

Diary for this week 24th February – 1st March

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00-12.00 Yoga)
2.15pm Mothers' Union in Church House
5.00pm Rehearsal for Licensing Service
- Weds** 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
- Thurs** **7.00pm Licensing of The Rev'd Sam Norton**
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-3.30pm Private Booking in Church House
6.15pm Curry Night for USPG 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: 2nd March (Sunday next before Lent)

Rev'd Sam's First Sunday

- 9.15am Holy Communion with Act of Welcome & Commitment St Bridget's
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
- 2.00pm Bell Peal to welcome the new Rector

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.

Rev'd Sam's Licensing Cakes are needed please for Sam's party after the licensing service. Please can you provide a tray bake or small cakes (no large round cakes) to church before 5pm on the day of the service and leave it in the kitchen; please let Anita know what you are providing by Tuesday (anita.heappey@blueyonder.co.uk or 07973499778). Many thanks for all the volunteers who have come forward to help out. Anita and I will be in touch with arrangements. Cherry.

We will be live-streaming the licensing service:

<https://youtube.com/live/DAVjn2YSLvl>

Curry Night for USPG We will again be enjoying a Curry Night together next weekend. This will be on Saturday 1st March in Church House at 6.15 for 6.30pm. Please do sign up in St Andrew's this Sunday or contact Jane & Martin by Thursday 27th latest. Soft drinks provided, but bring your own wine/beer. Donations on the night.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

23rd February 2025
2nd Sunday before Lent



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 433, 349, NHWS 23, 261, 15
Anthem: Ave Verum (Mozart)
- 11.00am Informal Worship St Andrew's

Coffee will be served between the 9.15am and 11.00am services. There is no live-streamed service this Sunday.

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

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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 before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

Revelation 4 After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8.22-25 One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North and their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu and the elections for a new Bishop this week.

In this Diocese: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of East Clevedon & Preb Noel Hector and the ministry team

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 and all schools returning from the half term break.

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: Pino Pellegrino, Susan Guy, Cora Ann Gardner, Tony Taylor

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.

Fr Collins Kampulu from Ndola North, Zambia has had a busy week visiting schools and The Meeting Point, speaking at services and meeting people here and around the diocese, all of which he has much enjoyed. We will have another update on the church and school at St Andrew's, Chipulukusu on Zambia Sunday on 6th July.

Lent Lunch will be on Ash Wednesday 5th March at 12.30pm in Church House, organised by Julie Ratcliffe from the Methodist Church. Donations of £5 on the day please for a frugal lunch of soup, cheese, pate, bread, pickles, & coffee. Profits to the Children's Hospice, South West.