

Diary for this week 12th – 17th October

- Mon** 3.30pm Learner Bell Ringers practice
7.15pm Ladies' Group in Church House
- 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
2.15pm BJS Harvest Service
3.30pm Children's Choir in Church House
6.45pm Bell Ringers Practice
7.00pm Bridge Club in Church House
- Thurs** 1.30pm Recording session in church (external)
- Fri** 9.30am St Andrew's Art Group in Church House
6.40pm Choir practice in Church House
7.00pm 1st Backwell Scouts visit
- Sat**

Next Sunday: 18th October (St Luke)

- 9.15am Holy Communion St Bridget's
9.30am Café Church St Andrew's
11.00am Sung Eucharist 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.

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

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.

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.

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

11th October 2026



19th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

- 9.15am Morning Prayer St Bridget's
Hymns: 170, 174, 538 Psalm: 141.1-9
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist St Andrew's
Hymns: NHWS 140, NEH 342, 420, 70, 443
- 12.45pm Baptism Service St Andrew's
- 5.00pm Evensong St Andrew's
Hymns: NEH 408, NHWS 201 Psalm: 139.1-11
Responses: Ayleward Canticles: Dyson in C minor
Anthem: Lead me, Lord (Wesley)

Welcome to Oscar who is being baptised at 12.45pm at St Andrew's today. We will be streaming the 11.00am service on our YouTube channel:

https://youtube.com/live/T0vOT3_mmr0

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

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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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for this week...

9.15am & 11.00am:

Ephesians 4.17-32 Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 9.1-8 After getting into a boat Jesus crossed the water and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he then said to the paralytic—'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

5.00pm: Proverbs 3.1-18 & 1 John 3.1-15

For your prayers this week...

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

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

In this Diocese: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the Deanery: We pray for the Benefice of East Clevedon & Preb Noel Hector and the ministry team

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:

Anniversary of death: Mary Sloper, Elizabeth Bird, Norma Knight, Veronica John, Ann Taylor

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.

Sisters of the Church: Loaves & Fishes

A big thank you to all who donated goods to our Harvest collection at St Andrew's on 27th September. We gathered a fantastic amount for the Sisters of the Church Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol. The goods have now been delivered to the Sisters and will be handed out to people in need. Please note that we are no longer able to act as a regular drop-off point for goods but please continue to support the Sisters financially; you can donate to them via our Mission & Charities account (details overleaf) while they are our nominated charity for this quarter.

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