

Diary for this week 30th December – 4th January

Mon

Tues The Meeting Point will be closed until 7th January

Weds NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thurs

Fri

Sat

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

Next Sunday: 5th January (Epiphany)

9.15am Holy Communion

St Bridget's

10.45am 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 "Sisters"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

Advent Sermon Series Please use the accompanying leaflet for your daily reflections. Copies are in both churches and with the weekly e-mail. Do join us for a discussion of the series on 8th January at 9.30am on Zoom.

THANK YOU A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our celebrations of Christ's birth so beautiful, welcoming and engaging for regular members of our congregations, for children and families, and for visitors to the Benefice. Much has been contributed by those who prepared and decorated our churches, who led beautiful music, read familiar and unfamiliar Bible passages, made coffee and served mince pies and those who led our services. May we honour Him now in our lives.

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.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

29th December 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas



Welcome to our services today

10.45am Benefice Eucharist

St Andrew's

Hymns: NHWS 83, 52, 144, 234, 163

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/sj7wJLWTbrE>

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/>

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for A New Year O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course: forgive our impatience, perfect our faith and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings for this week...

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Episcopal Church

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North who began work on their second school classroom.

In this Diocese: Let us pray for all who hold significant positions of responsibility in our communities, in our church life and in our nation. May they exercise their influence wisely with respect for the position they hold.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Pill, Portbury & Easton in Gordano & for Revd Astrid Tiesema-Samsom

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

December Prayer Cycle: Westfield Road, Westfield Close, Westfield Drive

Church Groups: During December we pray for Little Lambs toddler group, for Rhiannon Mark, its leader and for the older children now moving up.

December Baptism Anniversaries: Nathan, Grace, Lily

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, Christine Lawrence.

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

Those who have died: Christopher Paish

Anniversary of death: Brian McNally, Pamela Taylor, Mike Chinn, Antony Ridge, Theresa Southern

Office holiday The office will be closed from 12.30pm on Friday 20th December until 9.30am on Tuesday 7th January. Please contact the churchwardens or Ministry Team with any urgent matters during this time.

Christmas Card Exchange Please ensure that you have collected any cards addressed to you and also check that any you have left have been collected.