

Diary for this week 3rd – 8th March

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.45pm Backwell Prayer Watch in Church House
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall
(11.00-12.00 Yoga, 12.15 communion, 1.00 lunch)
- Weds** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
9.30am No Bible study on Zoom
12.30pm Lent Lunch in Church House
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
7.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 9.30am Open the Book rehearsal in Church House
7.00pm Private booking in Church House
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-3.00pm Private Booking in Church House

There is also Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am on Monday and Thursday each week – see email or contact the office for the link.

Next Sunday: 9th March (1st Sunday of Lent)

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
10.45am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
5.00pm Said Evening Prayer St Andrew's

Giving to St Andrew's or St Bridget's

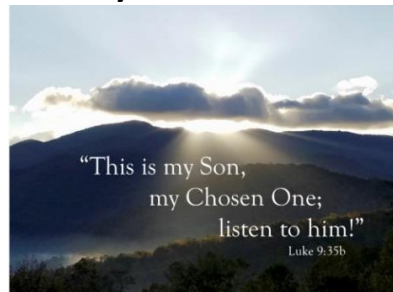
To support our churches the easiest way is through bank transfer to Backwell PCC: sort code 60-14-49 account No. 41004027 (alternatively, try the contactless station); to Backwell PCC Missions & Charities: Sort code 60-14-49; Account no. 41004035; quoting "USPG"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

Backwell Prayer Watch This month's meeting on Monday March 3rd will be held in Church House, 7.45 for 8pm. This is a special meeting incorporating extracts from the World Day of Prayer service; this year's service was prepared by Christian women of the Cook Islands. All are welcome to attend.

Concert in St Andrew's In Accord choir's next concert will be on Saturday 15th March at 7.30pm. "On a theme of love, we're hoping to sing to all kinds of romantic love (from the first meeting, through uncertainty, confusion, passion, torment and loss), as well as love of God, love of children and love of place. To bring this to you with richness, flow and soul, we're joining with the wonderful jazz group Round Midnight. Tickets £10/£5; book your place via astridpestell@hotmail.com"

Lent Lunch will be on Ash Wednesday 5th March at 12.30pm in Church House, organised by Julie Ratcliffe from the Methodist Church. Donations of £5 on the day please for a frugal lunch of soup, cheese, pate, bread, pickles, & coffee. Profits to the Children's Hospice, South West.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 2nd March 2025 Sunday next before Lent



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Holy Communion with Act of Welcome & Commitment St Bridget's
Hymns: CP 490, Sheet, 386, 513
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 388, NHWS 78, NEH 339, SP 220, NHWS 166
Anthem: Christ is our Cornerstone (Ogden)
- 2.00pm Bell Peal to welcome the new Rector
- 5.00pm Said Evening Prayer St Andrew's

Coffee will be served after the 9.15am and 11.00am services. We will be streaming the 11.00 service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/10-V17kfwog>

Services and prayer during the week

8.00am Morning Prayer & 5.00pm Evening Prayer are said daily (Monday to Friday) at St Andrew's

General Information...

St Andrew's and St Bridget's with St Nicholas'

<https://www.backwellchelveybenefice.org.uk/>
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Rector

Revd Sam Norton

Ministry Team

Rev'd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611

Rev'd Joan Rowe 01275 463214

Mr Martin Canning 01275 790309

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Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158

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Mrs Sue Bougourd 01275 853879

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9.28-36 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Ash Wednesday 7.00pm:

Psalm 51.1-18 & John 8.1-11

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North, their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu and the newly elected Bishop Panji, formerly Dean of Ndola Cathedral.

In this Diocese: Lord God, as we gather to worship you in spirit and truth, enrich us and sustain us as we go out into the world to live and tell the story of Jesus.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Long Ashton, Flax Bourton and Barrow Gurney & for Revd James Harris
Jan/Feb/Mar charity: USPG

March Prayer Cycle: Russet Close, Mulberry Close, Embercourt Drive, Mariners Drive, Mariners Close

Church Groups: During March we pray for the Ladies Group meeting monthly, for its leader and committee.

Backwell Junior School: We pray for our Pupil Chaplains, all Year classes, their teachers and classroom assistants together with the other schools in Backwell.

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:

Anniversary of death: Chris Sutton, Cynthia Papworth, Annita Zaffuto, Katherine Cox, Janet Briggs, Anthony Daniels, Sheila Williams, Albert Moss

New Electoral Roll The Church Electoral Roll contains the names of everyone who can vote at the APCM. This Roll is revised annually with the exception of each 6th year, **this year**, when it is necessary to prepare an entirely new Parochial Electoral Roll. Every person who is on the existing Roll is invited, should they wish to do so, to apply for re-enrolment. Those not on the existing Roll may also join if they wish.

St Bridget's: Enrolment forms for St Bridget's will be available from Sunday 2nd March or you can contact Janice Watson, Electoral Roll Officer on 01275 462821 / jan.watson1969@gmail.com. St Bridget's APCM will be held on Monday 28th April at 6.30pm in church – all welcome.

St Andrew's: Details of the Electoral Roll Revision Period and APCM will be published in the next few weeks.

Egg Boxes Please could you donate some egg boxes for Easter in a Box at the junior school? They need to be a 6, and preferably with no writing/stickers on top of them. We will need about 60 of them! They can be left for Timi in the Link. Thank you.