

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Psalm 23**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

### **Reading Acts 2: 42-end**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **Reading 2: John 10: 1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief

comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Please pray for ...**

- Stuart and the Ministry team.
- *Our Mission links*: The Sisters of the Church in Bristol.
- KOW Chaplain: Ruth Motion
- *Those being baptised this weekend: Stella and Simeon*
- Those living and working in our Benefice
- *The sick\**: Tricia Corrick, Mary Wills, Keith Herring, Gerry Bale and Val Bulpitt.
- *The departed*: Margaret Maher, John Masters. *RIP*

*\*after 6 weeks, we move names from this list to the Prayer Tree in St Andrew's for continuing prayer.*

## Notices

### St Andrew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held on Thursday 30th April 2026 at 7.00pm in church.

The APCM is a key opportunity to hear about what has been happening in our church and to help guide its future. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend — your presence and voice really do matter.

Nomination forms for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and for Deanery Synod representatives are available on the church notice board. Serving in these roles is a meaningful way to support and shape our church's future. Please speak to Stuart if you would like to know more.

### Save the Date!

On Sunday, 31st May, a special Benefice Service will be held at St Andrew's to celebrate 10 years of Stuart's ministry here with us. The service will be followed by a bring-and-share buffet lunch at Cheddar Village Hall. More details will be shared soon.

### Helpers needed for Holiday Club.

If you would like to help out at this year's Holiday Club (from Monday 24th Aug to Thurs 27th) or would like to find out more please speak to Rosemary Tullett. Team members from the whole benefice are most welcome.

## Friends and Family Quiz

The St Andrew's Reordering group are holding a family & Friend's Quiz on May 9th from 6pm in the Village Hall. There will be a bar and raffle and some fun & games alongside the Quiz designed for all ages. Teams of 4 - 8 with Maximum of 6 adults per team. Please bring your own pens & paper and a few £1 for extra games alongside the way. Please sign up by emailing [beneficecdrs@gmail.com](mailto:beneficecdrs@gmail.com) or by seeing Fiona in church. Hurry, though, because limited spaces are filling fast!

## FOSL Somerset Day

Tickets are now available for the Friends of St Leonard's Somerset Day celebration. Tickets include a ploughman's supper, strawberries & cream, homemade cakes and live entertainment. Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm – 9pm, Adults £18 Children (6-12) £8 (under 5s free). Available from [www.tickettailor.com/events/fosl/2110860](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/fosl/2110860)

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# PEW NOTES

Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 4**

## Diary

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 3pm** Messy Church, Cheddar Village Hall

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 12.45** SALT, Cheddar Village Hall

**4pm** Messy Church mtg, den

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 11am** Study Group, Den

**2.30pm** Draycott & Rodney Stoke

First School Collective Worship, St Peter's

**4pm** Pastoral team meeting, Den

**7pm** St Andrew's reordering mtg, Den

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 11am** (SB) Holy communion,

St Andrew's

**2.30pm** Robbert Hill Trust mtg, Den

**7.45pm** Bell Ringing, St Andrew's

**Thur 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30- 11am** Clergy meeting, Den

**11.30am** Rodeny Stoke Study Group

**7pm** St Andrew's APCM, St Andrew's

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am** Morning Prayer, Den

**10.30** SOSP Coffee and Cake, St Peter's

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Easter 5

**9.30** St Peter's, Draycott, HC, Stuart & Julie H

**10am** St Andrew's, Ch., MP, Deborah & Thea

**11am** St Laurence, Priddy, HC, Ruth

**11.15** St Leonard's, RS, HC, Stuart & Julie

**3.15** Cheddar Village Hall, First Sunday, Ruth

