

Diary for this week 17th – 22nd August

Mon	3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
Tues	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's 10.00-12.00 The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (Holiday Action 26 children's activities)
Weds	9.30am Bible study on Zoom 6.45pm Bell Ringers Practice 7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
Thurs	
Fri	
Sat	9.00am-11.00am Prayer Breakfast in Church House (TBC)

Next Sunday: 23rd August (12th Sunday after Trinity)

9.15am	Morning Worship	St Bridget's
9.30am	Café Church	St Andrew's
11.00am	Sung Eucharist with Baptism	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 "CMS"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

CMS Barbecue Thank you to all those who organised and helped at barbecue in aid of CMS on 26th July. Thank you also to those who attended and supported; further information will follow in the coming weeks re the amount raised. If anyone missed it and would like to make a donation to CMS you can do so via the church's Missions & Charities account (details above) with reference 'CMS'.

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.

Logs There is a large quantity of logs in the southwest area of the churchyard which came from the dead cherry tree that was felled recently. If anyone would like to take some home for your own personal use you are most welcome to help yourselves.

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

16th August 2026

11th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Holy Communion	St Bridget's
	<i>Hymns: 163, 411, 542, 166</i>	
9.30am	Café Church	St Andrew's
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
	<i>Hymns: NEH 332, 353, NHWS 201, NEH 305, 352</i>	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Andrew's

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/4p-g2EGJgak>

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

Revd Joan Rowe 01275 463214

Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158

Mrs Cherry Leake 01275 462365 / 07708883075

Chelvey: Mr Roger Watson 01275 462821

Mrs Sue Bougourd 01275 853879

Director of Music (St Andrew's):

Edward Stancombe

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, who declares your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may obtain your gracious promises, and thus be enabled to share in your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 18.9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Church in Wales

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

In this Diocese: God of compassion and love, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to dedicate ourselves to bring your Good News to those we meet through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Pill, Portbury & Easton in Gordano & for Revd Astrid Tiesema-Samsom

Jul/Aug/Sep charity: CMS

August Prayer Cycle: Russett Close, Mulberry Close, Embercourt Drive, Mariners Drive, Mariners Close

Church Groups: During August we pray for the Pastoral Team and for the support and care they provide.

August Baptism Anniversaries: Charlie, Mally, Henry, Hermione, Jasper, Maximilian, Ethel

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

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

Those who have died: Peter Maitland

Anniversary of death: Dorothy Jobling

Prayer Breakfast The next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 22nd August (venue TBC). For catering purposes please let Joan or the office know by Thursday morning if you are intending to come.

Office holiday

The Benefice Office is closed for holiday until 9.30am on Tuesday 18th August. Please contact the Ministry Team or churchwardens with any queries during this time.

St Bridget's Antiques Evening

Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm, conducted by Chris Yeo from Clevedon Salesrooms. Bring your antiques to learn more about them (please no clocks, medals, jewellery or coins). Light refreshments – donations on the day. To reserve a seat please ring Sue on 01275 853879.

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.