

## Diary for this week 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice  
**Tues** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's  
10.00-2.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall  
(10.00-12.00 Tuesday Break, 1.00 lunch)  
**Weds** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
9.30am Bible study on Zoom  
7.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing  
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House  
**Thurs**  
**Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House  
6.40pm Choir Practice  
**Sat**

## Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's  
9.30am Café Church St Andrew's  
11.00am Sung Eucharist 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.

## Ash Wednesday & Lent

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, & there will be a Sung Eucharist with Ashing at 7.00pm at St Andrews.

Sam is recommending a book called 'The Provocative Church' by Graham Tomlin to read and study during Lent and will be referring to it in his sermons throughout March. The book is available to buy [here](#) (the 4<sup>th</sup> edition comes with a study guide).

**Lent Lunch** is now confirmed for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Who Let The Dads Out?

Dads (or Grandads?) and their children are welcome to this event at the Parish Hall from 9.00-11.30am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Toys for you and your young children to play with, bacon butties to eat, biscuits and juice for the kids and scope for tea/coffee/chatting with other dads. This event, sponsored by Backwell Life (the charity behind The Meeting Point), is currently scheduled for every third Saturday in the month up until June.

**Join our mailing list** If you would like to receive this sheet and other news from the Benefice by email every week, you can sign up at <http://eepurl.com/ja90d2> or scan the QR code.



# Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Quinquagesima



## Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's  
*Hymns: 619, 516, 96, 609*  
9.30am Café Church St Andrew's  
11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's  
*Hymns: NEH 333, NHWS 12, 166, SP 13, Sheet*  
*Anthem: Now let us from this table rise (Henderson)*  
5.00pm Said Evening Prayer St Andrew's

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/8a3D46PPdKo>

## 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/>

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

## Ministry Team

Revd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611  
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## Churchwardens

**Backwell:** Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158  
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Mrs Sue Bougourd 01275 853879

**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 Quinquagesima** O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

## Readings for this week...

### 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### Luke 18.31-43

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

## For your prayers this week...

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**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:** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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

**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:** Dennis Sleigh

## Mothers' Union

All are welcome at a meeting of Mothers' Union at 2pm 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.

**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

**Our Lay Reader David George** is moving away in March (DV!) and as long as all goes to plan his last services in the Benefice will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at St Bridget's and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Andrew's. Please pray for David and his family as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives.