Diary for this week 5th – 10th October

Mon 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.00pm St Bridget's PCC in church
7.15pm Backwell Prayer Watch at Backwell Baptist Church

Tues 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bridget's
10.30am-3.00pm The Meeting Point in The Parish Hall (11.00am yoga, 12.15pm communion, 1.00pm lunch)

Weds 9.30am An Hour with John's Gospel on Zoom
2.00pm Burial of ashes of Roy Cleeves at St Bridget's
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

Sat

Next Sunday: 11th October (19th Sunday after Trinity)

9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Bridget's
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew's
12.45pm	Baptism Service	St Andrew's
5.00pm	Evensong	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 "Sisters"; to St Bridget's to Chelvey PCC: Sort Code 60-14-49 account No. 05021715.

Somerset International Festival of the Arts takes place at St Andrews this weekend. Please do come along and support this! Tickets will be available on the door if you haven't got yours yet. 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.

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

4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

9.15am	Holy Communion	St Bridget's
	Hymns: 516, 583, 96, 386	
11.00am	Informal Communion	St Andrew's

No 5.00pm service due to SIFA concert

We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/live/KS-zstVNHPo

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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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
Director of Music (St Andrew's):
Edward Stancombe
BackwellMusic@outlook.com
Administrator: Benefice office - **01275 463469**
Office open **Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.30-12.30**
admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk

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

Collect and Readings…

Collect for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Lord, we beseech you, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week…

1 Corinthians 1.4-8

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For your prayers this week…

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil
Zambia: We pray for our link church of St Andrew's, Ndola North.
In this Diocese: Loving God, we thank you for grandparents, and honorary grandparents, around the world. Bless them for their love, wisdom, stories, and guidance. May we cherish their gifts, celebrate their lives, and give thanks for the special place they hold in our families.
In the Deanery: We pray for the Parish of Clevedon Christchurch & for Revd Simon Durrant
Oct/Nov/Dec charity: The Sisters of the Church
October Prayer Cycle: St Margaret's Lane, St Margaret's Close, Hilldale Road, Oakleigh Close
Church Groups: During October we pray for our branch of Mothers' Union, for Marie Bale, its leader and their support for families.
October Baptism Anniversaries: Casper
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

St Andrew's Rota

An availability request for November onwards has been sent out by email and there are paper copies in church and in the Link. Please could all helpers return their available dates to the office by Tuesday 20th October. Many thanks for your support with our worship.

Backwell Junior School Church Days 2026 – 2027

Please put this year's dates in your diaries. A request for helpers will be sent out nearer the time.
Monday 30th November 2026 – Year 4
Monday 22nd March 2027 – Year 5
Monday 24th May 2027 – Year 3
Monday 28th June 2027 – Year 6

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.