



Book Club

A reminder that the next meeting of the Benefice Book Club will be on Tuesday 9th

January at 1.30 pm at The Meeting Point, in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing Tom Wright's book, "Advent for Everyone". Come along.....

Messy Church
**NEW DAY,
NEW VENUE,
SAME FUN....**



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.



31st December 2017



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

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 Tyntesfield: Progress & Discovery. All welcome.

Village Magazine Subscription

Don't forget you can purchase a year's subscription to  **The Village Magazine** for £6. This 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)

Alpha Course

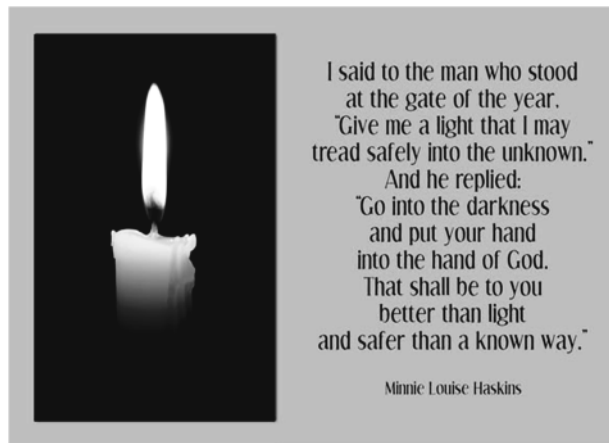
St Andrew's and Andy's will be running an Alpha Course in Church House for approximately 9 weeks starting on Thursday 25th January 7.30-9.30pm.

Each session looks at a different question, and includes a meal and a talk, (usually around a short video) and good conversation.

To sign up call Ian Wills on 01275 542002 or on the website www.alpha.org or on www.backwellchelveybenefice.org.uk



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I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year.
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied:
"Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins

Worship Today 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.15am *Family Eucharist*

There is no Junior Church or Crèche today—please do feel free to use the Children's corner and Church House when needed
We welcome you to join us for refreshments in Church House after the 10.15 service

Collect for the day

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings

10.15am: Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21



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 & 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, Sheila Llewellyn

We give thanks for the lives of those recently departed . . . and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. . . *Joan Gray*

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.

THANK YOU so much to all who have worked so hard to clean, decorate, prepare the linen and refreshments, bring music, readings, prayers and sermons to enable and enhance worship this year. In all the work and worship, I pray that the message of Christ's birth into our lives has been made real and more have come to see his light revealed in this place and in our lives. With every blessing...Margi

	St Andrew's Backwell	
	BURNS NIGHT SUPPER	
	Sat. January 27th	
	7pm in Church House	
	3 courses ~ £12.50 ~ Sign up in the Office	
Tradi onal piping in the haggis.....Toast to Burns		

Benefice Diary

31st 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.

Please note that neither Margi or Justine are available this week...please either contact the office, churchwardens or Peter Bailey

Monday	Happy New Year!! - Office Closed
Tuesday	9.30am-4.30pm The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall
Wednesday	12noon Holy Communion in Church House
	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday	
Friday	9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
Saturday	

Next Sunday

Epiphany

7th January 2018

8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)		
9.15am	Holy Communion at St Bridget's, Chelvey		
10.15am	Eucharist with Junior Church/Crèche		
6.15pm	Evensong		
Readings	Morning:	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Matthew 2: 1-12
	Evening:	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Matthew 2: 1-12 Psalm 72: 1-15

Christmas Card Exchange.

There are still a few cards left in the link Christmas Card Exchange. Please have a check to see if there are any for you or if the ones you have sent have been collected. Thank you.

: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.

