

**Zambia Link:** Celebrating 40 years of the Zambia Link.

There are 3 opportunities to join the celebrations in Zambia:  
1. Live, Learn, Link for adults, 2. Young Adult exchange (details for both on the Bath & Wells website) plus 3. A planned visit by a St Andrews group to our link parish. Speak to Martin or Jane Canning for details.

### *Messy Christmas* THURSDAY

**DEC 14th 3.30pm-4.30pm at West Town Methodist Church.** Food crafts stories and songs. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **After Christmas, Messy Church will be Tuesday 9th January in the Parish Hall.**



### *Clevedon District Food Bank*

Good News: as part of this month's Charitable giving, we have taken food to Nailsea Food Bank to the value of £173.00, consisting of 10 of each of the following: Christmas Puddings, Christmas Cakes, Selection Boxes, Chocolate Lollies, Quality Street, Savoury and Sweet Biscuits, Pasta and Pasta Sauce. Tins of Tomatoes, Soup, Ham, Salmon and Fruit Cocktail.

### *Stewardship Envelopes* ~ Envelopes

for 2018 are now available to be collected on the table behind the main door. Thank you for your continued support which helps us to keep the lights on and heat the church. If you would like to consider giving a regular amount to St Andrew's please have a word with Lesley Barratt or Margi. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### *Christmas Tree*

**Decorators** - Do you have a head for heights? Now that the tree has lights we need a couple of people to help Richard decorate the Christmas Tree with tinsel and ornaments. If you can help just come along on next Saturday 16th from 9.30am.



### *Christian's Together*

Will be visiting the two homes in Backwell on Friday 22nd Dec and singing some carols Starting at 3pm in Moor Lane and going on to 90 Farleigh Road - If you would like to join us please let Jean know Tel 462059.

**Mothers' Union:** All are welcome to "Christmas Readings and Carols" this Tuesday, Dec 12th at 2.15 pm in Church House, followed by mince pies.



**Nave lighting repairs.** Access to the nave will be restricted on Tues morning for repairs to the high-level lighting. Richard Standing 852660



10th December 2017



*Welcome to St Andrew's Backwell & St Bridget's Chelvey with St Nicholas, Brockley*  
*Living faith in daily life*

### *Worship Today*

### *Advent 2*

8am *Holy Communion* (Common Worship)

10.00 am *Andy's Coffee Bar followed by All Age*

**Worship at 10.15am** ~ All Welcome at the 6th Form Centre

10.15am *Family Worship*

*Please do join us for refreshments in Church House after the 10.15 service*

4.30pm *Carol Service at St Bridget's, Chelvey*

### *Collect for the day*

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### *Readings*

8am/10.15am:

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Mark 1: 1-8

**LARGE PRINT copies of the Service & Weekly Sheet are available**



**Benefice Office: Tel 01275 463469 Open Monday-Friday ~ 9am - 1pm**

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St Andrews Backwell

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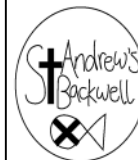
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### *Clergy and Readers in the Benefice*

Rector ~ The Rev'd Margi Campbell

Assistant Curate ~ The Rev'd Justine Billett (p/t)

Assisting Priest (Rtd) ~ The Rev'd Canon Peter Bailey

Licensed Readers ~ Martin Canning,

Vicky Dunscombe and David George

Assisting Priest for Andy's ~ The Rev'd Steve Tilley



# Church Family Life

*We pray for* those of our community in Care-Homes or at home, and those who are unwell at this time.....those named here and on the St Andrew's Prayer Board... *Iris Broom, Doreen Smith, Jo Cleeves, Jim Taylor, Ida Coles, Christopher Hooley, Bill Winter,*

We give thanks for the lives of those recently departed ... Agnes Edwards, Doreen Leman and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Bradfield, Sarah Walker

*Please also pray for. . .*

St Andrew's December Charities Clevedon District Food Bank and One 25  
St Bridget's 2017 Charities Crisis Centre Ministries, Motivation and Samaritans  
December Prayer Cycle Station Road  
Zambia Link : That army worms and stork borers will not attack the crop this year.

## Receiving Communion

If you would like to receive communion but are not able to go up to the altar - do tell one of the Stewards and communion will be brought to you in your seat.

*At St Andrew's ..GLUTEN-FREE wafers are offered in the Rodney Chapel. Do tell the Stewards or the person distributing the wafers if you would like these. Children who do not receive communion are offered a breadstick with the prayer for God's blessing in their lives .*

## Collections and Giving

At both churches, if you are a tax payer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes in order that the church can recover an extra 25% on your giving.

If you would like to give towards the upkeep of the churches on a regular basis, please do talk to the Stewardship Officer or Churchwardens and we can give details of the Planned Giving Scheme.



## CRIB & CAROL SERVICES

Dec 10th ~ Carol Service at St Bridget's at 4.30pm

Dec 17th ~ St Andrew's 'Carols through the Ages' at 6.15pm

St Andrew's Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm

Carols outside Spar ~ Dec 23rd at 11am

**HELP NEEDED....** *St Andrew's Stewards for Church & School Christmas services.* Could you help

welcome and direct people at our Christmas Services ? If so—please SIGN the list at the on the table in church.

For the School Services this may include moving chairs as the church is filled to capacity. Thank you.



# Benefice Diary

10th December 2017

*St Andrew's is open daily from 9am until late afternoon and all are warmly welcome to use the church for quiet moments and prayer ~ Morning Prayer usually takes place at 9.10am -9.30am on Mondays in the Rodney Chapel & Tuesdays at St Bridget's, Chelvey.*

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	School Rehearsal in Church
	10.00 am	Backwell Charities Foundation Meeting in Church House
	2.00 pm	Backwell Junior School Christmas Service
	4pm	Young Ringers
	7.00 pm	Backwell Junior School Christmas Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	8am-1pm	Nave Lighting Repairs
	9.30am-4.30pm	The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall
	2.15 pm	Mothers' Union Christmas Meeting in Church House
<b>Wednesday</b>	12noon	Holy Communion in Church House
	1.00 pm	School Rehearsal
	2.45 pm	Interring of Ashes of Jean Webley
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
<b>Thursday</b>	3.30 pm	Messy Christmas at West Town Methodist Church
	6.30 pm	Carols Around the Crib in the Parish Hall
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am	Fairfield School Christmas Service at St Andrew's
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30 am	Decorating the Christmas Tree
	10.15 am	Choir Practice

## Next Sunday

## Advent 3

17th December 2017

	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St Bridget's, Chelvey
	10.15am	Eucharist with Junior Church/Crèche
	6.15pm	Carols Through the Ages Carol Service at St Andrew's
<b>Readings</b>	Morning	Ps 68: 1-8    Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end    John 1: 6-8, 19-28

*St Andrew's Christmas Card Exchange* in the link.

Exchange cards with people who will be in church before Christmas. Please note that this is an exchange and not a delivery service so do check regularly to see if there are any cards for you and make sure yours have been collected. Thank you.

Our **BIG CARD** is also ready for you to write greetings to all the congregation. Save cards and support those in need at the same time! It will

