

Diary for this week 27th July – 1st 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)
2.15pm Mothers' Union Cream Tea in Church House
- Weds** 9.30am Bible study on Zoom
6.45pm Bell Ringers Practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs**
- Fri**
- Sat** 10.00am St Bridget's Open Morning
7.30pm Bell Ringers 10-bell Practice

Next Sunday: 2nd August (9th Sunday after Trinity)

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
11.00am Informal Communion 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.

Christ Church Summer Fair Saturday 25th July

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

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.

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Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

26th July 2026
8th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Worship St Bridget's
Hymns: 1, 305, 519, 424
- 11.00am Combined Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: SP 309, 237, 46, 187, 155

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/6HfdVBtt7NQ>

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

Revd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611

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Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158

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Chelvey: Mr Roger Watson 01275 462821

Mrs Sue Bougourd 01275 853879

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Edward Stancombe

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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.

Collect and Readings...

Collect for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

Romans 8.12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 7.15-21

‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.’

For your prayers this week...

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

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

In this Diocese: Father God, as we remember the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus, today, we ask your blessing on parents who are juggling work and school holidays. May they be able to find the space for time together to rest and refresh.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Long Ashton, Flax Bourton and Barrow Gurney & for Revd James Harris
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

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

Those who have died: Preb John Tonkin, Peter Maitland
Anniversary of death:

St Andrew’s Rota The rota for August onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies in church and in the Link.

Rector’s holiday Revd Sam is on leave until 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.

Office holiday The Benefice Office will be closed for holiday from 12.30pm on Friday 31st July until 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd August. Please contact the churchwardens with any queries during this time. Please submit any notices for inclusion on the weekly sheets for Sundays 2nd, 9th & 16th August by 9.30am on Thursday 30th July.

Mothers’ Union Cream Tea

All are welcome to a cream tea on Tuesday 28th July at 2.30pm in Church House. Cost £4.50 in aid of Mothers’ Union projects. There will also be a raffle.

St Bridget’s Coffee Morning All are welcome to come along to St Bridget’s Open Morning on Saturday 1st August with coffee & cakes served from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

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.

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.