

Diary for this week 10th – 15th February

Mon	9.00-11.00am Backwell School Visit 1.30pm Ministry Team meeting in Church House 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice 7.15pm Ladies' Group in Church House
Tues	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's 10.00am Mothers' Union Coffee morning in Church House 10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 Yoga)
Weds	9.30am No Bible study 3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House 6.45pm Bell Ringers practice 7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
Thurs	7.30pm Prayer for the Vacancy on Zoom
Fri	9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House 6.40pm Choir Practice
Sat	10.00am Bell Ringers Quarter Peal

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

Next Sunday: 16th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)

9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Bridget's
10.45am	Informal Worship with Communion	Church House
5.00pm	Evensong	St Andrew's

Giving to St Andrew's or St Bridget's

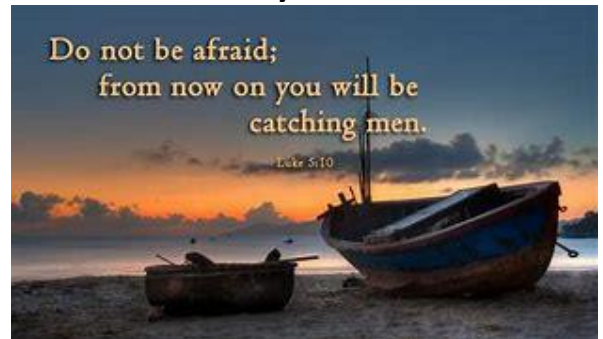
To support our churches the easiest way is through bank transfer to Backwell PCC: sort code 60-14-49 account No. 41004027 (alternatively, try the contactless station); to Backwell PCC Missions & Charities: Sort code 60-14-49; Account no. 41004035; quoting "USPG"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort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

Curry Night for USPG We will again be enjoying a Curry Night together next month. This will be on Saturday 1st March in Church House at 6.15 for 6.30pm. Please do sign up in St Andrew's or contact Jane & Martin. Soft drinks provided, but bring your own wine/beer. Donations on the night.

Sign-up sheets for Revd Sam's licensing are on the table in church. Please sign up to help with the smooth running of this service. Your help is much appreciated. Cherry and Andy.

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 share a simple lunch together in Church House after the 10.45 service at St Andrew's. If you would like to eat with us, please sign up in church, or let the office know you're coming.

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 9th February 2025 4th Sunday before Lent



Welcome to our services today

9.00am	Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group	Church House
9.15am	Morning Worship <i>Hymns: 4, 411, 233, 622</i>	St Bridget's
10.45am	Sung Eucharist <i>Hymns: NEH 353, NHWS 292, 122, NEH 83, NHWS 77</i> <i>Anthem: Go forth into the world in peace (Rutter)</i>	St Andrew's

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/27k30jZFcdl>

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 Fourth Sunday before Lent

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son 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...

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5.1-11 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

For your prayers this week...

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

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: We thank you, Lord, that we are all made in your image and loved by you in equal measure on this Racial Justice Sunday. May we follow your example to love our neighbour as ourselves, being good listeners, a voice against injustice and welcoming to all.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Clevedon St. Andrew & St. Peter & for the churchwardens and ministry team caring for the parishes during their vacancy period.

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: Alan, Graham Bowerman, Shena Jones

Anniversary of death: Michael Scholes

Who let the Dads out? The next session will be 15th February from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Parish Hall and continue on the third Saturday of each month. Dads and toddlers welcome, so do encourage them to come.

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.

Children's Choir We are looking for some volunteers to help chaperone the children's choir. We collect the children from the school at 3.30pm every Wednesday at term time and escort them to church, helping to supervise the practice/ provide snacks and drinks. The children are collected at 5pm. We would love to have more people on rotation on the rota to help lighten the load for those already involved, if you can help even on one Wednesday a month/term, it would be much appreciated! Please speak to Timi if you can help. Thank you.