

Diary for this week 27th January – 1st February

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.30pm Worship & Prayer at Heaven Coffee House
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 Yoga)
2.15pm Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service and AGM in Church House
- Weds** 9.30am Bible study on Zoom
12.00pm Pupil Chaplains Training session in Church House
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
6.45pm Bell Ringers practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
6.40pm NO Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-2.30pm Private booking in Church House
7.30pm Bell Ringers 10-bell practice

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

Next Sunday: 2nd February (Presentation of Christ)

- 10.45am Informal Worship St Andrew's
3.00pm Patronal Holy Communion St Bridget'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.

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.

Fr Collins Kampulu of Ndola North Parish, Zambia is visiting the Diocese from 12th to 22nd February. You will see him around but do come and meet him on 16th at one of our services.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

26th January 2025
3rd Sunday of Epiphany



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NHWS 36, SP 252, 217, 263, NEH 415
Anthem: From the rising of the sun (Ouseley)
- 11.00am Informal Worship St Andrew's

Coffee will be served between the 9.15am and 11.00am services. 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 Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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...

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4.14-21 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news

to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

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: Lord, as we remember Timothy and Titus, the apostle Paul's companions, today, we give thanks for the ministry of spiritual accompaniers who listen and help people to notice and name where you are at work in their lives.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Backwell & Chelvey with Brockley & for the churchwardens and ministry team during the period of vacancy.

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, 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: Christine Lawrence, Alan, Graham Bowerman, Shena Jones, Jean Glasson

Anniversary of death: John Gattenby Evans, Don Everitt

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.

Who let the Dads out? The first trial sessions of this event was held successfully last Saturday and encourages us to repeat it on the third Saturday of each month from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Dads and toddlers welcome, so do encourage them to come.