

Meeting Point Social Event

at Backwell Village Club
on Sat 13th Jan 7pm onwards
Skittles and a Curry or Fish & Chips
All Welcome! To order your food please contact
Cherry by email on leakefamily1@hotmail.com
by 11th Jan.

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 Church

The next session of Messy
Church is at the **Parish Hall**
on Tuesday 9th January from
3.30/3.45pm until 5pm It is free and for families.
It includes games, crafts, refreshments, music
and interactive worship. All children must be
accompanied by an adult.



Christian's Together in Backwell... Our visit this year to the two homes in Backwell when we
deliver presents and sing some carols will be on Friday, December 22nd. We start at the Home
in Moor Lane at 3 pm, and go on to 90 Farleigh Road. If you would like to join Christians
Together in this, please let Jean Routley know {462059}, you would be very welcome.
A big THANK-YOU to all who have given donations towards the cost of the presents!

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

Website: www.backwellchelveybenefice.org.uk Email: standback@btconnect.com



St Andrews Backwell

Registered Charity No: 1131461

Churchwardens Backwell Anita Heapey 07973 499778 or Carol Hellen 01275 463810

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Rector: The Rev'd Margi Campbell Tel: 01275 462391

Assistant Curate (P/t): The Rev'd Justine Billett 01275 463033

Assisting Priest (rtd) The Rev'd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611



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Stuck for an idea for a Christmas Present?



How about a year's subscription to
The Village Magazine for £6 that works
out at 50p a month. The card of tokens
is available from the Post Office but
redeemable at all the normal outlets
(The Post Office, Newsagents, Churches
and The Meeting Point)

St Andrew's Stewardship Envelopes

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

Meeting Point—Christmas Dates.

Meeting point will be open this Tuesday
(19th) as usual and then will take a break
over Christmas and will be back on 2nd
January usual times 9.30am-4.30pm.



17th December 2017



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

Worship Today

Advent 3

8am *Holy Communion* (Book of Common Prayer)

9.15 am *Morning Prayer at St Bridget's Chelvey*

10.15am *Eucharist & Junior Church/Crèche*

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

6.15pm *'Carols through the Ages' ~ A service of Lessons and Carols*



Collect for the day

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings

8am/9.15am/10.15am: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end John 1: 6-8, 19-28

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service & Weekly Sheet are available

Clergy and Readers in the Benefice

Rector ~ The Rev'd Margi Campbell

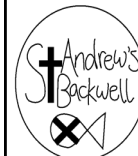
Assistant Curate ~ The Rev'd Justine Billett (p/t)

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 *Doreen Leman, Barbara Curry* and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Muriel Peace, Ann Chaney, Jessie Patient*

Please also pray for. . .

St Andrew's December Charities Clevedon District Food Bank and One25
 St Bridget's 2017 Charities Crisis Centre Ministries, Motivation and Samaritans
 December Prayer Cycle Station Road
 Zambia Link: For plans to build a new church at St Luke's on the border between Zambia and Congo

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.

Benefice Diary

17th 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.

Monday	2.00pm	Interring of Ashes of Barbara Curry
	4.00pm	Young Ringers
Tuesday	9.30am-4.30pm	The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall
	11.00am	Christmas Holy Communion at Lawnside
Wednesday	12noon	Holy Communion in Church House
	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Doreen Leman at St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday		
Friday	6.15 pm	Carol Singing with the Choir around the Parish
Saturday		

Next Sunday

Advent 4 & Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve	10.15 am	Eucharist with Junior Church/Crèche
	4.00pm	Crib Service at St Andrew's
	10.00pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist at St Bridget's, Chelvey
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist at St Andrew's
Christmas Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion with Carols
	10.15 am	Christmas Family Eucharist
Readings	10.15 am on 24th	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
	10.00 pm/11.30pm	Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
	8.00 am Christmas Day	Isaiah 52: 7-9
	10.15am Christmas Day	Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
		Luke 1: 26-38
		Luke 2: 1-20
		John 1: 1-14
		Luke 2: 1-20

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

A traditional service of Lessons and Carols reflecting the music through the time our church has been here—and reading from translations of the Bible through the centuries.

Carols outside Spar & 'Andy's' PhoneBox Nativity~ Dec 23rd from 11am

Come and join as we share carols with the village

Christmas EveSt Andrew's Crib Service at 4pm

Dress as angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary or Joseph, innkeepers or sheep & join the story!

10pm ~ St Bridget's Christmas Eucharist

11.30pm ~St Andrew's Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion with Carols 10.15am Christmas Family Eucharist



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 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. It will remain in place until Epiphany. We are supporting 'Caring @Christmas' which works wonders for those without homes and offers beds, food, washing facilities and dry clothes.

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 of Chocolates, sweet & savoury biscuits, Chocolate Lollies, Pasta, Pasta Sauce. Tins of Tomatoes, Soup, Ham, Salmon and Fruit Cocktail.

