

Diary for this week 30th March – 4th April

Mon	3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Francis Nailsea
Tues	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's 10.30-4.30 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00 yoga)
Weds	9.30am Bible study on Zoom 2.15pm BJS Easter Service 3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House 6.45pm Bell Ringers Practice 7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
Thurs	6.45pm Choir Practice in Church House 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar
Fri	10.00am St Bridget's Good Friday Service 11.00am Hot Cross buns in Church House 11.30am Walk of Witness to outside Spar for 12.00pm 1.30pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
Sat	10.00am St Bridget's Coffee Morning 7.30pm Bell Ringers 10-bell Practice

Next Sunday: 5th April (Easter Sunday)

5.30am	Easter Dawn Liturgy	St Andrew's
9.15am	Holy Communion	St Bridget's
11.00am	Easter Eucharist	St Andrew's

The Way of the Cross This Sunday evening at 5.00pm we begin Holy Week with a special choral service 'The Way of the Cross: A Passiontide Sequence'. All welcome for this service of music, readings & reflection.

Holy Week & Easter services

Monday 30th March

7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Francis, Nailsea

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
St Andrew's

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Good Friday Service St Bridget's
11.00am Coffee & Hot Cross buns Ch House
11.30am Walk of Witness St Andrew's
12.00pm Act of Worship outside Spar
1.30pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy St Andrew's

Easter Sunday 5th April

5.30am Easter Dawn Liturgy St Andrew's
9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
11.00am Easter Eucharist St Andrew's

Easter Lilies If you would like to remember a loved one over Easter at St Andrew's, please write their names clearly on the list in church or email to the office. Donations would be greatly appreciated; please put in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' and leave in the wall safe just inside the main door, or donate online (to Missions & Charities account, ref. Easter Lilies'), by **Tues 31st March**.

Benefice Website We need a volunteer with understanding of website design to assist with looking after and updating the Benefice Website & Facebook page. If anyone has any expertise in this area and would be willing to help, please contact the office.

The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

29th March 2026: Palm Sunday



Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Bridget's
	<i>Hymns: 128, 129, 109</i>	<i>Psalm: 73.22-end</i>
11.00am	Sung Eucharist with Children's Choir	St Andrew's
	<i>Hymns: On service sheet</i>	
5.00pm	The Way of the Cross	St Andrew's

There will be no live streamed service this week.

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

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Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158

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Administrator: Benefice office - **01275 463469**

Office open **Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.30-12.30**

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

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.

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.



Collect and Readings...

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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...

Philippians 2.5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 21.1-11 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

For your prayers this week...

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

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: Triumphant God, on Palm Sunday we join in the celebration of your entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week. Whilst knowing what is to come, we raise a joyous 'Hosanna!' in recognition of our king.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Backwell & Chelvey with Brockley & for Revd Sam Norton

Jan/Feb/Mar charity: USPG

March Prayer Cycle: The Croft, Ladymeade, Chelsfield, Combe Side, Waverley Road, Station Close

Church Groups: During March we pray for the Ladies Group meeting monthly, for its leader and committee.

March Baptism Anniversaries:

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, Ian Wills

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

Those who have died: Jenny Webb, Roy Cleeves

Anniversary of death: Douglas Twiggs, Margaret Pike, Joan Everitt

Office & Rector's holidays The office will be closed for holiday from 12.30pm on Thursday 2nd April until 9.30am on Tuesday 14th April. Please contact the churchwardens or Ministry Team with any urgent queries during this period. Revd Sam will also be on leave following the services on Easter Sunday, until Sunday 19th April.

St Andrew's Rota A rota availability request for May onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies available in church and in the Link. Please could all rota helpers return their available dates to the office by Tuesday 21st April.

Lent lunch Thank you to everyone who attended the Lent Lunch last week. £202 was raised for Turnaround, a centre for the homeless in Lawrence Hill.

Electoral Roll & APCM dates

St Andrew's: The Electoral Roll revision period commenced on Monday 16th March 2026 and will close at 1pm on Friday 3rd April 2026*. During this period the electoral roll, as it currently stands, will be available in a folder on the table by the south door for anyone wishing to review it. In addition to the electoral roll, you will find blank application forms, should you wish to be added to the roll. Please return the completed and signed forms to the Church Office (email or paper copy) by Thursday 2nd April, or directly to Phil by Friday 3rd April, to ensure that your name is added to the revised roll. Any errors identified on the roll should at once be reported to Phil Hockett directly or via the Church office e-mail

admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk, with the subject "Electoral Roll". Should you have any other queries regarding the revision of the electoral roll please contact the church office or Churchwardens. **Please note that 3rd April is Good Friday so the office will not be open on this date.*

The **APCM** will be on **Sunday 26th April** in Church House. On this date there will be no Café Church and the Eucharist will take place at **10.00am** followed by the APCM.

St Bridget's: The Electoral Roll revision period has now closed. If you have any queries regarding the revision of the Electoral Roll please contact Janice or the Churchwardens. The **APCM** will be on **Monday 20th April** at 7.00pm in church.