

## Diary for this week 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice  
**Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's  
10.00-2.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall  
(10.00-12.00 Tuesday Break, 1.00 lunch)  
**Weds** 9.30am No Bible study on Zoom  
6.45pm Bell Ringers practice  
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House  
**Thurs** 7.00pm Private booking in Church House  
7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom  
**Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House  
6.40pm Choir Practice  
**Sat** 9.00-11.00am Prayer Breakfast in Church House

There is also Morning Prayer on Zoom Mon and Thurs each week – see email or contact the office for the link.

## Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

- 9.15am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's  
11.00am Informal Worship St Andrew's

## Giving to St Andrew's or St Bridget's

To support our churches the easiest way is through bank transfer to Backwell PCC: sort code 60-14-49 account No. 41004027 (alternatively, try the contactless station); to Backwell PCC Missions & Charities: Sort code 60-14-49; Account no. 41004035; quoting "USPG"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

**Curry Night for USPG** We will again be enjoying a Curry Night together next month. This will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Church House at 6.15 for 6.30pm. Please do sign up in St Andrew's or contact Jane & Martin. Soft drinks provided, but bring your own wine/beer. Donations on the night.

**Sign-up sheets** for Revd Sam's licensing are on the table in church. Please sign up to help with the smooth running of this service. Your help is much appreciated. Cherry and Andy.

**Prayer Breakfast** The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 9.00-11.00am in Church House. For catering purposes please let the office know by Thursday morning if you are intending to come.

**Fr Collins Kampulu** of Ndola North Parish, Zambia is visiting the Diocese from 12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February. You will see him around but do come and meet him this Sunday at one of our services. A simple lunch with Fr Collins will be enjoyed at the Cannings'. If you would like to eat with us, please let us know by Saturday morning at the latest.

# Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent



## Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Bridget's  
*Hymns: CP 376, 391, 390 Psalm: 1*  
10.45am Informal Worship with Communion Church House  
5.00pm Evensong St Andrew's  
*Hymns: NEH 475, 414, 347 Psalm: 6*  
*Anthem: Blessed are the pure in heart (Archer)*

Coffee will be served during the 10.45am service. There is no live-streamed service this week.

## Services and prayer during the week

Morning Prayer 9am Mon & Thurs on Zoom; also Tues at St Bridget's in person.

## General Information...

### St Andrew's and St Bridget's with St Nicholas'

<https://www.backwellchelveybenefice.org.uk/>

<http://www.stbridgetschelvey.co.uk/>

### Rector

Vacancy – contact the Benefice Office (details below)

### Ministry Team

Rev'd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611

Rev'd Joan Rowe 01275 463214

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### Churchwardens

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**Chelvey:** Mr Roger Watson 01275 462821

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Please submit any notices for the weekly sheet by 9.30am on Thursdays.

## Collect and Readings...

### Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings for this week...

#### 9.15am & 10.45am:

**1 Corinthians 15.12-20** Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Luke 6.17-26** He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

#### 5.00pm:

**Hosea 10.1-8, 12 & Galatians 4.8-20**

## For your prayers this week...

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for The Church of Bangladesh

**Zambia:** We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North and their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu visiting us this week.

**In this Diocese:** Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

**In the Deanery:** We pray for the Parish of Clevedon Christchurch & for Revd Clive Jennings

**Jan/Feb/Mar charity:** USPG

**February Prayer Cycle:** Station Road, Colliers Gardens

**Church Groups:** During February we pray for the Churchyard maintenance team and for Tim Harland its leader and organizer.

**February Baptism Anniversaries:** Mille, Bodhi, Felix

**Backwell Junior School:** We pray for our Pupil Chaplains, all Year classes, their teachers and classroom assistants.

**Those who are sick or in need:** Becky Jones, Estelle Wong, Jess Wong, Ed Hewitt, Grace Myahalaleel, Mike & Carol, Brenda Cooke, Lucy Goodland, Julian Barnett, Jane Hepburn, Margaret Dagger.

**Those who we keep in our prayers:** Sue Ashman, Zofia Matyjasik, Maureen Barnett, Vicky Dunscombe, Jenny Webb

**Those who have died:**

**Anniversary of death:** Dennis Sleight

**Egg Boxes** Please could you donate some egg boxes for Easter in a Box at the junior school? They need to be a 6, and preferably with no writing/stickers on top of them. We will need about 60 of them! They can be left for Timi in the Link. Thank you.

**Children's Choir** We are looking for some volunteers to help chaperone the children's choir. We collect the children from the school at 3.30pm every Wednesday at term time and escort them to church, helping to supervise the practice/ provide snacks and drinks. The children are collected at 5pm. We would love to have more people on rotation on the rota to help lighten the load for those already involved, if you can help even on one Wednesday a month/term, it would be much appreciated! Please speak to Timi if you can help. Thank you.