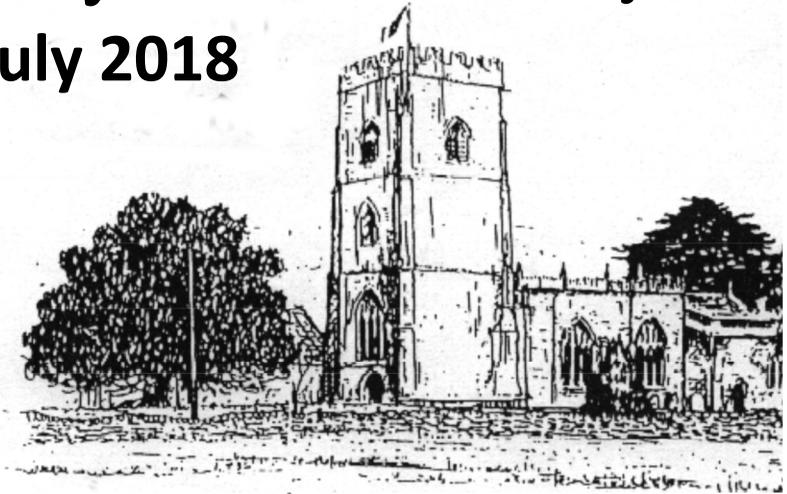


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The Choir of St Peter's sing at the Bishop's Palace

Time was when there was no choir at St Peter's church, Draycott. There had been in the past, but the choir stalls had fallen silent in the seventies. Then, after David Cheetham moved to the village, he would muster a few enthusiastic volunteers in November to rehearse a few items for the Carol Service at Christmas...then silence again for another twelve months. However in 2015, David offered us the opportunity to meet weekly rather than just at Christmas, and to build up a repertoire so that we could augment the Sunday worship every week.

Bishop Peter and his wife arrived 'in mufti' at our communion service one Sunday earlier this year, and the choir was delighted that, afterwards, they invited us to sing one day in summer at the chapel of the Bishop's Palace in Wells. The appointed day was 3 June, and regular members assembled with some of our 'extended family', the Ames-Whites and the Cotons from Cheddar, to sing a varied programme of church music. This ranged from the 7th century hymn 'Creator of the Stars of Night' to a 21st century arrangement of the hymn 'Bread of the World', and included Bach, Mozart, Stainer and Rutter along the way.

Nikki Devitt

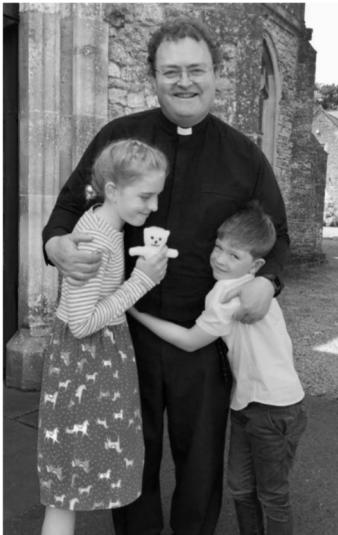


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Pastoral Letter to the Benefice from Stuart Burns

I believe in the Church

On a recent June Sunday (at the 10am in St Andrew's), we celebrated baptising two children, Claudia and Dennis, who had themselves asked for this (a rare and wonderful event - children thinking for themselves and wanting this sign of faith)! I photographed the ten children who were there and told them that they were a part of my family, along with my own personal family members whose photos I had to show. We considered just how much we, because we



are God's family (i) need each other for support and encouragement, and (ii) are responsible for each other, as we seek to grow into being whole and fulfilled people who love and serve God as followers of Christ.

From July, we shall follow a sermon series based on the book "*I Believe in the Church*" by the late David Watson, who was a prolific (late 20th century) Anglican evangelist, preacher and writer. The teaching on Sundays will consider carefully exactly what Jesus meant when he said to St Peter, "*I will build my church*". We shall explore Biblical images and analogies for God's family, e.g. the church as the: Kingdom of God, People of God, Body of Christ, Army of God et al. We shall also think about the Church's worship, ministry,

sacraments, mission, and distinctive nature.

The sermon series will last about three months, and the teaching will be thorough and hopefully enjoyable and accessible. I hope deeply that it will refresh and enliven our expectation of what the Church, as family, can mean to us and to others. May we, in our benefice churches become (i) more open to each other, (ii) more nurturing and loving of each other, and (iii) readier to receive care and ministry from each other. Then we can realistically hope to become a family that attracts, welcomes and meets the needs of those who may not yet feel that they belong. This is the family we want to have welcomed those two lovely children into at their recent baptism.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart".

Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton



Exploring Faith

As I write this I am home alone whilst my husband, Howard, sails around the coast of Britain in the footsteps of the Celtic Saints. He is immersing himself in how the story of Jesus came to Britain all those years ago and examining how life is lived, and what faith in Jesus means, in today's coastal communities.

My travels are rather more local than Howard's but I encounter the same desire to see what it means to be a Christian today. One of the themes that often emerges is that people want to become more confident in their own faith before they try to share that faith with others.

I am saddened by the suggestion that one legacy of centuries of clericalism is that lay people do not believe themselves to be 'authorised to communicate their faith.' Lay people are already living out their faith in their churches and communities—without that, the church wouldn't exist! But many of us (and this is true for people who are ordained as well as lay people) are not confident, want to know more and to better understand their faith. It's wonderful to know that so many of our churches have home groups, Bible studies and other activities to help, but I also want to commend two courses that the diocese offers and which have new sessions beginning in September. They both have exploring in their title: even though this exploring is more armchair than coastal adventure.

Exploring Christianity is for those wanting to learn more about the Christian faith and the Bible. Past attendees have found it has really enriched their understanding of their faith and given them greater confidence. *Exploring Spirituality* is more experiential and focuses on different ways of prayer, using a range of Christian traditions.

It maybe that one of these courses is just what you are looking for, or perhaps you can think of someone in your church who you could encourage to set sail. We cannot promise a smooth voyage but in the Bible we have an amazing guidebook and in prayer a solid compass to help you along the way. *Ruth Worsley*

Christian Aid - 2018

This year's Christian Aid collection raised a total of £1,107.53. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who gave up their time to distribute and collect the envelopes and to those who helped count the money. As many of you will be aware this is my last year as organiser; my replacement, Liz Bamber, will be working with Karen Percival to carry on this important work.

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Tricia Heckbert



Would you enjoy a friendly chat, a bite to eat and a time to appreciate being with others? Try the SALT lunch at Cheddar Village Hall 1230 – 2.30 on Monday 23 July. Everyone welcome.

**All Children with Carers Welcome 2.30 to 4pm
Saturday 21 July**

Messy Church on 21st July will be held in the garden of the Old Vicarage (behind the Church), Cheddar with family fun, games and a picnic for everyone – please bring a rug or garden chairs. The hall will be available if it rains.



Come and join us for the Benefice Family Breakfast at 9am Sunday 29 July in Cheddar Village Hall (aka Church House). Enjoy good food and a short service.

**Music at St. Andrews, Cheddar
Saturday 30 June:**

7.00 PM St Andrew's Fabric Fund Concert.

Mendip Consort Of Recorder Players, The Somernotes (male singing group), with special guests, the young virtuosi Poppy McGhee and Cristina Dimitrova.

Tickets £10—Contact: 01934 743834
(students under 18 £5, children 10 or under – free)



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.

Tricia's Pantry

What to the Slave is the 4th of July?



I arrived in England with some trepidation.

I'd never been engaged before, never been beyond North America, and certainly never done a march past of pending in-laws. My mutton-chopped vicar potential father-in-law - a former paratrooper, gulp - looked quite the challenge. He agreed, however, that I could marry his only daughter IF I repaired - using the few rusty tools at hand - a shed door that kept falling off. I laboured thoughtfully and summoned the vicar. He asked if I would guarantee the door would stay put; I replied that the shed would fall down before that door ever fell off again.

Settling took longer. Migration forces you to reinvent yourself. The laws, social norms - every little habit or process to which you'd become accustomed - are long gone. You're pulled to your new country, and back to your old home. Thankfully, I'm a pragmatist. I've often felt that immigration must be hardest for those who try to maintain strong attachments to both countries. As Mr Eisenhower allegedly observed, the road of life is paved with squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Eventually, we decided on Draycott. It was the first home we'd chosen together. Ironically, it reminds us often of Canada. The gentleness and civility of the people, so unlike our first anonymous home in London. The social activities, often simple and understated, that bind a community together. We've always been of the view that village life is what you make it. You have to get out there and see what's about. And while there's plenty to look forward to in Canada, there's plenty we'll miss. Second Sundays won't be the same, and we'll miss pubs full stop, let alone the annual Strawberry carol sing. And I'll still get told off in Canada when I go to order food at the bar. Yep. Habit now.

Trish asked if there was anything I wouldn't miss about the UK. I had to think awhile. There's only one thing really. You know when you're walking on a city pavement, and one of the loose slabs slishes your foot with a gallon of gungy rainwater? Yeah. Just that. *Tricia and Murray Heckbert*

Church invests in smart loudspeaker technology

From its press releases, today's C of E seems fully committed to adopting new technology to help bring itself up to date and solve its 'mission problem', meaning increasing the size of its congregations.

The latest gizmo being promoted is the Smart Loudspeaker, which is a sort of voice-actuated tablet computer that hears your questions, carries out your verbal instructions and literally tell you the answers. The diagram below gives you the general idea. The market leader is Amazon's Alexa which sold almost 4 million

units in the UK in 2017. You may well have been lucky enough to be given one for Christmas. Software has been developed so the Alexa will answer all sorts of questions about the church, like what is on where, as well as reciting appropriate prayers or readings on demand. But that is only for starters. In time it is foreseen that every home will have one – a bit like,

showing my age, the softly-spoken computer HAL, in Stanley Kubrick's great masterpiece the film '2001', that was supposed to look after everything.

This sort of technology appears to be seen as the answer to a fair bit of the Church's 'mission problem' especially in relation to the younger generations. I am not so sure of that. Surely the experience in this Benefice is that the important thing is to identify and meet a few of the real needs of the community and build out from there. St Peter's First Saturday Coffee and Cakes is an excellent example of how meeting needs brings people in as is Rodney Stoke's FOSL, which provides much appreciated social cohesion in what is a very small village. For sure it is necessary to move with the times and be responsive to change, but the real challenge is the everyday grind of meeting real needs week in, week out. There really is no magic bullet on sale from Amazon. You have to get better and better at identifying then meeting real needs. It is easier said than done but it works.

What do you think?

Rob Walker



Breaking the Fast



Both Muslims and non-Muslims gathered together for the Iftar, the breaking of the fast, at the Ammerdown Centre, near Radstock, one evening in May, during the holy month of Ramadan when all Muslims should fast from sunrise to sunset. It was a privilege to be included and to have the opportunity to meet with members of the local Islamic community from varied backgrounds, including Syrian refugees who had just arrived, along with families well established here. There were many children, who were full of fun but obviously familiar with the routines.

Imam Rashid told us that Ramadan is a time to reflect on one's spiritual life, particularly the relationship with God and with one another. Abstaining from food and liquids is obligatory, unless exempt on medical grounds or travelling. If Ramadan falls when daylight hours are very long (even 24 hours in the north of Finland where one of the guests had lived) it is very challenging and an option is to follow the hours of Mecca. The month finishes with the Eid-al-Fitr, a celebration for 2 or 3 days.

Once the sun had set at 9.09 p.m. the fast was broken with snacks and a drink. The Azhan, the call to Prayer was beautifully sung and those who wished went to pray or observe the prayer in another room, where shoes were removed. Following this we shared an excellent vegetarian meal and chatted with those around us. Adherence to the rules of Ramadan is estimated to be ~93% of Muslims and the commitment is obvious to anyone who visits a Muslim country during the holy month; yet generally normal life continues.

The Ammerdown Centre describes itself as a Place of Hospitality, Spirituality and Growth. Established in the 1970s as an adult education centre to promote dialogue between the Church and the wider world, it aims to bring people from different backgrounds and faiths together to learn from each other. The Ammerdown Interfaith Project, which is funded by the Methodist Church, The Beeston Community Trust and the Ammerdown Centre was set up to address faith and race related hate crime. It is headed by Christine Clinch, the Education and Spiritual Manager. Hopefully there will be further opportunities to link with this project.

Sue Walker

What Next for St Leonard's?

Unlike the Forth Railway Bridge, which now only requires repainting every 25 years, ancient listed buildings like St Leonard's require constant maintenance to keep them in good condition and 'up to date'. For the benefit of the deaf and partially deaf, an advanced hearing loop system was installed in the church, with 50% of the funding coming from the Diocesan Fund for Church Growth and the balance from PCC funds.



All this was followed up by a major project to clean and restore the monuments to the Rodney family, after whom the village is named. In addition to the work done on the internal monuments in the chancel and the Rodney Chapel, a 15th century chest tomb in the churchyard was rebuilt and restored, revealing an intricate pattern on its lid. At the same time, a much older tombstone was removed from its somewhat undignified location propped up against the churchyard wall to a position alongside the font inside the church. The entire conservation project cost over £42,000, met largely by donations from several charitable trusts, with the PCC only having to contribute a few hundred pounds towards the lighting of the monuments.

More recently, the inner surfaces of the parapet on top of the tower have been repointed, and corrosion-proof safety railings have been fitted, to meet current health and safety regulations. This work has been funded by the Friends of St Leonard's, who also funded the installation of fire and emergency lighting for the church hall. Supervised tower visits have now been re-started.

So what next? The last quinquennial inspection report highlighted the parlous state of the balustrades and pinnacles around the main roof of the church. Temporary repairs have already been made to prevent risk from falling masonry, but the PCC has now embarked on raising grant funding for a more permanent solution. The church is one of a few in Somerset that the Diocese suggested should approach the Headley Trust for partial funding its roof repairs, and this will be followed up by requests to other fund-giving charities. Hopefully this work will be undertaken before the next quinquennial highlights other problems.

Ken James

It is a remarkable and noteworthy fact that the lions share of the maintenance work on St Leonard's has been paid for by grant funding. Making successful grant applications is very hard work and it involves much more than filling out the odd form. It requires creativity, persistence, patience, politeness and the ability to get inside the mindset of the funder. You also need to develop a well earned reputation for delivering successful projects and carefully fulfilling your promises to the very letter. Well done Ken!

Music Matters Wells on the air



At precisely 3.30 pm on the afternoon of Wednesday, 4th July, somewhere in a studio in Broadcasting House, London, a BBC Radio 3 announcer will say - 'It's half-past three, and time for this week's broadcast of Choral Evensong which today comes live from Wells Cathedral.....'

As that happens, a red light, placed in full view of the cathedral choir and its musical director Matthew Owens will intermittently flash, stay off for a few seconds, and then come back on. That's the signal to begin, and those of us listening at home, in the car, or at work, will then be able to take part in an Act of Worship that has been broadcast on a weekly basis for the past 92 years.

Live broadcasting brings its own challenges, and especially to this programme. Months before the day, the music has to be chosen, first choices sometimes being rejected since other Cathedrals may be broadcasting those same pieces around that time. And listeners to Radio 3 are used to musical perfection - which takes no account of possible sickness or loss of voice on the day itself, especially among the boys and girls of the choir.

Also added to that day is one crucial word - stamina !

What you will hear over the radio will already have been sung ALL the way through by the choir earlier that afternoon, in what is called the balance-test. Any time onwards from 1.30 pm, this gives the engineers the opportunity to place and adjust their microphones to give the best possible broadcast sound, and the producer to work out and adjust accurate timings, crucial in a live transmission that has a defined 60 minute slot.

Happily, these occasions usually run like clockwork and week by week they bring the name and the sounds of our Cathedrals & Collegiate Chapels to many thousands of listeners all over the world, including many in the USA on this special day (American Independence Day).

It gives a whole new meaning to words penned by the psalmist long before the birth of Christ - *their sound is gone out into all lands !*

Barry Rose

Forty years of FOSL – a personal reflection

It really should be no surprise that St. Leonard's Church is held in such great affection in the village of Rodney Stoke. It is a Grade I listed building, indicating that it is of significant architectural and historic importance. One of its most interesting features is the North or Rodney Chapel, containing monuments and memorials to members of the Rodney family from 1478 to 1659. These include an effigy of Sir Thomas Rodney in full armour, and a beautifully detailed alabaster effigy of Anne Lake wearing a jewelled costume. The church and the monuments are important enough to feature in the Somerset North and Bristol volume of Pevenser's Buildings of England. It is the oldest, largest and most dominant feature of the village landscape and, as shown by the remarks left in the visitors book, many people from far and wide find it a place of great peace and a refreshing stillness.

Rodney Stoke Village used to swing in the seventies to various events organised by the Rodney Stoke Entertainments Committee. In 1978 RSEC morphed into FOSL, The Friends of St. Leonard's. A group of villagers including the then vicar and his wife, Dick and Deborah Small (see below) formed the Friends. The aim was to provide a wider base for events and in so doing provide a body of ever-changing villagers who could help various activities associated with St. Leonard's like flower arranging, bell ringing, maintenance, the choir and much more. From the off the Friends have always been dedicated to having fun and a good laugh and general bonhomie.

Rather presciently in late 1978 a serious leak was discovered in the church roof. The Friends leapt into fundraising mode to help raise some much-needed contribution to the expensive and successful repair. Since then successive FOSL committees of willing villagers have organised a variety of events. In the early days the RS Inn allowed the use of the skittle alley for many of them and many an hilarious night was passed either upright or horizontal on the notoriously slippery floor, (nothing to do with alcohol you understand!).



Without a base of their own the Friends have been very grateful for the series of venues offered to them over the years including Scaddens Farm, Skittle Alley, Village gardens, Manor Farm, Church Hall, Shooting Ground, Conduit Farm, Yew Tree Farm and Millway to name a few. A cornucopia of events has kept the village in febrile excitement over the years. Village Fetes, Harvest Suppers, Burns Nights, Jubilees, Speakers various, Cider Festivals, Barn Dances, Maypole Dancing, Pet Shows, Somerset Days, Rounders, Cricket Matches, Quiz Nights, Valentine Nights, Shakespeare evenings, St.George's Days, Bonfire Nights, Skittles Evenings, Rodney Stoke Wassails and the list goes on.



So, forty years have passed in riotous feasting, jousting, tippling, competing, reciting, trumpet blowing, professional? marquee erecting, friendship making and general spirited merriment.

It is even more remarkable when you consider the numbers. According to the 2011 census Rodney Stoke has 269 inhabitants. FOSL's recent Somerset Day celebration attracted 128 paying visitors and any event held in the Village Hall is full to capacity.

If the Friends were to have a motto, one that might strike a chord over the forty years would come from Shakespeare's Richard II:

*'I count myself in nothing else so happy
As in a soul remembering my good friends'*

And in that very spirit the Friends sometime ago, decided that everybody in the village is an entitled member of the Friends of St. Leonard's without let or hindrance.

Steve Percival

FOSL 40th Birthday Party

2.30pm Saturday 14 July at Manor Farm

Everyone is welcome. Bring your own picnic including the beverages of your choice. It will be a very informal get together to meet new and old friends. with seating and tables. There will be some games for young and old to play should they so wish. A display of Friends memorabilia will be laid out in the church. The bells will be rung to celebrate the occasion and supervised tower trips will take place so anyone who wishes can be stunned by the 360 degree views. Come along and join your neighbours.

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nurses, tea wagon the list is endless, or you may wish to celebrate a relative. Decorations can be anything from bunting to flowers, artefacts, pictures flags or absolutely anything else you can think of, let your imagination flow!

A walking trail around both villages will be arranged and to help us plan the trail we would appreciate it if you would like to take part to complete the entry form and return it to either Tricia or Karen as soon as possible. The trail will start at St Peters continue around both villages and back to Valley Edge Farm Draycott for a BBQ on the Saturday and repeated on the Sunday but will finish at St Peters church for cream teas.

Please contact us if you have questions (Tricia Lumley 07886733840) or (Karen Percival 0174987067) Entry forms can be posted through the door of Holcombe, Wells Rd, Draycott or Little Nook, Butts Lane, Rodney Stoke.

Holy Rollers Update: Strawberry Special Summer Skittles 2018 !



Skittles going well.. we've played 4 games & won 4 games so far.. I'm suspicious that this run of good luck is mainly due to my injured wrist that has stopped me playing!

Thea Oliver

Mobile Police Station in attendance

Thursday July 12th at 2.00 pm Rodney Stoke Inn



Don's Poem and Mary's Recipe

Somebody

Somebody being a nobody,
Thinking to look like a somebody,
Said he thought me a nobody:
Good little somebody-nobody,
Had you not known me a somebody,
Would you have called me a nobody?



Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92)

Water melon & Feta salad



700g
Watermelon
1 small red
onion
180g Fetta
Cheese
A bunch of
fresh mint
Extra virgin
olive oil

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

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More details are available on their website at www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 or call them on **0800 7830130**.

So if you are going through the annual chore of renewing your home insurance, it might be worth having a look.

Services July 2018			
	Cheddar	Draycott	Rodney Stoke
1st July	8am BCP Communion		
Trinity 5	10am Patronal Festival Benefice Service at St Peter's		
8th July	10am Parish Communion	9.30am Worship followed	11.15am Pet Service
Trinity 6		with coffee and discussion	
15th July	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
Trinity 7	10am Parish Communion		
22nd July	8am BCP Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11.15am Mattins
Trinity 8	10am Parish Communion	11am Elevenses Family Service	
29th July	0900 Benefice Breakfast Service at Cheddar Village Hall		
Trinity 9			

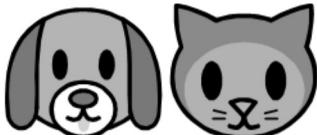
Readings July 2018			
	Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
1st July	125	Acts 12:	Matthew 16:
Trinity 5		1-11	13-19
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8th July	123	Ezekiel 2:	Mark 6:
Trinity 6		1-5	1-13
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15th July	85:	Amos 7:	Mark 6:
Trinity 7	8-end	7-15	14-29
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22nd July	23	Jeremiah 23:	Mark 6:
Trinity 8		1-6	30-34, 53-end
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29th July	145:	2 Kings 4:	John 6:
Trinity 9	10-19	42-end	1-21
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Regular Weekly Events		
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
	1pm-4pm	Administrator in Benefice Office, Cheddar
Thursday	9am	LMG Morning Prayer – see Pew Notes for venue
	10am-3pm	Administrator in Benefice Office, Cheddar
	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 the first Saturday in each month, when he will be available at St Peter's

July 2018 Diary			
Sun 1	6pm	STARR AGM	Cheddar Village Hall
Tue 3	10.30am	Greenhill Communion	Cheddar
Thur 5	12.30pm	Lunch Club	Riverside
	7.45pm	Breakfast Service Planning Meeting	Den
Sat 7	10.30am	SOSP Coffee and Cake	St Peter's
Tue 10	10am	LPA Meeting	Den
	2pm	The Laurels Communion	Draycott
	3pm	Sealey Close Communion	Draycott
Wed 11	11.30am	Mother's Union Communion	St Andrew's
Thurs 12	9.30am	Bristol Bus	Cheddar
Sat 14	2.30pm	Friend's of St Leonard's 40th Celebration	Manor Farm
	3pm	Mother's Union Summer Tea	Cheddar Village Hall
Wed 18	11am	Court House Communion	Cheddar
	12pm	Cheddar Valley Ministers	
	2pm	St Andrew's Standing Committee Meeting	Den
Thurs 19	2.30pm	The Homestead Communion	Cheddar
	6.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Peter's
Sat 21	10.30am	St Leonard's Church Cleaning Party	St Leonard's
	2pm	Wedding	St Peter's
	2.30pm	Messy Church	Cheddar Village Hall
Mon 23	12.30pm	St Andrew's at Lunch Time (SALT)	Cheddar Village Hall
Tue 24	3.30pm	LPA Meeting	Den
	6pm	Wedding Meeting	Den
Wed 25	7pm	St Leonard's PCC	Symes Home
Sat 28	11.30am	Wedding Meeting	Den
Sun 29	7.30pm	Anne Higgs Brass Band Concert	St Andrew's
Mon 30	7.30pm	Mendip Consort Concert	St Andrew's

Sunday 8th July

Pet Service at 1.15am



Bring your pets!

St. Leonards, Rodney Stoke

July 2018 Rotas						
DRAYCOTT						
	1	8	15	22	29	Aug 5
Sidesman	A Jeffries	N Devitt	G Jeff	C Jeff	Breakfast	A Jeffries
Intercessor	G Jeff	C Green	T Oliver	R Dingley		T Oliver
Organist	B Rose	I Ames-White	B Rose	D Cheetham	9am	TBA
Readers	T Lumley	N Devitt	T Oliver	C Jeff		A Jeffries
	A Jeffries	G Dury	G Jeff	T Lumley	Cheddar	T Lumley
Coffee	C Fulton	C Jeff	F Irving	S Burns (C Jeff)		T Lumley
Cleaning		C Jeff P Mullay	H Robinson	T Lumley		
Flowers	E Rose	L Whittle	L Whittle	R Chard	R Chard	T Lumley
RODNEY STOKE		Pet Service				
Sidesman	Benefice Service at St Peters	A Newman	B Buse	J Newman	Breakfast 9am Cheddar	A Percival
Organist		Joanne	Michael	Barry		Joanne
Reader 1		H Neave	S Percival	J Symes		S Walker
Reader 2		A Newman	J Turner	S Walker		I Turner
Cleaning	M Banks S Wild			F Pitman J Drane		J Holmes
Flowers A	J Newman	J Holmes	L Davey	D Johnson	V Andrews	A Percival
Flowers P	P Counsell	F Pitman	M James	I Sealey	H Neave	J Newman

SOSP (supporters of St Peter's) invite anyone & everyone no matter who you are to join us on The First Saturday of every Month and this month it is 7 July

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.



Apologies for the non-appearance or our regular 'From the Registers' item. This is another unforeseen victim of the uncertainties arising from the implementation of the Government's GDPR regulations. Hopefully common sense will prevail at some point in the future.



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biscuit and a real good
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