

Diary for this week 28th October – 2nd November

Mon	3.30pm	Learner Bell Ringers practice
Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
	10.00-12.00	Tuesday Break in The Parish Hall
Weds	9.30am	Bible study on Zoom
	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	Choir Practice
Sat	11.00am-2.00pm	Private booking in Ch House

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

Next Sunday: 3rd November (All Saints)

9.15am	Holy Communion	St Bridget's
10.45am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's
4.00pm	All Souls Service	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 "Sisters"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

The Sisters' Harvest Appeal It's the time of year for The Sisters' annual Harvest Appeal & they would be grateful for any donations of tinned/dried food, nappies & toiletries. Donations can be left in the box in the link Alternatively you can make a financial donation – see the notice in the porch for more information. Thank you to everyone who donated at the Harvest service last week.

Autumn Fair at St Bridget's Saturday and Sunday 26th & 27th October 10-4pm. Refreshments, raffle, free admission. Range of local artists and craft people will be selling ceramics, pottery, knitwear, pictures, prints, cards, glass and basket work. Country Markets will be selling baked goods and preserves.

Patronal Festival Meal Please make a note in your diary for the St Andrew's meal on Sunday 24th November following the 11.00am service. Sign-up sheets for both attendance and helpers are available in church.

Charity Christmas Card sale will be on Saturday, November 2nd in the Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.00pm. There is no admission charge and coffee will be available. Please come and support this annual event!

All Souls service Our annual All Souls memorial service will be at 4pm next Sunday, 3rd November. If you would like your loved ones remembered at this service, please write their names on the sheet in church or email the office by Thursday 31st October.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 27th October 2024 Bible Sunday



Welcome to our services today

10.00am	Children's Light Party	Church House
10.45am	Songs of Praise with Communion	St Andrew's

Coffee will be served after the 10.45am service. We will be streaming the 10.45am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/cNtuMuHOBII>

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/>

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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 Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour 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...

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

John 5.36b-end 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North and for their school building project.

In this Diocese: Lord, we pray for our services today. May our worship through words, music, and silence give glory and praise to you and so build up the body of Christ to continue Christ's mission today.

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.

Oct/Nov/Dec charity: The Sisters of the Church

October Prayer Cycle: The Croft, Ladymeade, Chelsfield, Combe Side, Waverley Road, Station Close

Church Groups: During October we pray for our branch of Mothers' Union, and their support for families.

October Baptism Anniversaries: Caspar

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, Barbara Harland, Jenny Webb, Mike & Carol, Brenda Cooke, Lucy Goodland, Julian Barnett, Jane Hepburn, Alan, Judith Brown, Margaret Dagger.

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

Those who have died: Elizabeth Ridge, Norma Knight
Anniversary of death: Gillian Long, Marian Pattinson, Mary Rome

New Rector Announcement It is with great pleasure that we can now announce that, subject to a satisfactory DBS disclosure, our new Rector will be the Rev. Sam Norton who will come to us from Parkend and Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean. The interview panel were unanimous in their decision and we were all impressed by what Sam had to offer. Please pray for Sam as he prepares to move here, his present Parishes as they come to terms with what his departure means to them and continue to pray for this benefice as we prepare to welcome Sam and the rich ministry that he will bring to us. The date for Sam's licensing and Service of Welcome will be **February 27th 2025**. Please make a note in your diaries.

St Andrew's Rota St Andrew's Rota for November onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies in church and in the link.

Loaves & Fishes Our cash donations plus the value of goods donated so far this year are estimated to total £1,750. A huge thank you to all who have contributed.

Growing Good workshop Saturday 2nd November 10.00am to 1.00pm in Flourish House, Wells. The workshop will explore the Growing Good Toolkit and offer practical tips on hospitality. Contact Martin if you plan to attend (for lift sharing).