

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

<b>Mon</b>	9.30am Open The Book rehearsal in Ch House 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
<b>Tues</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's 10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00-12.00 Yoga, 1.00 lunch)
<b>Weds</b>	9.30am Bible study on Zoom 3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House 6.45pm Bell Ringers practice 7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
<b>Thurs</b>	7.00pm Private booking in Church House
<b>Fri</b>	9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House 2.30pm Burial of Ashes of Norma Knight 6.40pm Choir Practice
<b>Sat</b>	9.00-11.00am Prayer Breakfast in Church House

## Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

9.15am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said) with Lenten sermon	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.

**Common Cup** The sharing of the common cup will resume from the Eucharist on 23rd March. If for any reason you would still like to receive an intincted wafer simply indicate that to the relevant minister when you come to receive.

**Lent course** continues this Sunday, on the theme of 'Five Words: how to live in the Spirit – Grace; Accusation; Offence; Forgiveness; Faith'. These are initially being given at St Andrew's on Sunday evenings (as part of 5pm Evening Prayer) and shared on my YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@Elizaphanian>

**Craft supplies** As well as egg boxes, Timi is also collecting plastic takeaway containers or similar for making Easter gardens. Please bring any you can save from your recycling and leave them in the Link. Thank you.

**Prayer Breakfast** The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

**The Real Easter Egg** Supplies of these Fairtrade eggs including an Easter story book are now available, price £5.50 (milk), £6.50 (dark). Please contact Jane.

**USPG** If anyone would like to have a collecting box to continue supporting USPG through the year, please let me know. Martin.

# Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Bridget's
	<i>Hymns: CP 142, 532, 598</i>	<i>Psalm: 27</i>
10.45am	Informal Worship with Communion	Church House
5.00pm	Evensong with Lenten sermon	St Andrew's
	<i>Hymns: NEH 86, 64, 95</i>	<i>Psalm: 135</i>
	<i>Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood)</i>	

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

## Services and prayer during the week

Morning Prayer (CW) Monday to Friday at 8am	St Andrew's
Evening Prayer (BCP) Sunday to Friday 5pm	St Andrew's

## General Information...

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

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

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**Rector** Revd Sam Norton

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### **Ministry Team**

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### **Churchwardens**

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

## Collect and Readings...

### Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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:

**Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**Luke 13.31-end** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**5.00pm: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 & Luke 14.27-33**

### For your prayers this week...

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Zambia:** We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North, their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu and the newly elected Bishop Panji, formerly Dean of Ndola Cathedral.

**In this Diocese:** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in His way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In the Deanery:** We pray for the Parish of Nailsea Holy Trinity & for Revd James Packman

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

**March Prayer Cycle:** Russet Close, Mulberry Close, Embercourt Drive, Mariners Drive, Mariners Close

**Church Groups:** During March we pray for the Ladies Group meeting monthly, for its leader and committee.

**Backwell Junior School:** We pray for our Pupil Chaplains, all Year classes, their teachers and classroom assistants together with the other schools in Backwell.

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

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

**Those who have died:** Brenda Cooke, Kenneth Jones

**Anniversary of death:** Christopher Cole, Derek Bagnall, Kathleen Cooper, John Phillips

**CMS in Goma** If you have been following developments in the DRC with Bishop Martin Gordon, please see the latest update from him following his return to Goma. <https://mailchi.mp/d9c8f39c2180/gordons-in-goma-an-air-of-normality?e=582a8a9d49>

**Lent Lunch** Many thanks to all those who helped in any way or supported the Lent Lunch. We were able to raise £154 for the Children's Hospice, South West.

**New Electoral Roll** The Church Electoral Roll contains the names of everyone who can vote at the APCM. This Roll is revised annually with the exception of each 6<sup>th</sup> year, **this year**, when it is necessary to prepare an entirely new Parochial Electoral Roll. Every person who is on the existing Roll is invited, should they wish to do so, to apply for re-enrolment. Those not on the existing Roll may also join if they wish.

**St Bridget's:** Enrolment forms for St Bridget's will be available from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March or you can contact Janice Watson, Electoral Roll Officer on 01275 462821 / [jan.watson1969@gmail.com](mailto:jan.watson1969@gmail.com). St Bridget's APCM will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in church – all welcome.

**St Andrew's:** Details of the Electoral Roll Revision Period and APCM will be published in the next few weeks.