

Diary for this week 20th – 25th July

- 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, 1.00pm lunch)
- 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** 11.30am Burial of ashes of Andrew Olver at St Bridget's
7.00pm Wedding rehearsal
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
2.00pm Wedding Blessing rehearsal at St Bridget's
- Sat** 1.00pm Wedding of Seb & Lizzie
2.00pm Wedding Blessing for Michael & Yana at St Bridget's

Next Sunday: 26th July (8th Sunday after Trinity)

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
11.00am Combined 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 "CMS"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

Picnic & Praise Everyone is welcome to this Ecumenical event this Sunday afternoon (19th July) at 3pm at Backwell Playing Fields (on the green behind the tennis club). Bring a picnic and something to sit on.

Choir visit to St Mary Redcliffe This Sunday (19th July) at 5.30pm St Andrew's choir, joined by singers from St Mary's Yatton and others, will be singing Choral Evensong at St Mary Redcliffe. All welcome- please do come along to the service to support them.

Annual St Andrew's Barbecue for CMS

This will be held in aid of Bishop Martin in Goma next Sunday, 26th July, at 12.30pm. There will be no Café church; instead both congregations will worship together at 11.00am.

Please sign up on the table by the south door indicating numbers, any dietary requirements and if you are willing to help practically on the day.

Christ Church Summer Fair Saturday 25th July

10.30am – 1.00pm in Christ Church Close, Nailsea.
Do come along for various attractions. Free entry.

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

19th July 2026
7th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
Hymns: 490, 583, 581, 563
- 9.30am Café Church Church House
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 388, 456, NHWS 246, NEH 307, 443

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

Services and prayer during the week

There will be no Daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer at St Andrews until Revd Sam returns from his holiday on the evening of Monday 3rd August.

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Mark 8.1-10a

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.' His disciples replied, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' He asked them, 'How many loaves do you have?' They said, 'Seven.' Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North.

In this Diocese: Lord of all the earth, as the men's football World Cup draws to a close, we pray for Christians involved in the world of sport, both globally and locally, and the opportunity it brings to grow purpose and community.

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

Jul/Aug/Sep charity: CMS

July Prayer Cycle: Church Lane, Linemere Close, Court Close

Church Groups: During July we pray for St Andrew's Bellringers who contribute so much in calling us to worship and for Rebecca & Tony, the Tower Captains.

July Baptism Anniversaries: Eloise

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, Richard Smith, Ian Carnaby, Peter Maitland

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

Those who have died:

Anniversary of death: Georgina Fielden, Valerie Smart, Eric Davey

St Andrew's Rota Thank you to those who have returned rota forms. Please could all remaining helpers return their completed forms to the office by **this Tuesday, 21st July**. Thank you for your support.

The Meeting Point Summer Activities

There will be activities for children at The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall at 10am every Tuesday from 28th July to 1st September. Children must be accompanied by an adult. These events are FREE but booking is recommended as places are limited. More information here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/the-meeting-point-summer-activities-2026-4848690> or tel. 07851 438530.

Rector's holiday Revd Sam will be on leave following the 11.00am service this Sunday (19th July), returning on the afternoon of Monday 3rd August. Please contact the office or churchwardens with any urgent matters during this time. There will be no Morning and Evening Prayer until the evening of 3rd August.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 14th November: Study Day on 'Becoming the Body' from 10am to 4pm in Church House. All welcome, more information to follow nearer the time.

Sunday 22nd November: visit of Bishop Fiona to the Benefice which will incorporate a Confirmation service at the 11.00am service at St Andrew's.