

Diary for this week 9th – 14th December

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.15pm Ladies' Group 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 Yoga)
12.45pm Fairfield School rehearsal in church
2.15pm Mothers' Union Christmas Readings and Carols in Church House
7.30pm St Andrew's PCC meeting in Church House
- Weds** 9.30am Bible study on Zoom
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
6.45pm Bell Ringers practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 8.00am-5.00pm Electrical work in Church and Church House
7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom
7.30pm North Somerset Agricultural Society Carol service followed by refreshments in Church House
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
10.00am Fairfield School Carol Service
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-2.00pm Private Booking in Church House
4.30pm Carols outside Heaven Coffee House

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

Next Sunday: 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

- 10.45am Informal Worship with Communion
Church House
- 3.00pm Chelvey Carol Service
St Bridget's
- 4.00pm Christingle 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.

Fairtrade Church We have renewed our certification as a Fairtrade church at St Andrew's and posters recognising this are in the porch and Church House. Please do support Fairtrade producers where you can.

Poppy Appeal 2024 Thank you to all those who supported this via the Poppy tin and at the Remembrance Sunday Service. A total of £779.19 was raised at the church, which goes towards the grand total of £18,231.88 raised across the District area.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 8th December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent



Welcome to our services today

- 9.00am Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group
Church House
- 10.45am Sung Eucharist
St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 11, 436, SP 46, NEH 391
Anthem: Creator of the stars of night (Plainsong)
- 5.15pm Brockley Patronal Service
St Nicholas'

Coffee will be served after the 10.45am services. We will be streaming the 10.45am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/-4Zhkol6ICA>

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)

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

2 Samuel 11.1-5 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

Matthew 1.1-6 An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North as they celebrated St Andrew on 1st December.

In this Diocese: Father, at this time of year we pray for all the extra services that will take place in the Deanery of Midsomer Norton. Please Lord, give our priests and worship leaders that strength that only you can give as they strive to tell everyone the great wonders you have sent us.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Long Ashton, Flax Bourton and Barrow Gurney & for Rev James Harris

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.

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

Those who have died: Gerald Wilcox

Anniversary of death: Anna Sheath, Kathleen Rice

Advent Sermon Series Please use the accompanying leaflet for your daily reflections. Copies are in both churches and with the weekly e-mail. Also, do join us for a discussion of the sermon and the other passages on Wednesdays at 9.30am on Zoom.

Carol singing As part of the national initiative "Shine Your Light", encouraging Christians to hold outdoor events again this Christmas, there will be Carols outside Heaven coffee house on Saturday 14th December at 4.30pm.

All welcome.

There will also be Carols outside Spar on Saturday 21st December at 11.00am with an open invitation to all.

Christmas Card Exchange is now available in the Link for you to exchange Christmas Cards with people who are likely to be in church. Please note that this is an exchange and not a delivery service so please do check to see if there are any cards for you – and make sure that those you leave have been collected.

Village Christmas Card As we did last year, we have joined with the other churches in our community to produce and deliver a card with details of all the Christmas services to every house. These will be in St Andrew's from this weekend for delivery if possible to your road or area. Please take a bundle if you can (with your name on if you delivered last year). Meet by Heaven at 10.00am on 14th December to join a group delivery.

Concerts Several concerts are coming up this week: Nailsea & Backwell Ladies Choir, WI Hall Backwell, Thursday 12th December 1.45pm
Evergreen Chorus, All Saints Wrington, Saturday 14th December 6.00pm
Bristol Choral Society, Bristol Beacon, Saturday 14th December 7.30pm
Do take a look at the posters for tickets information.