**Diary for this week 29th July – 3rd August**

**Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice

**Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget’s

10-12.00noon Holiday Action 24 at The Parish Hall

**Weds**  9.30am No Bible study on Zoom till 11th Sept

6.45pm Bell Ringers practice

7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House

**Thurs** 7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom

**Fri**

**Sat** 10.00am-12.00pm St Bridget’s Open Morning

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: 4th August (10th Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget’s

10.45am Informal Worship with baptisms 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 “CMS”; to St Bridget’s to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

**Choir visit to St Mary Redcliffe** This Sunday, 28th July, at 5.30pm St Andrew’s choir, along with singers from St Mary’s Yatton, will be singing Choral Evensong at St Mary Redcliffe. Please do come along to the service to support them, all welcome.

**Alpha Course** Beginning on 25th September in Heaven Coffee House, the Alpha Course is being run jointly by all the churches in Backwell. If you know someone who could be interested, please look out for further details and registration.

**Organ Recital** Best of Baroque: An evening of choral music with award-winning organist Andrew Kirk, taking place on Saturday 7th September at St Bridget’s Church from 7pm, including light refreshments.Donations on the day will be towards St Bridget’s recent guttering repairs costing £640. **Booking is essential** for what promises to be a really enjoyable evening.Please visit our Eventbrite page to book: [stbridgetsbaroque.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-baroque-an-evening-of-choral-music-tickets-933923298727?aff=oddtdtcreator) or contact our church wardens Roger 07790845108 or Sue 01275853879.

**Holiday Action 24**  This summer holiday programme of activities and events for children begins on 30th July and runs every Tuesday till September. A little break for parents & grandparents. Booking via [Holiday Action 24 (themeetingpointbackwell.co.uk)](https://www.themeetingpointbackwell.co.uk/page9.html) although some sessions are already full (but waiting lists available).

**Welcome to**

**The Benefice of**

**Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley**

**28th July 2024**

**9th Sunday after Trinity**



**Welcome to our services today**

9.15am Sung Eucharist St Andrew’s

*Hymns: NHWS 64, 79, SP 316, 315, 237*

*Anthem: O come, ye servants of the Lord (Tye)*

10.45am Informal Worship St Andrew’s

Coffee will be served between the 9.15am and 10.45am services. There will be no live-streamed service this week.

**Services and prayer during the week**

Morning Prayer 9am Mon & Thurs on Zoom; Tues also 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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Please submit any notices for the weekly sheet by 9.30am on Thursdays.

**Office holiday** Please note that the office will be closed for holiday from 12.30pm on Friday 26th July until 9.30am on Tuesday 13th August. Please contact the Churchwardens or Ministry Team with any urgent queries during this period.

**Collect and Readings…**

**Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory’s sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings for this week…**

**Ephesians 4.1-16** I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, ‘When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.’ (When it says, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

**John 6.24-35** So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**For your prayers this week…**

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

**Zambia:** We pray for our link church of St Andrew’s,

Ndola North and for their school building project.

**In this Diocese:** Generous God, we pray for Lay Worship Assistants across our diocese who will be leading worship today in many different places. We pray that those who worship with them will be enriched and inspired ready to go out and serve you.

**In the Deanery:** We pray for the Parish of Wraxall with Failand & Trendlewood, & for Revd Morey Andrews

**Jul/Aug/Sep charity:** CMS

**July Prayer Cycle:** Robinson Way, Robinson Close, Kellways, Rushmoor Lane, Rushmoor Grove

**Church Groups:** During July we pray for St Andrew’s Bellringers who contribute so much in calling us to worship andfor Rebecca & Tony, the Tower Captains.

**July Baptism Anniversaries:** Eloise

**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, Julie Densham, Judith Brown, Jim.

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

**Those who have died****:** Michelle Townsend, Robert Miles

**Anniversary of death:**

**St Andrew’s Rota** for August onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies available in church and in the link.

**Quiet morning** A date for your diary: a quiet morning at St Andrew’s on Saturday 10 August which will be run by Jane Eastell. This will start at 10.30am (with coffee beforehand from 10am). There will be a light lunch afterwards at around 1pm. Sign-up sheets are available at both St Andrew’s and St Bridget’s for this event.

**Summer BBQ** Sunday 11th August 12.30pm in St Andrew’s church grounds. A sign-up sheet is in St Andrew’s with a request for dietary requirements and donations of salads. Alternatively, please e-mail the office with details. As last year, this is also a fundraiser for Aaron Stanbury of CMS, so the suggested donation will be £15.00 per head (children eat free). Soft drinks will be provided. **Tower tours** will also be available from 1.30pm.