

Diary for this week 23rd – 28th February

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
- Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 yoga)
2.15pm Mothers' Union in Church House
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
11.30am Burial of ashes of Harvey & Sylvia Murray
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat** 9.00-11.00am Prayer Breakfast at the home of Andy and Janet

Next Sunday: 1st March (2nd Sunday in Lent)

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
11.00am Informal Worship St Andrew's
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.

Prayer Breakfast The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 28th February from 9.00-11.00am at Andy & Janet's house. For catering purposes please let Andy or Janet know by Thursday morning if you are intending to come.

Lent Lunch is now confirmed for **Wednesday 18th March at 12.30pm** in Church House. £5 for soup, bread, cheese, pate & pickles followed by coffee. Profit to Turnaround, a centre in Lawrence Hill for the Homeless.

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Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 22nd February 2026 1st Sunday in Lent



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
Hymns: 556, 95, 532, 547
- 9.30am Café Church St Andrew's
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 232, 440, 414, NHWS 261, NHWS 280
Anthem: Call to remembrance (Farrant)

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/mvT8ES-POJk>

Services and prayer during the week

- 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/>

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Usual day off: Friday
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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 First Sunday in 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...

2 Corinthians 6.1-10

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

For your prayers this week...

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

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, 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 witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Nailsea Holy Trinity & for Revd James Packman

Jan/Feb/Mar charity: USPG

February Prayer Cycle: Alison Gardens, Fernside, Amberlands Close, Church Town

Church Groups: During February we pray for the Churchyard maintenance team and for Tim Harland its leader and organiser.

February Baptism Anniversaries: Millie, Bodhi, Felix

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, Grace Myahalaleel, Mike & Carol, Jackie, Victoria P, Pat Neilson, Jean Routley

Those who we keep in our prayers: Sue Ashman, Maureen Barnett, Vicky Dunscombe, Jenny Webb, Julian Barnett, Margaret Dagger, Ed Hewitt

Those who have died: Peter Ireland, Barbara Paige

Anniversary of death: Pino Pellegrino, Susan Guy, Cora Gardner

Mothers' Union

All are welcome at a meeting of Mothers' Union at 2.15pm on Tuesday 24th February, at which the Revd Bowley will give an illustrated talk about "The House of Grace", Christians' care for children in need in Thailand.

Forthcoming funeral dates

There will be Memorial services at St Andrew's for Peter Ireland at 12.00pm on Tuesday 3rd March, and for Barbara Paige at 11.30am on Thursday 19th March.

Ukraine appeal Thank you everyone for the coats and other gifts that were contributed for the Christmas Appeal. We estimate over 400 have gone out on the truck! These will be hugely appreciated on the front line and in towns damaged by enemy action. We are now asking for any balaclavas you may have or perhaps knitting groups could make some? Warm snoods too? Dark colours only please for obvious reasons. Drop off is still the foyer at St Francis Nailsea (or if that's difficult let me know and I can collect). Thank you so much. Ian Bainbridge 07579051515