

St Andrew's Charity for February

Emmaus Bristol

Emmaus Bristol offers homeless people a place in the Emmaus Community, where they work full-time for the Community's charitable business and are known as Companions. They collect and refurbish donated furniture and household goods, which are then sold at reasonable prices to enable the project to become self-financing. By living and working in Emmaus, people recover self-respect and are given help to move into independence. The Companions are also encouraged to look outward and have been involved in local and international charities.

Praying for the Common Good

Love never fails.

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

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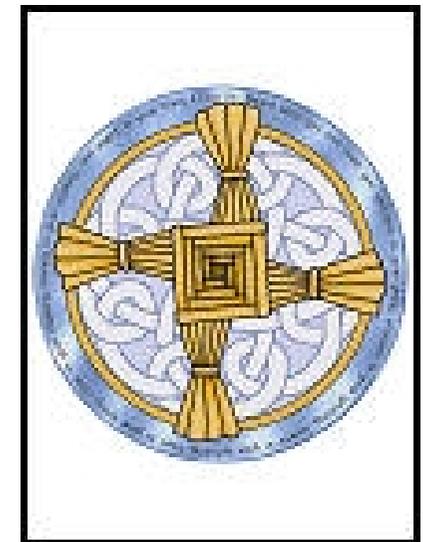
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St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

February 2021



- 1 **Brigid, abbess**
Our Rector, Revd Katy, and her husband, Peter.
- 2 All who work in the NHS and especially in hospitals.
- 3 Children at home during the school week and their parents as they help with home schooling.
- 4 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils.
- 5 Our Churchwardens: Anita, and Kathy and Tony; and Deputy Wardens, Christine, John and Anthony.
- 6 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 7 **Second Sunday before Lent**
Those who watch and take part in our services going out online, and those who read the printed version at home.
- 8 Backwell Comprehensive School, especially teachers and students in Years 11 and 13 who are preparing for assessment at GCSE and A-level courses.
- 9 Our Government taking many difficult decisions at this time, and the scientists who are advising them.
- 10 Backwell Junior School open for vulnerable and key workers' children and also teaching other children remotely.
- 11 The work of Emmaus Bristol, St Andrew's Charity for February (see overleaf).
- 12 Those living in Hilldale Road and Oakleigh Close.
- 13 Those who are housebound or socially isolated.
- 14 **Sunday next before Lent**
Our musicians, including organist, choir, orchestra and *Andy's* band.
- 15 Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 16 Our links with St Andrew's, Ndola in Zambia, as they cope with the effects of the pandemic in their church (see notes on reverse – Praying for the Common Good).
- 17 **Ash Wednesday**
Mindful of our own shortcomings, we pray for those who struggle to live peaceably with their neighbours around the world.
- 18 Our local foodbanks in Nailsea and Clevedon.
- 19 Christians in at least fifty countries across the world who are persecuted or suffer hardship because of their faith.
- 20 Our local policing team.
- 21 **First Sunday of Lent**
Bishop Peter as he receives ongoing treatment for leukaemia, and also for Bishop Ruth, taking on extra responsibilities.
- 22 Westfield School as they adapt to the current regulations for schools.
- 23 *The Meeting Point* as they seek to keep in touch with those who live alone or would normally attend *The Meeting Point* events.
- 24 Those living in St Margaret's Lane and St Margaret's Close; and in the grounds of Brockley Hall.
- 25 Children suffering from severe malnutrition in many parts of Southern Africa, especially Zimbabwe and Madagascar.
- 26 Key workers who maintain our national day-to-day life.
- 27 North Somerset Council and especially our local councillor, Bridget Petty, as she speaks for the Council on Environmental Matters.
- 28 **Second Sunday of Lent**
Those who work in our local surgeries.