

Meeting Point Social Event at Backwell Village

Club on Saturday 13th January 7pm onwards
Skittles for those who want to play, music and a
curry or fish and chips - All Welcome!
To order your food please contact Cherry by email
on leakefamily1@hotmail.com

Ladies Group's next meeting is 8pm on Monday
8th January in Church House with speaker Terry
Stevens talking about Tynesfield: 'Progress and
Discovery'. All Welcome.

2018 Stewardship Envelopes

Boxes of 2018 envelopes are on the table
behind the main door to be collected. 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.

Clevedon District Food Bank Gifts

Good News: as part of this month's
Charitable giving, we have taken food to
Nailsea Food Bank to the value of £173.00



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.

Village Magazine Subscription

Don't forget you can purchase a
year's subscription to **The Village
Magazine** for £6. (50p a month) The
card of tokens is available from the
Post Office but redeemable at all the
normal outlets.

Meeting Point

Please note there will be no Meeting Point on
26th December. It will resume again on 2nd
January. 11am-12pm is a good chance to
improve your computer skills.



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



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



Welcome to St Andrew's Backwell &
St Bridget's Chelvey with St Nicholas, Brockley

Christmas Worship

- 10.15am *Advent 4 Eucharist & Junior Church/Creche*
4.00pm *Crib Service*
10.00 pm *Christmas Eve Eucharist at St Bridget's*
11.30pm *Midnight Eucharist*



Collect for Advent 4

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
as we wait for his coming in glory,
bring us through the birth-pangs of this present age, to see, with her,
our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 26-38

Collect for Christmas Eve

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your Almighty Word to pierce the
world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings Isaiah 9: 2: 6-7 Luke 2: 1-20



8am *Christmas Holy Communion with Carols*

10.15am *Christmas Family Eucharist*

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder
at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

Readings 8am Isaiah 52: 7-9 John 1: 1-14

10.15am Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Luke 2: 1-20

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

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



St Andrews Backwell

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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, Sheila Llewellyn

We give thanks for the lives of those recently departed: *Brenda Phillips* and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Arthur Vowles, Roger Jump*

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	That army worms and stork borers will not attack the crop

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.

Nativity Scenes Have you seen the Nativity scene in the Rodney Chapel or the one in the Telephone Box on the corner of West Town Road and Dark Lane? Why not take a look? BBC Radio and BBC Points West both featured our Nativity Phonebox...catch up on www.bbc.co.uk/.../b.../points-west-evening-news-20122017 - brief item at 24.5 mins in <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05nchmq> - 9.5 mins in.



:Celebrating 40 years of the Zambia Link, in 2018

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.

Benefice Diary

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.

Boxing Day	Office Closed	No Meeting Point this week
Wednesday	12noon	Holy Communion in Church House
Thursday	Office Closed	
Friday	Office Closed	
Saturday	1pm	Interring of Ashes of Brenda Phillips

Next Sunday 1st Sunday of Christmas 31st December 2017

	10.15am	Family Eucharist	
Readings	10.15am	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 15-21

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.
All cards will be cleared at Epiphany.



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! We are supporting Bristol's 'Caring at Christmas' which gives beds, food and clothing to those without homes over the Christmas period. Contributions literally change lives at this time.

St Andrew's Backwell

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Sat. January 27th

7pm in Church House

3 courses ~ £12.50 ~ Sign up in the Office

Traditional piping in the haggis.....Toast to Burns
Music from Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux

