

Diary for this week 3rd – 8th February

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.45pm Backwell Prayer Watch at Backwell Baptist Church
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 Yoga, 12.15 Communion, 1.00 lunch)
- Weds** 9.30am Bible study on Zoom
2.15pm Backwell Junior School service
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
6.45pm Bell Ringers practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 11.30am Funeral of Graham Bowerman
7.00pm Private booking in Church House
7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
1.00pm Memorial Service for Shena Jones
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-3.00pm Private booking 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: 9th February (4th Sunday before Lent)

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
10.45am Sung Eucharist 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 "USPG"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

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. It would be lovely to lunch together after the 10.45 service at St Andrew's. If you would like to eat with us, please look out for details next week, or let the office know you're interested.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 2nd February 2025 Presentation of Christ



Welcome to our services today

- 10.45am Informal Worship St Andrew's
3.00pm Patronal Holy Communion St Bridget's
Hymns: 558, Sheet, Sheet, 437
Anthem: Nunc Dimittis in A flat (Harwood)

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/DOSmJoO3AMw>

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 Presentation of Christ

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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...

10.45am:

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and

began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

3.00pm:

Psalm 84 & Matthew 3

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North and their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu visiting us this month.

In this Diocese: Lord Jesus, give us hearts to recognise you and faith to follow you, just as Simeon and Anna welcomed you in the temple. Bring your light into our lives so that we may shine for you.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Clevedon St John & for Fr Brendan Clover

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.

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: Geoffrey Greet

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.