

Diary for this week 9th – 14th March

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
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
11.30am Burial of ashes of Reginald Pullin
6.40pm Choir Practice
- Sat**

Next Sunday: 15th March (4th Sunday in Lent)

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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 | 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.

Electoral Roll

St Andrew's: The Electoral Roll revision period will commence 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 the 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.*

St Bridget's: Information to follow

Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley 8th March 2026 3rd Sunday in Lent



Welcome to our services today

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| 9.00am | Little Lambs Baby & Toddler Group | Church House |
| 9.15am | Morning Prayer | St Bridget's |
| | <i>Hymns: 202, 89, 267</i> | <i>Psalm: 9.13-end</i> |
| 11.00am | Sung Eucharist | St Andrew's |
| | <i>Hymns: NEH 146, 466, 52, NHWS 23, 271</i> | <i>Anthem: Bread of the world in mercy broken (Aston)</i> |
| 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | St Andrew's |

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

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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Revd Joan Rowe 01275 463214

Mr David George 07532202786

Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158

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Chelvey: Mr Roger Watson 01275 462821

Mrs Sue Bougourd 01275 853879

Administrator: Benefice office - **01275 463469**

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

admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk

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 Third Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

Ephesians 5.1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Luke 11.14-28

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? — for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live

there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.' While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

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: Gracious God, on this International Women's Day, we give thanks for women everywhere, especially those strengthening the bonds between Zambia and Bath and Wells. Bless their leadership, courage, and compassion. May their work bear fruit in justice, partnership, and peace.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Portishead, & for Revd Rob Eastwood-Dewing and the ministry team
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, Jean Routley, Ian Wills

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: Albert Moss

Road closure Please note that a section of Church Lane (outside Backwell Junior School) will be closed for 2 days from next Saturday, 14th March. Vehicle access to St Andrew's will be via the Farleigh Road end of Church Lane.

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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