

Diary for this week 14th – 19th September

Mon	3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice 7.15pm Ladies' Group AGM in Church House
Tues	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's 10.30am-4.30pm The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00am yoga) 7.00pm St Andrew's PCC in Church House
Weds	9.30am An Hour with John's Gospel 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 6.40pm Choir Practice in Church House
Sat	3.00pm Chew Branch Ringing Practice 6.00pm Piano Concert – Reuben Moisey

Next Sunday: 20th September (16th Sunday after Trinity)

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 "CMS"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

An hour with John's Gospel continues on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am on Zoom. All are welcome, regularly or one-off. The meeting link can be found in the weekly email, or you can request this from the office.

Piano Concert Join us on Saturday 19th September at 6.00pm for an evening piano recital by international award-winning pianist Reuben Moisey, celebrating the opening of our new C. Bechstein grand piano. More information and tickets available here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/piano-recital-reuben-moisey-tickets-1998637716211>

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.

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



13th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Bridget's
	<i>Hymns: 586, 89, 127</i>	<i>Psalm: 92.1-6</i>
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
12.45pm	Baptism service	St Andrew's
5.00pm	Evensong	St Andrew's
	<i>Hymns: NEH 148, 52, NHWS 232, NEH 95, SP 286</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Day by Day (How)</i>	

Welcome to Zachary who is being baptised today. We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/-rMayNjiNd4>

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
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Ministry Team

Revd Canon Peter Bailey 01275 790611
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Churchwardens

Backwell: Mr Andy Pitcher 07837281158
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Director of Music (St Andrew's):

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

Collect and Readings...

Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keep, we beseech you, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without you cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

Galatians 6.11-18

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Matthew 6.24-end

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

For your prayers this week...

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

In this Diocese: God of wisdom, on this Education Sunday, bless all who learn and all who teach. Nurture curiosity and compassion in our schools, colleges, and universities. May every child, young person and adult learner know their worth, discover their gifts, and have the opportunity to flourish.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of Backwell & Chelvey with Brockley & for Revd Sam Norton

Jul/Aug/Sep charity: CMS

September Prayer Cycle: Rodney Road, Orchard Road, Bramley Drive, The Crescent

Church Groups: During September we pray for our children’s ministry and for Timi, our Children’s Worker.

September Baptism Anniversaries: Arthur, Roman, Avery, James, Tobias

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, Jackie, Ian Wills, Richard Smith, Ian Carnaby, Julie Densham

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

Those who have died: Roberto Pellegrino

Anniversary of death: Robert Cheshire, Phillip John, David Routley, Beryl Turner, Liza Ridge, Alan Strong

Harvest at St Andrew’s

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 27th September at both the 9.30am and 11.00am services. There will be a one-off collection of goods for the Sisters of the Church Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol; tinned and non-perishable goods can be brought on or before Sunday 27th. After this date the collection box will be removed as we are no longer able to take regular goods collections on an ongoing basis. Moving forwards, we will continue to support the Sisters financially & all are encouraged to donate online to their project:

<https://bristol.sistersofthechurch.org/donate>

We will also continue to support them financially as a church as our nominated charity from October to December.

Somerset International Festival of the Arts

Somerset International Festival (SIFA) is coming to St Andrew’s Church from 2nd-4th October with an exciting music programme to suit all tastes and ages. Details here <https://www.somersetfestivalarts.co.uk/2026festival> and on the welcome table. Much of the success of this inspiring weekend is down to volunteers. Please sign up on the welcoming table if you can offer any help. **Free tickets to all volunteers.** With thanks for your support over the years for SIFA. See you there! Cherry