

Diary for this week 12th – 17th January

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| Mon | 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice 7.00pm St Bridget's PCC at Elm Tree Farm 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) 5.30pm Healing Group in Church House 7.00pm Private booking 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 | |
| Fri | 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House 6.40pm Choir Practice |

Next Sunday: 18th January (2nd Sunday after Epiphany)

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| 9.15am | Holy Communion | St Bridget's |
| 9.30am | Café Church | St Andrew's |
| 11.00am | 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.

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Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 11th January 2026 Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome to our services today

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| 9.15am | Morning Prayer | St Bridget's |
| | <i>Hymns: 84, 175, 626</i> | <i>Psalm: 107.13-22</i> |
| 11.00am | Sung Eucharist | St Andrew's |
| | <i>Hymns: NEH 49, 52, 137, NHWS 155, NEH 475</i> | |
| | <i>Anthem: O taste and see (Vaughan Williams)</i> | |
| 5.00pm | Said Evening Prayer | St Andrew's |

Coffee will be served after the 11.00am service. We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/2wRQ1xjeQ-Y>

Services and prayer during the week

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| Morning Prayer (CW) Mon to Fri 8am | St Andrew's |
| Evening Prayer (BCP) Sun to Thurs 5pm | St Andrew's |

General Information...

St Andrew's and St Bridget's with St Nicholas'
<https://www.backwellchelveybenefice.org.uk/>
<http://www.stbridgetschelvey.co.uk/>

Rector Revd Sam Norton
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Usual day off: Friday
<http://www.youtube.com/@Elizaphanian>

Ministry Team

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Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158
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Administrator: Benefice office - **01275 463469**

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Children's worker: Timi Booy *currently on maternity leave- please contact Revd Sam or the Office*

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the Sunday after Epiphany

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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...

Romans 12.6-16

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Church in Central America

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North, and for Bishop Emmanuel Chikoya following his appointment as Bishop of Central Diocese.

In this Diocese: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Jan/Feb/Mar charity: USPG

January Prayer Cycle: Rodbury Court, Meadow Close, West Haven Close, The Avenue, Backwell Common

Church Groups: During January we pray for the Finance Committee and our Treasurers as we begin a new budget year.

January Baptism Anniversaries: Patrick, Charlotte

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, Jess Wong, Ed Hewitt, Grace Myahalaleel, Mike & Carol, Julian Barnett, Margaret Dagger, Jackie, Victoria P, Jenifer Dyer, Pat & Doug Neilson

Those who we keep in our prayers: Sue Ashman, Maureen Barnett, Vicky Dunscombe, Jenny Webb

Those who have died: John Prior

Anniversary of death: Jane Brean

Thank you from Jean

A big "thank you" to all who gave donations for the Christmas presents for the two Homes in Backwell. The presents were delivered in the week before Christmas and were much appreciated, and the good news is that there is enough money left over to buy Easter eggs for them when the time comes!

St Andrew's Rota

An availability form for February onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies in church and in the Link. Please could all helpers return a copy with their available dates by Tuesday 20th January. We are in need of new people to help with administering communion at the 11.00am service; please consider if this is something you could do? Full training can be provided.