

**St Andrew's Charity for
August/September
USPG**

USPG seeks to encourage and accompany local churches in their work as they seek to bring about transformation in the lives of our sisters and brothers across the globe. As the Anglican mission agency, founded in 1701, it works on three major themes:

- Rethinking Mission, by enabling enriching conversations with people from different parts of the global church.
- Energising Church and Community, by connecting churches across the Anglican communion, promoting education and leadership and strengthening unity and capacity.
- Championing Justice, by accompanying churches in their struggles against injustices associated with climate change, migration, gender and human rights. Supporting USPG through fundraising and donations supports the mission of Anglican churches across the world witnessing to the transforming power of communities in Christ. USPG is distinguished by how it works, prioritising activities and initiatives chosen by partner churches and working in close partnership with them. It has a vision of sharing in God's mission that is broad and inclusive, including education, leadership development, health and community development.

A PRAYER

As Bishop Peter begins his treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, the [Diocesan Healing Advisory Group](#) offers the prayer below, starting with the words from Psalm 28 that Bishop Peter quoted as he shared the news of his illness. There is both peace and power in praying together – praying with and for each other and offering our hopes and fears to the God who we believe is present in all things.

O Lord, you are our strength and our shield.
Your love sustains us through all the challenges we face.
We place into your hands all who are facing challenges,
In this time of such uncertainty.
We hold before you all who are dear to us.
Particularly we pray for our Bishop, Peter,
His family and friends and all who love him,
As they face these coming months.
May they know your strength and protection,
Your healing and your love,
In the name of Jesus,
And in the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

September 2020



- 1 Revd Katy, our Rector, and her husband, Peter, who is undertaking a 500-mile walk to raise money for Care for Casualties (wounded veterans).
- 2 Backwell Junior School at the beginning of a new school year after many children have been unable to attend since last March.
- 3 Our Government as it continues to adapt to changing situations, especially in the economy and management of the pandemic.
- 4 Our Churchwardens, Anita and Carol, and Kathy and Tony; and Deputy Wardens, Christine, John and Anthony.
- 5 Backwell Comprehensive School, especially year 7 starting in a new school, and years 11 and 13 who will be preparing for public exams after a very disruptive year.
- 6 **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Peace in places of conflict, particularly in Syria and Yemen, where many people continue to be threatened by military action as well as by the pandemic.
- 7 Ongoing discussion about the future pattern of our services, including the place of *Andy's*.
- 8 Bishop Peter and his family (see prayer overleaf).
- 9 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils.
- 10 Those living in Westfield Road, Westfield Drive and Westfield Close.
- 11 Westleigh School and especially children starting school for the first time.
- 12 Those who are faced with unemployment because of the present economic uncertainty.
- 13 **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Those who are unwell in hospital or at home, especially those near the end of their lives.
- 14 **Holy Cross Day**
Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 15 St Andrew's Charity for August and September, USPG (see Charity Notes).
- 16 All our MPs including our local MP, Dr Liam Fox.
- 17 Those who are compiling a new local plan for Backwell involving where and how additional housing may need to take place.
- 18 Our *Village Magazine* Editor, Jane Canning.
- 19 All who work in the NHS or social care, especially after huge pressures during the past few months.
- 20 **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
St Andrew's APCM due to take place today.
- 21 Those living in St Nicholas' Way, Brockley.
- 23 School leavers either expecting to start further courses in education or training, or who are looking for employment at a time of high unemployment.
- 24 Scientists researching for a vaccine or treatment for Covid-19 and also for the prevention of future pandemics.
- 25 Our links with St Andrew's, Ndola in Zambia, as they cope with the effects of the pandemic in their church.
- 26 Those of our church family now in residential care.
- 27 **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
The out-of-doors service at St Bridget's today.
- 28 Backwell Parish Hall and those who are continuing to maintain it at this difficult time.
- 29 Our musicians and choir as they contribute in creative ways in our services.
- 30 Our care of the environment including in our own homes and gardens.