

Diary for this week 28th September – 3rd October

Mon

Tues 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30am-12.30pm The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00am yoga)

Weds 9.30am An Hour with John's Gospel on Zoom
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House

Thurs 9.30am Alarm maintenance
1.30pm Piano tuning

Fri 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
10.15am Visiting Bell Ringers
PM onwards SIFA at St Andrew's all weekend – see details below

Sat 10.00-12.00am St Bridget's Open Morning with coffee & Cake

Next Sunday: 4th October (18th Sunday after Trinity)

9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
11.00am Informal Communion St Andrew's
No 5.00pm service due to SIFA concert

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.

Coffee & Cake All are welcome to come along to St Bridget's Open Morning on Saturday 3rd October with coffee & cakes served from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Somerset International Festival of the Arts

returns to St Andrews next weekend. Please do come along and support this! Tickets are available for all the concerts over the weekend of 2nd – 4th Oct. Full details and booking online, also volunteer sign-up sheets are in church. There will also be tickets available on the door. See the poster in the porch or <https://www.somersetfestivalarts.co.uk/2026festival> for the full schedule.

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.

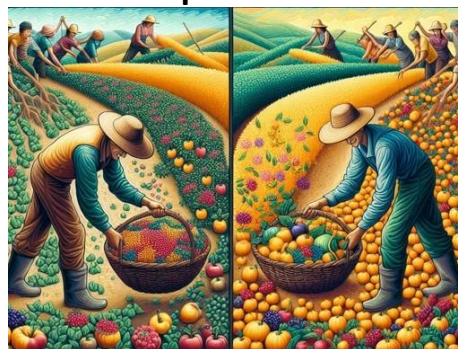
Sunday 22nd November: Visit of Bishop Fiona to the Benefice which will incorporate a Confirmation service at the 11.00am service at St Andrew's.

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Welcome to The Benefice of Backwell and Chelvey with Brockley

27th September 2026



17th Sunday after Trinity/Harvest

Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Morning Worship	St Bridget's
	<i>Hymns: 449, 379, 416, 519</i>	
9.30am	Harvest Café Church	St Andrew's
11.00am	Harvest Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
	<i>Hymns: NEH 259, 263, 205, NHWS 24, NEH 262</i> <i>Anthem: Look at the world (Rutter)</i>	
5.00pm	Healing Service	St Andrew's

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/live/xn9bOp7fSjl>

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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Administrator: Benefice office - 01275 463469

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 Harvest Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

St Bridget's: Ephesians 4.1-6 & Luke 14.1-11

St Andrew's:

2 Corinthians 9.6-end The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12.16-30 Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, 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, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

For your prayers this week...

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

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

In this Diocese: Loving God, we lift our farming community to you, asking you to hold them in your loving arms as they grapple with the struggle of providing food in a changing climate. Help us to treasure and support them in their work.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Clevedon St. Andrew & St. Peter & for the Revd Annabel Stott

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, Ian Wills, Richard Smith, Ian Carnaby, Julie Densham, Joan Rowe

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

Those who have died: Jackie

Anniversary of death: Dorothy Lord, Michael Kent, Josephine White, Sandra Forsyth

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.

Alpha Course A four-week Alpha experience at The Old Cider Mill, Backwell, BS48 3AH:

6.30-9.00pm on Tuesdays 6th – 27th October

OR 3.30-5.30pm on Sundays 8th – 29th November

For more info contact Tim Crossley on 07521787115

Learning to meditate in the Christian Tradition

All are warmly invited to four introductory meetings being held weekly starting on Monday 21st September through to Monday 12th October, in the meeting room of St Francis Church Hall, Nailsea from 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. For more information click [here](#) or speak to either Tina Soper or Tricia Urquhart.