

Diary for this week 20th – 25th January

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.45pm Backwell Prayer Watch at West Town Methodist Church
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 Yoga, 1.00pm lunch)
- Weds** 9.30am Bible study on Zoom
10.30 Funeral of Jean Glasson at South Bristol Crematorium
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
6.45pm Bell Ringers practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 7.00pm Private Booking in Church House
7.30pm St Andrew's PCC in the Rodney Chapel
7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
11.15am Memorial Service for Christine Lawrence
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 9.00am-11.00am Prayer Breakfast at the Pitchers'
10.00am Visiting Bell Ringers Peal

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

Next Sunday: 26th January (Epiphany 2)

- 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.

Prayer Breakfast The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 25th January from 9.00-11.00am at the home of Andy & Janet Pitcher. For catering purposes please let Andy or the office know by Thursday morning if you are intending to come.

From Jean Routley A big THANK YOU to all those who donated to the presents for the Homes. They were delivered on December 23rd and were much appreciated!

Help needed please We are very short of people to manage the sound system. Please could you let me or Andy know if you feel you could manage one monthly slot? Full training can be given. Our current sound people are often involved with other duties so it is difficult for them to manage the sound desk and other commitments e.g choir or band. Many thanks Cherry.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 19th January 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Bridget's
Hymns: CP 2, 341, 90 Psalm: 36.5-10
- 10.45am Informal Worship with communion Church House
- 5.00pm Evensong St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 56, SP 166, NEH 484 Psalm: 96
Anthem: Listen, sweet dove (Ives)

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 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)

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 12.1-11 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2.1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

5.00pm: 1 Samuel 3.1-20 & Ephesians 4.1-16

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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

In this Diocese: God, we pray for all Christian churches and communities in this week of prayer for Christian unity. We give thanks for the prayer resources from the Monastic Community of Bose. Unite us Lord, in your love so that we are one, that the world may know that you are Lord.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Yatton Moor Team Ministry & for the churchwardens and ministry team caring for the parishes during their vacancy period.

Jan/Feb/Mar charity: USPG

January Prayer Cycle: Long-thorn, Luntly Mead, Garstons Close, Marle Pitts, Slades Court

Church Groups: During January we pray for the Finance Committee and our Treasurer as we begin a new budget year.

January Baptism Anniversaries: Patrick, Charlotte

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, Jenny Webb, 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

Those who have died: Christine Lawrence, Alan, Graham Bowerman, Shena Jones, Jean Glasson

Anniversary of death: Sheila Thorne, Rex de Winton, Sylvia Bidwell, Ronald Febrey, Roy Howes, Molly Cook

Book Group The group meets on Zoom on an occasional basis to discuss a book it has chosen – some old some new. This time we are about to start reading one of the older ones, Jane Austen's Persuasion. It would be lovely to see more of you in the Zoom chat in a month or so's time. If you need a copy, please contact Martin.

Backwell Prayer Watch This month's meeting will be on Monday January 20th, 7.45pm for 8.00pm, at West Town Methodist Church (NB not at the Baptist Church as listed in the magazine) combined with a service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All welcome.

St Andrew's Rota A rota availability form for February, March and April has been sent out by email and there are paper copies available in church and in the Link. Please return completed forms to the office **by this Thursday, 23rd January**. Thank you.

Diary Dates:

27th February Licensing and installation of Rev Sam Norton in St Andrew's at 7.00pm

1st March Curry Night in Church House supporting USPG.