



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.

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.

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.



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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Living the story. Telling the story.

7th January 2018



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

Worship Today

The Epiphany

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

9.15 am *Holy Communion at St Bridget's Chelvey*

Please join us for coffee and the Traidcraft Stall after the service

10.15am *Epiphany Eucharist & Junior Church/Crèche*

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

6.15pm *Evensong*

Collect for the day

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Morning:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

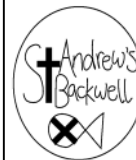
Evening:

Psalm 72: 1-15

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Matthew 2: 1-12

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 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, Sheila Llewellyn

We give thanks for the lives of those recently departed . . .
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Frank Smith, Ivy Coles*

Please also pray for. . .

St Andrew's January Charities	Samaritans and Bristol Emmaus
St Bridget's 2018 Charities	Caring in Bristol, Crises Centre Ministries and Motivation
January Prayer Cycle	Embercourt Dr, Mariners Cl & Dr, Russett Cl & Mulberry Cl
Zambia Link	For continued growth in our mutual support during our 40th Anniversary year of our link

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 .

EPIPHANY SONNET—Malcolm Quirke
*It might have been just someone else's story,
Some chosen people get a special king.
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from otherwhere but still they found;
In temples they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.*

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.

Christmas Card Exchange. There are still a few cards left over from 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.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th January
10am-12pm at Lawnside Community Room, Church Lane. All Welcome



Benefice Diary

7th January 2018

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	4pm	Young Ringers
Tuesday	9.30am-4.30pm	The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall
	1.30- 2.30pm	Book Club @ The Meeting Point
	3.30-5pm	Messy Church @ The Meeting Point
Wednesday	12noon	Holy Communion in Church House
	2.45 pm	Backwell Christian Fellowship at Lawnside, Church Lane
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30pm	Christians Together at West Town Methodist Church
Thursday	7.30pm	Youth Committee at 4 The Avenue
Friday	9.30am	St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
	6.15/7pm	Junior/Choir Practice
Saturday	7pm	The Meeting Point Social at the Village Club



Next Sunday Epiphany 2 14th January 2018

8am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
9.15am	Morning Worship at St Bridget's, Chelvey
10am	<i>Andy's</i> Coffee Bar followed by 10.15am Worship in Backwell School 6th form
10.15am	Morning Worship
6.15pm	Eucharist



Readings Morning/Evening: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20 John 1: 43-end

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



Knitting for others

this month there will be two opportunities each month to knit in company. The first is Monday January 8th from 10.15am at 18 Karen Close and/or the second is a Tuesday January 9th from 2pm at meeting point at the Parish Hall. Barbara 463131