join us for an evening of seasonal melodies for voice, 'cello, piano, and organ.

And if you're looking for that most unusual Christmas present for your friends, why not buy them the new fund-raising CD – HYMNS OLD & NEW?. In preparation as I write, there will be 20 or more items, many of which you'll instantly recognise. There will also be a few that might be new, and a special bonus will be the Draycott hymn-tune to 'Dear Lord, where are the signs of hope'. We are planning that they will be available (£10.00 each) from early December, and the best way to get one will either be direct from Barry Rose, at Level Crossing (01934 744838), or, if we can manage it in time, at the Christmas Tree Festival in St.Peter's on 2 December.

Barry Rose

**FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER at 7.00 pm,
in Draycott church**



Yes, it's that time of year again!

Barry and Nicola are already busy dusting off their duets, shaping their solos, and searching high and low for lots of deliciously seasonal musical delights.

Yes – it's the ROSES' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – the ideal way to chase away those post- Christmas blues, with an evening of music to suit all tastes – piano, organ, 'cello, together with vocal solos from our specially guest singer - Gordon Pullin.

Tickets -£10.00 (children under 14 come free) will be available from 1st December, and obtainable from Draycott Post Office or Thea Oliver (01934 742234)

Music Matters

A local musician



Readers are probably aware of musicians Cecil Sharp and Ralph Vaughan Williams who in the years around 1900 spent time travelling around villages across England, collecting folk music. They recognised that, due to changes in social conditions, the great wealth of folk song and dance was in danger of dying out and being lost forever. You may know that before the invention of music recording, folk music such as carol-singing was very much a local matter; carols sung in villages around Cheddar would be unknown around Bridgwater.

Another more local member of the band of folk music enthusiasts was Arthur Sydney Warrell, who was born in Farmborough in 1882 and became a music pupil of the organist of Bristol Cathedral. He was clearly an apt pupil as he gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists while still in his teens. He served as organist of a number of Bristol churches and also as assistant organist at Bristol Cathedral. In 1909 he became a teacher of music at Bristol University and during his time at the university also founded and conducted the University Choir, the University Orchestra and the Madrigal Singers. He was a fine choir trainer, and his University Choir gave notable performances of several new compositions.

Warrell's discovery of the carol "I wish you a Merry Christmas" is perhaps the best-known fact about him. He only describes it as "a West-country carol" but it's most likely to be from Somerset. "Figgy pudding", by the way, is just a West-country name for Christmas pudding. It would have contained raisins or plums, but not necessarily figs.

Another of Warrell's discoveries was the carol "I saw three ships come sailing in", and he made a number of different arrangements of it too. But in this case, the words have obviously become quite jumbled over the years.

I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning.....And what was in those ships all three?.....Our Saviour Christ and his Lady.....And whither sailed those ships all three?.....O they sailed into Bethlehem.....

But why did two passengers need three ships? And how did they sail into Bethlehem, a land-locked town? Perhaps we should just accept it as part of the illogical fun of Christmastide!

David Cheetham

Celebrating 40 years of the Friends of St Leonard's

In the New Year (2018) the Friends celebrate 40 years of organising community events. Membership of the Friends is open to everybody in the community. FOSL are planning a village celebration in July to honour the occasion.

The initial aim of the Friends was to provide a community body of support that St Leonard's could call on when needed. This support was initially shown in monthly hall meetings with an invited speaker, subjects ranging from Russia to Bletchley Park and spying!

The church itself continues to be held in great affection by the villagers as evidenced by the continued support for FOSL events up to this day. It is noteworthy that, given a total population of around 270, FOSL social events are always sell-outs, limited only by the fire limit of the Parish Hall.



Shortly after the Friend's formation a roof leak was discovered at the church. The repair bill was substantial and the Friend's played a valuable role in raising the funds. This gave very early support to the Rev. Dick Small's observation that without help the church 'could close'.

Cider making was one of the early and extremely successful events. Using local knowledge, equipment, expertise and apples a considerable amount of juice was pressed, and much strong cider made. Revelling in the village carried on behind closed doors for a long time! The photos of the time show what an amazing event this was.

Over the years favourites have come, changed or been replaced by successive committees. Events have included the Wells Panto visit, Village cricket match, Bonfire Night, Burns Night, Wassail evening, Pet Show, Royal Anniversaries and the list goes on.

The Friends have raised many thousands of pounds to help with the maintenance and repair of both St Leonard's and the Hall. But that has

CIDER MAKING OCTOBER 1982



been its functional role with the main aim being to have a good time!

Community events draw in help from all over the village and this is what the Friends are all about. Fun, laughter (loads of that), graft, community spirit, drinking and eating, involving the children, events for all ages, trying new ideas and a lot more. It is easy to forget everything that has been done.

To find out more about your Friends of St Leonard's come to an event. It really is an organisation for all the village. We try to keep everybody informed of events via village posters, parish magazine, parish council newsletter, word of mouth, and sometimes leaflet house drops. We always welcome new ideas.

Steve Percival

What's on — Supporter's of St Peters

Happy Christmas from us all at SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's)

Coffee & Cake, on Saturday 2 December will include a Christmas Tree Festival, some stalls & our Advent soup lunch. Please come along to support us, and bring your Children's Society Boxes for Tricia Lumley to collect in. The church will be open on Saturday from 10.30 until 2pm so please contact Thea (744739) if you can offer to make soup or a large cake to cut up or sell as a whole ... The Church will also be open on Sunday 3rd from 11 until 2 when you can have more



coffee, eat any leftover cakes, see the Christmas trees & continue to vote for your favourites! We are expecting to have around 20 trees in church so it will definitely be worth a visit. Please spread the word to your friends & neighbours!

The Posada Mary, Joseph & donkey will be starting their journey around the villages from this weekend so please sign up if you'd like to host them.



To start Advent there will be a candle-lit Taizé style service of music and meditation in St Peter's Church at 4pm on Sunday 3rd December.

We will be singing carols in The Strawberry Special on Sunday 10 December 10th at 6.30pm & on Friday 15 at The Cider & Ale Barn from 7pm please come along & join us.



Happy New Year 2018!



From January onwards we will have our usual Coffee & Cake morning on the first Saturdays from 10.30 til 12 noon.

Please put Friday February 9th in your diaries for another curry night at The Strawberry Special.

Friends of St Leonard's Events

Everyone welcome

Decorating the Christmas Tree in the village pound

December 9th at 6.00 pm. Everyone welcome

For more information contact Steve Percival 01749 870530

Carol singing on December 18th and 19th.

Please meet at the Rodney Stoke Inn at 6.00 pm. Everyone welcome

For more information contact Steve Percival 01749 870530

Wassail Evening on January 27th

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Christmas at a Glance



Rodney Stoke Christmas 2017



Sunday 3rd - Benefice Service, Patronal Service at St. Andrews, Cheddar.
10.00am with Stuart. Preaching is Bishop Brian Castle.

Sunday 10th – Christingle/Family Service at 11.15am with (Steve & Joanne TBC)

Sunday 17th - Holy Communion Service at 11.15am with Stuart

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve – Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm with Stuart

Monday 25th – Christmas Day - Holy Communion Service at 9.00am with
Judith

Sunday 31st - Holy Communion Service at 11.15am with Hilary



You are invited to join us at
St Peter's Church to celebrate Christmas 2017!



Sunday 3rd December at 4pm
Taizé style candle-lit service

Sunday 17th December at 4pm
Village Carol Service

Sunday 24th Dec at 11.30pm
Midnight Holy Communion

Monday Dec 25th at 10am
Christmas Morning Family Worship,

Come & bring your presents & help us celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus

Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Keeping Christmas



Are you willing....

- to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children;
- to remember the weakness and loneliness of people growing old;
- to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough;
- to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts;
- to try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you;
- to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—

Are you willing to do these things, even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Henry Van Dyke



**5 medium
egg whites
275g cast-
er sugar
300ml
double
cream
2tbsp icing
sugar, sift-
ed
75-100g
frozen
raspber-
ries,
thawed
40g plain
chocolate,
melted**

Hazelnut & Raspberry Meringue Cake

1. Preheat oven to 160°C. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment & draw an 8in circle on each sheet. Flip over the parchment so ink is on the bottom.
2. Whisk egg whites in large bowl until stiff but not dry. Gradually add caster sugar, mixing well after each addition until thick & glossy. Quickly beat in hazel nuts.
3. Divide meringue mixture equally between prepared baking sheets & smooth into a circle inside marked lines. Bake for 30-40 mins until lightly brown & easy to peel away from paper. Leave to cool completely on the baking sheet— may crack slightly.
4. Pour cream into bowl. Add icing sugar whip until mixture just holds its shape. Tip in the raspberries & lightly whisk to break up the fruit.
5. Put one of meringue disks on serving plate. Cover with raspberry cream & top with remaining meringue disk. Use teaspoon to drizzle over melted chocolate & serve.

Sunday Services in December and January

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
3rd December	8am BCP Communion		
Advent Sunday	10am Benefice Service St Andrew's		
	4pm Christingle	4pm Taize Service	
10th December	9am Breakfast Service	9.30am Second Sunday Service	11.15am Christingle
Advent 2			
17th December	8am BCP Communion	4pm Carol Service	11.15 Parish Communion
Advent 3	10am Parish Communion		
	6pm Carol Service		
24th December	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Advent 4	4pm Crib Service	11.30pm Midnight Service	
	11.30pm Midnight Service		
25th December	8am BCP Communion	10am Family Service	9am Parish Communion
Christmas Day	10am All Age Communion		
31st December	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Christmas 1	10am Parish Communion		
7th January	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Epiphany	10am Morning Prayer		
14th January	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Second Sunday Service	8am BCP Communion
Epiphany2			
21st January	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	3pm Plough Service
Epiphany 3	10am Parish Communion		
28th January	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mattins
Candlemass	9am Breakfast Service		

Readings December & January

	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
3rd December Advent 1	19:1-6	Isaiah 52:7-10	Matthew 4:18-22
10th December Advent 2	85:1-2, 8-end	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 1:1-8
17th December Advent 3	126	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end	John 1:6-8, 19-28
24th December Christmas Eve	89:1-8	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:26-38
25th December Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-4	John 1:1-14
31st December Christmas 1	148	Isaiah: 61: 10 -62: 3	Luke 2:15-21
7th January Epiphany	72	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
14th January Epiphany 2	139:1-9	Revelation 5:1-10	John 1:43-end
21st January Epiphany 3	128	Revelation 19:6-10	John 2:1-11
28th January Candlemass	24:1-6	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40

December Diary			
Fri 1	5.30pm	Festive Night Carol Service	St Andrew's
Sat 2	10.30- 2pm	SOSP Christmas Tree Festival, Coffee, Cake and Soup Lunch	St Peter's
Sun 3	11-2pm	SOSP Christmas Tree Festival with refreshments	St Peter's
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Tue 5	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	St Andrew's
	2.15pm	MU Service Celebrating 90 years	Cheddar Village Hall
	5pm	St Leonard's Choir Practice	Rodney Stoke
Wed 6	9am	DRS School Service	St Peter's
Thu 7	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
Sat 9	6.30pm	Rodney Stoke Christmas Tree Decorating	The Pound
Sun 10	4pm	Carols at the Laurels	Draycott
	6.30pm	Carols at the Strawberry Special	Draycott
Tue 12	10.30am	St Andrews Standing Committee	Den
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
	5pm	St Leonard's Choir Practice	Rodney Stoke
Wed 13	9am	DRS School Service	St Peter's
	11.30pm	MU Communion	St Andrew's
	2pm	St Andrew's Standing Committee	Den
	8pm	Combined PCC Social	St Peter's
Thu 14	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
Fri 15	7pm	Carols at the Cider Barn	Draycott
Mon 18	10.30am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	6pm	FOSL Carol Singing	Meet at Rodney Stoke Inn
Tue 19	10.30am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	5pm	St Leonard's Choir Practice	Rodney Stoke
	6pm	FOSL Carol Singing	Meet at Rodney Stoke Inn
Wed 20	10.30am	KOW Christmas Service	St Andrew's
	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 21	2pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	6.45pm	Rotary Carol Service	St Peter's
Wed 27	10am	Healing Communion	St Andrew's
January Diary			
Tue 2	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	2.15pm	MU AGM	Cheddar Village Hall
Thu 4	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
Sat 6	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
Tue 9	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 10	11.30am	MU Communion	St Andrew's
	1pm	LMG Meeting	Den
	7pm	St Leonard's PCC Fundraising Committee Meeting	Symes home
	7.15pm	St Andrew's PCC	Den
Thu 11	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
Sun 14	12.30pm	St Andrew's Lunch	Riverside
Tue 16	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
	7.45pm	St Peter's PCC	Kundasan, Draycott
Wed 17	2pm	N2 Meeting, Cheddar	Den
Thu 18	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 20	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Mon 22	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Symes home
Wed 24	10am	Healing Communion	St Andrew's

December Rotas

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DRAYCOTT						
	3	10	17	24	25	31
				9.30am	11.30pm	
Sidesman	United	N Devitt	G Jeff	L Whittle	TBA	C Jeff
Intercessor	Benefice	T Oliver		G Jeff	C Green	A Jeffries
Organist	Cheddar	I Ames-White	B Rose	D Cheetham	B Rose	D Cheetham
Readers	10am	G Dury		R Dingley	T Oliver	T Lumley
		J Jeffries	Carols	L Whittle	A Jeffries	L Whittle
Coffee	<i>Taize</i>	P Mullay	at	F Irving	Christmas	T Lumley
	<i>4pm</i>	C Fulton	4:00 PM		Morning	
Cleaning		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley	10.00am	
		C Jeff			<i>T Oliver</i>	
Flowers	Advent	Advent	Advent	All	<i>B Rose</i>	
				Hands	<i>N Rose</i>	
RODNEY STOKE				<i>Carol Service</i>	9.00am	
Sidesman	United	S Percival	TBA	S Walker	TBA	T Symes
Organist	Benefice	Joanne	Michael	Barry		Joanne
Reader 1	Cheddar	J Turner	A Newman			D Banks
Reader 2	10am	H Neave	S Percival			J Symes
Cleaning		F Pitman				D Johnson
		J Drane				J Holmes
Flowers A	Advent	Advent	Advent	I Sealey		I Sealey
Flowers P				F Pitman		F Pitman

January 2018 Rotas

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DRAYCOTT				
	7	14	21	28
Sidesman	R Dingley	N Devitt	C Jeff	L Whittle
Intercessor	C Green	G Jeff	T Oliver	R Dingley
Organist	B Rose	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	D Cheetham
Readers	G Dury	T Lumley	J Jeffries	R Dingley
	R Dingley	C Green	G Jeff	L Whittle
Coffee	C Jeff	P Mullay	T Lumley	F Irving
		C Fulton		
Cleaning		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley
		C Jeff		
Flowers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
RODNEY STOKE				
Sidesman	C Neave	B Buse	A Newman	A Percival
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Michael	Barry
Reader 1	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival
Reader 2	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman	D Banks
Cleaning		J Newman		A Percival
		K Percival		
Flowers A	J Newman	J Newman	J Holmes	J Holmes
Flowers P	J Salmon	J Salmon	P Counsell	P Counsell

Regular Weekly Events in December and January		
Monday	9.30am	Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
	10.30am	Absolute Beginners Line Dancing, Cheddar Village Hall
Tuesday	8pm	Bell ringing, Cheddar
	7.30pm	St Peter's Choir Practice, Draycott
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-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, up to School Age, Cheddar Village Hall (term time only)
	6.15pm	St Andrew's Choir practice
Saturday	9.30am	Morning Prayer, Cheddar
	10 – 11.30am	Rector usually available for drop-ins in the Den (please make appointments for certainty) Except first the Saturday in each month, when he will be available at St Peter's

Free Tuesday morning 1000 -1130?

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

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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.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church family:

Jenson Andrew Jacob Clements, Emily Charlotte Walker,
Jesse Samuel George Bright and Erin Elizabeth Toogood

Marriage:

We ask God to bless the marriage of:

John Smith and Zara Jones – 14th October 2017

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

Eileen Pamela Plimsole, George Lewis Crook, Roy Johnson-Smith,
Johdi Kate Russell, Ann Launder and Stanley Ronald Foster. RIP.

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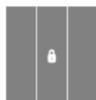
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