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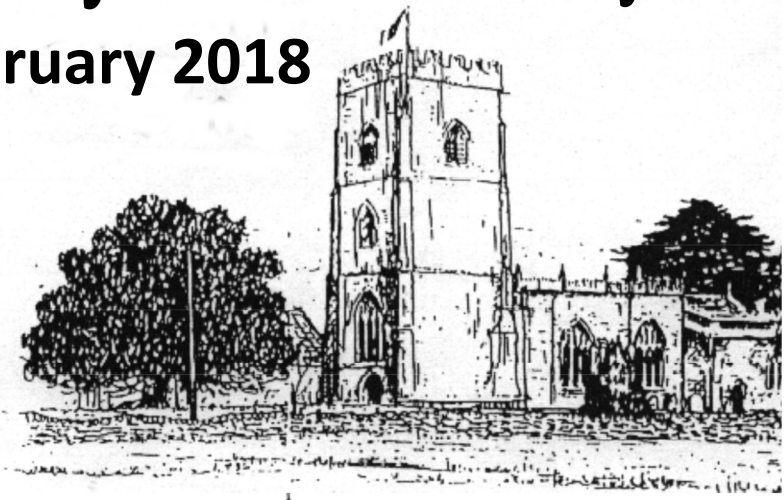

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An old favourite reprinted

I'm sure most readers, certainly of a certain vintage, will be familiar with the Velveteen Rabbit story (written by Margery Williams). Even so, I think it's well worth reprinting and worth a bit of meditation time too.

Gordon Jeff

'What is REAL?' asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room 'Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out-handle?'

'Real isn't how you are made,' said the Skin Horse. 'It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.'

'Does it hurt?' asked the Rabbit.

'Sometimes,' said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. 'When you are Real you don't mind being hurt.'

'Does it happen all at once, like being wound up,' he asked, 'or bit by bit?'

'It doesn't happen all at once,' said the Skin Horse. 'You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand.' *Margery Williams (1981-1944)*

Introducing a new venture: "Fourth Sunday Elevenses" at St Peter's

Everyone of any age or faith is invited to join us for half an hour (or so) of all-age worship at St Peter's Church on the fourth Sunday each month to include music, songs, stories, prayer, refreshments & fun! If you have ever joined us on Christmas morning you may find the style very similar.. so please come along, **on Sunday 25th February at 11am**, bring your family & friends to see what you think.

For more information please contact Thea Oliver 01934 744739

Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Hilary Thomas

Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce you to Nara. She comes from Mongolia, is in her 30's and has a husband and two small children back in Ulaang Baator, Mongolia's capital city. Nara is studying theology at Edinburgh School of Divinity so that she is better qualified to teach pastors training in her own country.

When I met Nara, I was fascinated to hear how she had come to faith in Jesus Christ. She comes from a small town in the east of that vast country. "When I was at school" she told me "we could sometimes see films in our town. One day my friend and I saw a film called 'The Jesus film'. It was long and we didn't understand some of it, but at the end they said you can pray to Jesus any time and he will hear you. One day I had a very bad headache and felt ill. I prayed and I knew Jesus was close to me."

That was the start of Nara's faith journey. She was delighted when, in 2000, the Bible was translated into her own language and she longs to help others pass on the Good News.

It was very moving to see Nara with my Iranian friend Sara - from such different and contrasting cultures yet now sisters in faith because of belonging to the same Lord.

This month, as Ash Wednesday (14 February) marks the start of Lent, are there ways in which we, in our churches and communities, can grow in faith and in love for God and for one another?

Lent Home Groups offer an opportunity to grow in faith and enjoy sharing with others as we look at the Psalms. If you have not tried a Home group before, why not "give it a whirl"? And any newcomers are welcome!

Best wishes for a Happy – and meaningful- Lent! *Hilary Thomas*

Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

Living Lent

We've got one of our lovely sons and daughter-in-laws living with us at the moment. It's great! For me at least. (I've never had to live with my mother-in-law before so can't speak for Danielle!) I find myself coming home to dinner on the table, the house swept clean and my cupboards all neatly rearranged. We've even got a newly painted downstairs loo! And we are having some really good conversations, sharing our hopes and dreams.

This month sees us enter Lent, the season of reflection as we trace Jesus' footprints and walk the road to the cross. It's an opportunity for us to do some clearing out. We empty our cupboards of the rich foods, beating up the batter of pancakes, in preparation for a more abstemious few weeks.

However living Lent is more than merely attending to our diets but rather making room to reflect on those aspects of our lives that need adjustment. Those things we need to bring into God's light for him to forgive, help us to turn from and find a new way of being. This means doing more than just rearranging the shelves. It requires us to rid ourselves of those things that hold us back from God's call on our lives. What might that mean for you this Lent? What needs to go?

But it's not just about taking bags of old and unwanted items down to the recycling bank. It's also about how we form hopes and dreams for the future. How we look beyond the 'now' to 'what might be'. How we move into a new resurrection, a renewal of life beyond the cross.

Many of us make plans whether that's for this weekend or for our children's long-term future. How many of us seek out what God's plan might be for us? We will be hearing something of how Jesus 'set his face towards Jerusalem' this Lent. How he walked towards what he must have sensed as imminent danger. But he did so in obedience to his father. Not knowing what might be the outcome but expectant that the will of his father would be fulfilled.

At that moment, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus seemingly faltered. 'If it be your will, take this cup from me' he prays. However it was only through the cross that resurrection hope, new possibilities could be revealed. What future are you seeking? God's will to be revealed? Or have you mapped it all out already?

Ruth Worsley

Benefice Events and Notices

All Children with Carers Welcome

2.30 to 4pm
Saturday 17 Feb
Saturday 17 March
Cheddar Village Hall
(opposite St Andrew's Cheddar)
……activities for children, home-made refreshments and the odd prayer……..

Lent Groups 2018

Lent is an opportunity to take time away from the world and focus on your individual and collective relationship with God. A published, tried and tested Lent study course gives you the focus and resources to make the most effective use of the time you have. Prepared Lent courses provide you with everything you need to get the most from your time of reflection and renewal.

Our Lent Groups this year will start week beginning Monday 19th February and run for 6 weeks finishing with a Plenary session (Get Together) at St Peter's Church, Draycott on Wednesday evening 28th March.

The study book this year is "Life in the Psalms" by Patrick Woodhouse, costs £10 and can be ordered via the Information/Booking forms placed in each of the Benefice Churches. A concessionary price is available for this book; please speak to either Judith or Stuart. Those not able to attend a group may order a copy of the book.

If you require further information please contact me on 01934 742091 or at pearsonm7014@gmail.com . *Marie Pearson*

Cathedral Fundays need helpers

Can you imagine the Cathedral filled with over 350 children doing a noisy Mexican wave from the first row to the last – and back again? This is the usual exuberant start to the Pilgrim Days when Church School children are invited to one of eight special days based at the Cathedral. These are in March for Year 4, including those from Draycott and Rodney Stoke, and in June for Year 6.

Various workshops, many with pilgrimage themes, help to prepare the children as they move on to the next stage of their education. Each day celebrates their church school experience and God's love and care for them throughout their lives, mixing and working together so they look forward with hope.

With workshop venues in and around the Cathedral, volunteer guides are a vital part of the organisation, moving the groups of about 20 children, plus two or three adult helpers, safely and efficiently to their next destination. Volunteers choose the dates they can offer and are on duty from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Everyone is equipped with comprehensive instructions, DBS clearance is not required, a sandwich lunch is provided and travel expenses can be claimed.

The 2018 dates are 6-8 March and 13-20 June. More volunteers are needed so Helen Garret, the Coordinator, would be delighted to hear from you (01749 685132 or Pilgrim.Days@bathwells.anglican.org). If you'd like a little more background information then please speak to Mike Brownbill 01934 742297, Marion Clegg 01934 743083 or Ann Wait 01934 744723.

Over the past ten years or so, the Benefice has supplied many volunteers who have really enjoyed being part of these special days in the Cathedral to return year after year to share in the children's enthusiasm, wonder and occasional, but not very often, indifference! Anyone can help, so do please consider joining this happy band of pilgrims. *Ann Wait*

Don Banks

I went to see Don and Mary the other day. Following being taken ill at the Christmas Eve Carol Service in Rodney Stoke, Don is making a remarkable and determined recovery. To me, as a visitor, he seemed almost back to his old shelf – certainly in the mischief and humour departments. They asked me to pass on through the magazine their thanks for all the support and good wishes they have received. *Rob Walker*

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A big welcome to Daisy

Of course Honk will be a very hard act to follow but undaunted Daisy, properly known in more polite circles as Firethorn Ariana, born on 6 May 2017, took up residence with Rebecca in Rodney Stoke on 26 November. She is shaping up well, proving to be very bold with loads of character.

Already exploratory walks have been made around the locality. Neighbours may have noticed that she is very vocal but real aficionados reckon her braying has more subtle overtones so far than we remember from Honk.

Her first official engagement will be Palm Sunday at Rodney Stoke (25 March) so be sure to turn out to see her go through her paces—and as for preachers "you have been warned"!

Did Trump try scamming St Leonard's?

These days we all have to be on our guard against scammers and other fraudsters who stalk the unwary on the internet.

When the PCC Treasurer got an email apparently from one of our church officers requesting that a substantial invoice be paid as a matter of urgency, she immediately smelt a rat. Investigation by Rodney Stoke's resident internet sleuth confirmed the suspicion.

Interestingly the reply address domain was mail2.president.com which points to the White House, the West Wing and the man with that ridiculous haircut problem. So please beware when responding to emails .

Tricia's Pantry

'February is the border between winter and spring'

A journey year on year, soon to become permanent.

Where the Atlantic meets the Grand Banks, across the St Lawrence's gateway to the continent's heart, descending over pine forest - Patricia had never seen so many trees - into Halifax, where we hope to live. No respecters of geographical propriety, Canadians. Across the magnificent harbour, Dartmouth; at harbour's head, Bedford, commanding a basin sufficient for entire Second World War convoys to be safely marshalled before heading towards a sea of troubles.

For now home is further north, through a storied landscape that speaks of the peoples we are. Over the waning Appalachians to the Bay of Fundy, where the world's highest tides wash farmland cleared by Acadian settlers on what was Baye Francaise. Familiar names - British, First Nations, French - as we drive over estuaries draining to the sea. Amherst. Shediac. Bouctouche. St Louis. Kouchibougouac.

To Miramichi. From the Montagnais word for "Mi'kmaq Land." First Nations people traded for three millennia from ancient Metepenagiag, harvesting bountiful game and fish. European settlers were kept from sleep by the slap of salmon leaping toward spawning grounds. Again the mixed names so odd to English ears - Chatham across from Newcastle, Nelson for the great British hero. Acadians in Bay du Vin, Tracadie. Burnt Church, where the Royal Navy put the town to fire before we learned to live together. Over the centuries, skinned pine for ships and paper in plenty, and, from a thriving air force base, trained cadres of pilots for a European war and chased Soviet bombers from the skies before the Wall came down. Now, the quietude of a sleepy river playground, crisscrossed with jet skis, sailboats in summer, snowmobiles and skates in winter. Our river home. Miramichi.

The sadness of family going away to work, and joyous reunions which follow. The people here, a friend wrote, have roots that run to China. We are cheerful, irrepressible. Not unlike the English. Unsurprisingly, my love is at home, as I am in Somerset. She may someday master the neighbour's local greeting, whether the neighbour be English, French, First Nations or rainbow:

"G'day, eh? How ya makin er?"

"Ah, the very best. Coffee?"

"Y'all 'll come visit, won'tcha?"

Tricia and Murray Heckbert

Music Matters

'Such as found out musical tunes…' (Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44)

The quote above comes from the chapter in Ecclesiasticus that begins *Let us now praise famous men,* and surely its reference to music is appropriate to two distinguished musicians, the anniversary of whose deaths we commemorate this year – Hubert Parry (d.1918) and Ralph Vaughan Williams (d.1958).

Where would we be without Parry's stirring tune to *Jerusalem*, or his touching melody to *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*? And can you imagine singing either *For all the saints* or *O little town of Bethlehem* without the tunes we all know and love? – the first an original composition by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and the second, his adaptation of a traditional folk-song.

Both Parry and Vaughan Williams were immersed in music from an early age, Parry at his preparatory school near Winchester, whilst Vaughan Williams had started piano lessons at the age of 6, and at the age of 8 had successfully completed Edinburgh University's correspondence course and examinations! They first met at The Royal College of Music in 1890, as student and teacher – Vaughan Williams the youngster who had just left school, and Parry, who at the age of 42 had been able to give up his seven-year stint as an underwriter at Lloyds of London and was now the first professor of composition at the College.

We're told that both eschewed 'organised religion'. Vaughan Williams (son of a clergyman) describing himself as a 'cheerful agnostic', whilst Parry held views and theories that were Darwinian and humanist – and yet both wrote works that can only have been inspired by something far greater than themselves. The power to create such music is not just learned from books and skilled teachers.

Through their 'musical tunes', both became, and are still, 'famous men'. Parry lies at rest in the crypt of St.Paul's Cathedral and Vaughan Williams in the north choir aisle at Westminster Abbey. As verse 14 of that Chapter in Ecclesiasticus reads - *Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore*.

Barry Rose

Murray Heckbert *Parish Portrait No.42*

The word "pragmatic" is used by Murray when he talks about his approach to life. He comes over as someone at ease with himself, who makes the best of what life offers and is well equipped to cope with change. After some 16 years in the UK, he and his wife Tricia are about to embark on what he says is their next adventure – moving to live in his native Canada.

With family roots that go back to Scotland and the British Navy, his ancestors on both sides of his family ended up in Eastern Canada on the loyalist side in the American War of Independence. Murray finds life in a small English village satisfying, not unlike his experience of the small eastern coastal town of Chatham where he grew up, a place where neighbours know and look out for each other. His experience of education though was different there, with primary, junior high and high school being the same for all and just a short distance from home in contrast to the pressure of "choice" he sees on children in this country.

The move to the UK came about when he met Tricia on what she recalls as her first day at University where she was enrolled for a Master's Degree. Murray was engaged in post graduate studies in History and Politics combined with some teaching. They were married in 2000 and moved to London the following year, living near Kew, which enabled him to pursue some research work. They moved to the West Country from where Tricia's family came, and settled in Draycott.

Murray felt he had moved too far away from working with people so, having enjoyed teaching, he started a teacher training course in Bristol. He realised that not enough time could be spent helping pupils, and it was not the job for him, but sees the experience as positive. Temping as a Youth Offending Team's administrator gave him time and space to become a voluntary Mentor working with Promise, an organisation helping young people at risk and often in the care system. The Mentor's commitment is demanding and requires meeting with the young person matched with the Mentor for two hours every week for two years. Murray is still in contact with the person he mentored from the age of 15 and who is now in his late twenties. The job and voluntary work meshed together. It led to him becoming a Probation Officer nearly 10 years ago.

Murray and Tricia like to have a project. Writing the regular "Tricia's Pantry" column for the Parish Magazine is one they have embraced and made their own with a very distinctive style. Writing is something that Murray enjoys; he was asked to edit a book for Promise covering their 10

years of Mentoring and he had written pieces himself. A section in the book on “Human Givens” caught Murray’s attention. He researched and pursued its study, becoming influenced by its approach to counselling and general wellbeing. “Human Givens” has been helpful to Murray in his professional and personal life, enabling him to be better able to cope with the stresses of his job, in his work with offenders, as well as developing a practice of his own as part of the ongoing training.

Facebook has provided an outlet for Murray’s thoughts and he has recently written from the male perspective following what he regards as the long overdue exposure of abusive behaviour towards women. The centenary of Passchendaele triggered a piece when he recalled two personal connections to the battle and contrasted the difference in outcome. One man was gassed in 1917, was not expected to survive when he returned to Canada but ran 5 miles a day, and was still alive in the 1990s. The other, a relative of Murray’s, came back and disappeared. It was later discovered he had died in 1959 and buried in a war grave, but it seems he could not cope with being with those who knew him.

Murray regards social media positively, but feels grateful to have been born early enough to have developed the skills to interact with people directly, to be circumspect in his relationships and pragmatic in his writing. The opportunity it provides for keeping in touch with friends and his extended family who are scattered between Canada and the USA is greatly appreciated. His mother, in her late eighties now has a Facebook page!

Changes to Probation included part of the service being privatised. The working together of private and public sector is less unusual in North America so Murray approached this with an open mind. The increase in work load with the resultant lessening of the ability to build relationships and work closely with offenders is in part one of his reasons for looking to make a change. He is sorry to be leaving Draycott, but is hoping to be accepted on a Social Work course in Halifax, which is not far from where his parents live. Tricia is enthusiastic to live in Canada again and they are young enough to take the plunge. They will be much missed, but maybe Murray will become ‘Our Own Correspondent’ from Nova Scotia. *SMW*

Foodbank demand soars across the UK

Just before Christmas the Trussell Trust, the charity that operates most of the country's foodbanks, released its latest statistics on foodbank useage*. In a nutshell, their data shows that the need for foodbanks and their services continues to soar across the UK.

The figures, gathered before the full Universal Credit rollout accelerated in October 2017, show that the foodbank network is already on course to distribute a new record number of food parcels in 2017-18.

The charity is concerned that the situation will worsen considerably as the full Universal Credit service is rolled out to more areas. New analysis of Trussell Trust foodbanks in areas of full Universal Credit rollout shows that foodbanks in areas of full rollout for six months or more have seen a 30% average annual increase after rollout compared to the previous year. Comparative analysis of foodbanks not in full Universal Credit rollout areas showed an average increase of only 12%.

*See https://www.trusselltrust.org/2017/11/07/foodbank-demand-soars-across-uk/

Trussell Trust Foodbank Facts April- Sept 2017

- 586,907 three day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis in first half of this year, a 13% increase on the same period last year – 208,956 to children.
- Foodbanks in areas of full Universal Credit rollout for six months or more have seen a 30% average increase six months after rollout compared to a year before.
- Foodbanks report the serious effects of the six-plus week waiting period, poor administration by the DWP and the inability of the current advance payment system to support everyone on no income.

Thank you for helping vulnerable children

Every year the people of Draycott and Rodney Stoke support the work of The Childrens Society by having collection boxes in their homes. All those little bits and pieces of change add up to quite a healthy sum which goes towards the £1.6 million raised from the boxes to help children in this country who aren't safe, loved or able to cope.

This year our boxes raised £635.51 which is amazing from such a small group of people—we have about 30 boxholders). If you would like a collection box in your home please contact Tricia Lumley on 07886733840.

In addition to the collection boxes we held a number of other events. Thank you very much to SOSP who donated the proceeds from the voting in the Christmas Tree competition to The Childrens Society. SOSP also hosted carol singing in The Cider Barn and the Strawberry Special, two very well attended events. The income from these events, supplemented by money from the Wookey Hole Wishing Well added £377.76, to the amount we sent through, so over £1000 was donated to the Childrens Society this year.

Many Thanks to everyone involved.

Tricia Lumley – Childrens Society Coordinator

Mobile Police Station in attendance

Come & meet Susie Buxton our PCSO at the Strawberry Special at 3.00pm on 7 February

Friends of St Leonard's Events
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The Rodney Stoke Wassail

Meet and park at Brangay Farm 6.45pm for 7.00pm

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Saturday 27th January

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Happy New Year from SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's)

Thank you everyone who continues to support us in our efforts to raise funds for our village Church and other charities including The Loaves & Fishes project supporting those in need in Bristol, Christian Aid, The Children's Society, Cheddar food bank, Mendip YMCA, we really appreciate it! Last year we all helped to raise a total of around £3000! After the Christmas Tree Festival we were able to send £180 to The Children's Society, £100 to The Sisters, and earlier in the year we sent £200 to Christian Aid. Please see Church accounts when they are published & come along to St Peter's Church APCM in April.

There will always be a warm welcome to all at our regular coffee & cake mornings on the first Saturday of every month.

Please also put these dates in your diaries:

SOSP are planning our **Lent Soup Lunch raising** money for **Christian Aid on March 17th serving soup from 12-1.30pm** Please join us and as always we would be very grateful for offers of soups & cakes, thank you

SOSP Jumble sale planned for **Saturday 21st April**.. please save the date & your jumble... *please do not deliver it to the Strawberry Special until the morning of the sale as they have nowhere to store it*... but (of course) if you really must get rid of it before the 21st or have no way of delivering it yourself please phone Thea 01934 744739 or Janette 01934 744945 & we will collect it from you, thank you

We are also planning to be involved again this year in **the summer skittles league (as The Holy Rollers) The Strawberry Fayre in June, and St Leonard's Christmas Fayre in November**

In August we are planning a weekend when everyone in our villages will be invited to decorate our garden gates in the theme of **"Home coming"** to commemorate the ending of WW1 culminating in a **BBQ party (see March magazine for more info)**

The date & subject of our **annual September talk** is to be confirmed and the **Michaelmas Fayre** has been booked for **Saturday October 6th**

And after such a successful Christmas tree festival we are planning another Advent festival based around Angels... watch this space!

Also we are always looking for ideas for events and welcome your involvement & help so please get in touch if you feel you would like to join us or have any ideas...

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SOSP *invite you to join us at* ***The Strawberry Special*** *on* ***Friday 9 February*** *for another* ***Curry Night*** *at 7.30pm for 8pm, tickets £12.50 (to include meat or vegetable curry & a pudding) from The Strawberry Special, Draycott Post Office or Thea Oliver 01934 744739.Please also contact Thea if you can offer to make a pudding..* ***Thank you***

Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

A verse from 'Winter Plums'

Two winter plum trees grow beside my door.
Throughout the cold months they had little pink
Flowers all over them as if they wore
Nightdresses, and their branches, black as ink
By sunset, looked as if a Japanese
Painter, while painting air, had painted these *Clive James*

This verse comes from the poem Winter Plums which is to be found in Clive James' recently published collection of late poems Sentenced to Life. Written as they are from the perspective of his twilight days, it is a collection of positive, unsentimental, life-affirming poems that repay acquaintance.

A Poorman's Cassoulet

½doz herby sausages with skins – skins pricked with fork
2 tins of chopped tomatoes
2-3 tins of white beans – Butter beans, Cannellini, Haricot or even Baked – drained
Ground black pepper
1 Knorr Chicken Stock 'jelly'
Juice of 1 lemon
Garlic – several cloves sliced into small pieces (1 mm-ish)
Onions – a couple roughly chopped into 1 cm pieces
Half a cup of water
A little olive oil
Couple of carrots cut into 1cm pieces
Couple of potatoes cut into 1 cm pieces
Handful of fresh roughly chopped parsley
Tomato puree – a little.
Small spicy Spanish Chorizo sausage cut into 1cm chunks

1.Do all preparation before you start cooking. If want to stretch use more vegetables. Cook in heavy cast iron type casserole if available.
2.Add 1 tbsp olive oil to casserole & heat. Then add pricked sausages & chorizo pieces. Carefully brown all over but do not overcook.
3.Clear space on bottom of casserole & add onion and garlic. Put browned sausages etc on top & fry onions until soft/translucent.
4.Add chopped tinned tomatoes, tomato puree, carrots, potatoes, other veggies, lemon juice. Knorr chicken stock jelly & a little water. Bring to boil then simmer very gently for 20 minutes stirring occasionally.
5.Add drained beans, chopped parsley. Stir up and take judgement. If dry add a little more water & gently return to boil, cover & simmer gently for another 20 mins stirring occasionally. If too sloppy, do not add water at this point, gently bring back to boil & simmer with occasional stirring.
6.Leave to stand – improves if allowed to cool then re-heated. Reheat before serving in casserole in oven at 160-180°C for ~15 mins.

Sunday Services in February

	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
4th February	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
2 Before Lent	10am Morning Prayer		
11th February	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Worship followed	8am BCP Communion
1 Before Lent		with coffee and discussion	
18th February	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Lent 1	10am Parish Communion		
25th February	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mattins
Lent 2	10am Parish Communion		

Readings for February

	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
4th February	104:26-end	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14
2 Before Lent			
11th February	50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
1 Before Lent			
18th February	25:1-9	1 Peter 3:18-end	Mark 1:9-15
Lent 1			
25th February	22:23-end	Romans 4:13-end	Mark 8:31-end
Lent 2			

Regular Weekly Events in February

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-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)
		Except first the Saturday in each month, when he will be available at St Peter's

Diary for February			
Thur 1	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
	7.45pm	Benefice Study Group	Lenzlie House
Sat 3	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
Mon 5	2pm	St Andrew's at Lunch Time (SALT) Meeting	Den
Tue 6	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Wed 7	2pm	St Andrew's Standing Committee Meeting	Den
Thur 8	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
	7.45pm	Benefice Study Group	Lenzlie House
Fri 9	7.30pm	SOSP Curry Night	Strawberry Special
Tue 13	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 14	11.30pm	Communion for Ash Wednesday	St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St Leonard's
Thurs 15	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
Sat 17	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Sun 18	2pm	Pancake Races	Rodney Stoke
Wed 21	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
Thur 22	4.30pm - 8pm	Mendip District Girl Guiding Service,	St Andrew's
Fri 23	1.30pm	Rehearsal practice for the WWDP St Andrew's	St Andrew's
Sat 24	10am-1.30pm	Marriage Preparation Day	Blackford Village Hall
Wed 28	7.45pm	Ministry Team Meeting	Den

Free Tuesday morning 1000 -1130?

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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.

February 2018 Rotas					
DRAYCOTT					
	4	11	18	25	Mar 4
Sidesman	L Whittle	N Devitt	G Jeff	C Jeff	L Whittle
Intercessor	A Jeffries	T Oliver	C Green	R Dingley	G Jeff
Organist	D Cheetham	I Ames-White	D Cheetham	B Rose	D Cheetham
Readers	T Lumley	G Dury	J Jeffries	R Dingley	C Green
	L Whittle	M Heckbert	T Oliver	T Lumley	L Whittle
Coffee	T Lumley	P Mullay	C Jeff	F Irving	C Jeff
		C Fulton			S Burns
Cleaning		P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley	
		C Jeff			
Flowers	G Salt	G Salt	Lent	Lent	Lent
RODNEY STOKE					
Sidesman	J Newman	S Percival	C Neave	T Symes	S Walker
Organist	Joanne	Joanne	Barry	Michael	Joanne
Reader 1	J Symes	S Walker	J Turner	A Newman	I Turner
Reader 2	I Turner	A Percival	H Neave	S Percival	J Symes
Cleaning		I Sealey		L Moore	
				H Neave	
Flowers A	L Davey	L Davey	Lent	Lent	Lent
Flowers P	M James	M James			

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals:

Our prayers are with those who mourn the death of:

Anthony Harold Packer, Joan Hamilton, Betty Kathleen Stokes, Betty Kathleen Stokes, John Andrew Richardson, Grace Bird, Esme Beryl Young, Gwendoline Hilda Rose Hunt, Jack Richards. RIP.

JOHN RICHARDSON - Maureen, Ruth, Laura and family would like to thank their friends in Draycott, Rodney Stoke and Cheddar for all the messages of condolence received after the death of John. They were greatly appreciated. The collection for charities have so far amounted to £425.

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