

Diary for this week 10th – 15th March

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.30pm 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 (11.00-12.00 Yoga)
12.00pm Burial of ashes of Derek Bagnall
- 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**
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 10.30am-3.30pm Private Booking in Ch House
7.30pm 'In Accord' Concert

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: 16th March (2nd Sunday of 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.

Lent course begins this Sunday, on the theme of 'Five Words: how to live in the Spirit – Grace; Accusation; Offence; Forgiveness; Faith'. These will initially be given at St Andrew's on Sunday evenings (as part of 5pm Evening Prayer) and shared on my YouTube channel:
<http://www.youtube.com/@Elizaphanian>

In Accord choir concert will be on Saturday 15th March at 7.30pm in St Andrew's. Songs on a theme of love, and music from the jazz group Round Midnight. Tickets £10/£5; book your place via astridpestell@hotmail.com

USPG Curry Night Many thanks to all who came and supported the evening. The total raised for USPG's Lent appeal for medical support to Gaza was £420 plus gift aid.

Craft supplies As well as egg boxes, Timi is also collecting plastic takeaway containers or similar for making Easter gardens. Please bring any you can save from your recycling and leave them in the Link. Thank you.

CMS in Goma If you have been following developments in the DRC with Bishop Martin Gordon, please see the latest update from him following his return to Goma.
<https://mailchi.mp/d9c8f39c2180/gordons-in-goma-an-air-of-normality?e=582a8a9d49>

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 9th March 2025 1st Sunday of Lent



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
Hymns: CP 368, 565, 467, 305
- 10.45am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 333, 445, 374, 77, 372
Anthem: Bread of the world in mercy broken (Aston)
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer (said) St Andrew's
with Lenten sermon

Coffee will be served after the 10.45am service. We will be streaming the 10.45 service on our YouTube channel:
<https://youtube.com/live/IuXwHsVoR3w>

Services and prayer during the week

- Morning Prayer (CW) Monday to Friday at 8am St Andrew's
- Evening Prayer (BCP) Sunday to Friday 5pm St Andrew's

General Information...

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

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

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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...

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4.1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son

of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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, their priest, Fr Collins Kampulu and the newly elected Bishop Panji, formerly Dean of Ndola Cathedral.

In this Diocese: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may be witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Nailsea Christ Church & Tickenham, & for Revd Nicki Bradford

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, 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: Brenda Cooke

Anniversary of death: Doreen Smith

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.

Who let the Dads out? Next session 15th 9.30 - 11.30am in the Parish Hall.