

St Andrew's Charity for June/July
The Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers, as a Christian agency, ministers in 250 ports to seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs, who face problems ranging from loneliness and separation from loved ones, to piracy, shipwreck and abandonment. Through a global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers, the Mission offers practical, emotional and spiritual support via ship visits, drop-in centres, and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

A Prayer

*Let the healing grace of your love, O Lord,
so transform me,
that I may play my part
in the transfiguration of the world,
from a place of suffering,
death and corruption,
to a realm of infinite light, joy and love.*

*Make me so obedient to your spirit,
that my life may become a living prayer,
and a witness to your unfailing presence*

Amen.

Martin Israel

St Andrew's, Backwell
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PRAYER DIARY

June 2020



- 1 Revd Katy, our Rector, and her husband, Peter.
- 2 Our government, as it makes critical decisions at this time.
- 3 Backwell Junior School and West Leigh School, especially if more children return to school this week.
- 4 Peace in places of conflict, especially in the Middle East, where in Syria and Yemen many people are threatened by military action as well as by the pandemic.
- 5 All who work in the NHS or in social care, especially those who are putting their lives at risk.
- 6 Our church family at St Andrew's and St Bridget's, that we may maintain a sense of togetherness in prayer and support for one another.
- 7 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 8 The World Health Organisation and its scientific advisors.
- 9 In Carers' Awareness Week (8th – 14th June) we remember all who have a caring role.
- 10 Those living in Amberlands Close, Alison Gardens and Fernside.
- 11 **Corpus Christi**
Those who are unwell in hospital or at home, especially those near the end of their lives.
- 12 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils, as they offer practical support to those who need to self isolate.
- 13 Families with children still at home and parents who are home schooling.
- 14 **First Sunday after Trinity**
Sunday services going out online and for those without a computer following a written service.
- 15 Those who live alone and miss the normal opportunities for social contacts.
- 16 Our Churchwardens, Anita and Carol, and Kathy and Tony; and Deputy Wardens, Christine, John and Anthony.
- 17 Those who have been recently bereaved, especially at this difficult time.
- 18 The need to keep moving towards targets set and agreed towards a reduction in the rate of climate change.
- 19 All MPs including our local MP, Dr Liam Fox.
- 20 Hospital Chaplains including those who minister by telephone.
- 21 **Second Sunday after Trinity**
On Fathers' Day we pray especially for the contribution of fathers to family life.
- 22 St Andrew's Charity for June and July, The Mission to Seafarers (see charity notes).
- 23 Our Village Magazine, and Editor, Jane Canning.
- 24 Those from our church family now living in residential care.
- 25 Those living in Churchtown; and for those living around Chelvey Batch.
- 26 Our local businesses in Chelvey and Backwell.
- 27 Our local surgeries, and all who work there.
- 28 **Third Sunday after Trinity**
Peter the Apostle
For the presence of God in all our homes.
- 29 Christian TV and radio broadcasts during this period.
- 30 Our Archbishops, Bishops and national Christian leaders.

