

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 68: 1 - 10

1. Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him.
2. As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness.
4. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
5. Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!
6. God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
7. O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
8. The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9. You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
10. Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

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 1: Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reading 2: John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by

finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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 living and working in our Benefice
- *The sick**: Tricia Corrick, Mary Wills, Keith Herring and Gerry Bale.
- *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

Stuart away

16th -23rd May. Please speak to our other clergy or Churchwardens for any church matters or assistance.

Planned giving to St Andrew's

Planned giving and/or Gift Aid enrolment forms are on the nave table in St Andrew's now, and will remain there, following the PCC's request that these should be available - for anyone who wishes to formalise their kind giving to the church in this way.

Benefice Celebration Service at St Andrew's on May 31st at 10am.

To celebrate 10 years of Rev Stuart's ministry in the benefice there will be a service followed by a bring and share buffet in Cheddar Village Hall. Please could you add your name to the sign up sheets which are in all three churches, if you plan to attend.

In each church there is also a sheet regarding food requests for the buffet, please sign up if you are able to contribute. Thank you.

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.

FOSA talk in Cheddar Village Hall

On Wednesday May 20th, at 2.00PM, Di Hill will be giving a talk on aspects of Cheddar, illustrated by old postcards and pictures. This in aid of FOSA (Friends of St. Andrew's). Admission is £5. Light refreshments available.

Mothers' Union Annual Dinner

Wednesday 3rd June at 7 for 7.30pm. We would be very happy if anyone in the benefice would like to join us in our fundraising dinner. Tickets are £7.50 each and can be obtained from Anne Langford or Rosemary Tullett.

Friend's and Family Quiz

The Reordering group would just like to thank all those who attended, donated and those who helped to organise the Family & Friends Quiz last week. We are so delighted to inform you that your great efforts and generosity has raised an amazingly £ 577.28 for the fund- **Thank you everyone.**

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PEW NOTES

Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke

17th May 2026 – Easter 7

Diary

Mon 18th 12.45pm SALT, Cheddar Village Hall

Tues 19th 11am Study Group, Den

2.30pm (RM) Draycott & Rodney Stoke

First School Collective Worship, St Peter's

Wed 20th 11am (JS) BCP Communion, St Andrew's

1.30pm (JS) Sedgemoor Crematorium

2pm FOSA talk, Cheddar Village Hall

3pm Thanksgiving Service for

M. Maher, St Andrew's

7.45pm Bell Ringing, St Andrew's

Thur 21st 12.30pm St Andrew's Lunch Club,

Riverside Inn

2pm (MP) Homestead Communion

Sat 23rd 10am Morning Prayer, Den

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

9.30 St Peter's, Draycott, HC, Ruth

10am St Andrew's, Ch., HC, Stuart, Julie H

& Alan

11.15 St Leonard's, RS, Matins, Ruth

1pm Baptism, St Andrew's, Stuart