

Diary for this week 27th April – 2nd May

- 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
Weds Tree work in Churchyard
9.30am Bible study on Zoom
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
5.30pm Wedding rehearsal
6.45pm Bell Ringers Practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
Thurs 12.00pm Funeral of Jenny Webb followed by wake in Church House
Fri 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
12.30pm Wedding of Connor & Daisy
6.40pm Choir Practice
Sat 10.00am-12.00pm St Bridget's Open Morning

Next Sunday: 3rd May (4th Sunday after Easter)

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
11.00am Informal Communion 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 "Connect"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

St Bridget's Coffee Morning All are welcome to come along to St Bridget's Open Morning on Saturday 2nd May with coffee & cakes served from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

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 Friends of Brockley Church require a chairperson, could you help us? There is an active & very supportive committee; regular fund-raising events; social activities; educational visits; newsletter; Facebook page; and over 100 members & supporters.
Please contact enquiries@stnicholas-brockley.co.uk

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

26th April 2026
3rd Sunday after Easter



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
Hymns: 6, 608, 411, 594
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Commissioning of Healing Team, followed by APCM St Andrew's
Hymns: SP 176, 261, 136, Sheet, NHWS 81
Anthem: Ave Verum (Mozart)
12.30pm Baptism of Emily Bow St Bridget's
5.00pm Evening Prayer St Andrew's

We will be streaming the 10.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/liB17QU8Bog>

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

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

1 Peter 2.11-17 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

John 16.16-22 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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: God of strength, we celebrate all taking part in the London Marathon. As runners endure each mile, we remember students around the world who have to walk long distances to school. Grant perseverance, safety, and hope in every journey.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of East Clevedon & Preb Noel Hector and the ministry team

April/May/June charity: Connect, Nailsea

April Prayer Cycle: The Briars, Moor Lane, Moorfield Road

Church Groups: During April we pray for The Meeting Point and Backwell Life and its Trustees as it seeks to serve our wider community.

April Baptism Anniversaries: Vinnie, Eliza, Macsen

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, Audrey Robbins, Rita Wheeler

Anniversary of death: Richard Bradley, Jeremy Hobbs

Healing Team Please pray for our new Healing Team who are being commissioned at the 10.00am service this Sunday.

New Director of Music Last Sunday we were delighted to welcome our new Director of Music at St Andrew's, Edward Stancombe, who will be playing the organ and directing the choir for choral services. We look forward to working with him.

PCC Vacancies St Andrew's APCM is **today, Sunday 26th April**, in Church House following the 10.00am service. There are vacancies for up to 8 more people to join the PCC and also for up to three people to join Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available on the Stewards' Dresser; please do talk to Revd Sam or the churchwardens if you are interested.

Mothers' Union All are welcome at a Mothers' Union meeting on Tuesday 28th April at 2.15pm in Church House when Revd Carol Edwards will speak on the topic "A Woman's place is in the church!"

St Andrews Ladies Group are holding a Quiz night on Monday 11th May in Church House, 7.15 for 7.30pm in aid of our charity for this year The Children's Air Ambulance. Tickets available at £5 from 01275 463160 or on the night.