

**St Andrew's Charity for April,  
May and June 2022**

**WELLSPRING COUNSELLING**

*Wellspring Counselling is a Christian organisation which exists to provide affordable, professional counselling for the whole community.*

*Based in Nailsea, and supported by local GPs and churches, Wellspring has a team of dedicated counsellors who come alongside those facing loss and bereavement, relationship difficulties, stress and anxiety, depression and issues resulting from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, as well as other distressing situations.*

*There is also a free youth service for young people aged between 11 and 18.*

*(Extra contributions towards this quarter's charity would be welcomed to meet our target.)*

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

*O God of mercy and love,  
we pray for your Spirit's  
transforming power  
to be at work in the present  
situation in Ukraine.*

*We ask for softening of hard hearts  
And shelter for frightened souls.  
Give us eyes and ears to perceive  
how we can  
Offer help in the most appropriate  
way.*

*"We do not know what to do, but  
our eyes are upon you."*

*(2 Chronicles 20: 12)*

*Gracious God, we cry out to you  
and ask for peace  
And safety for all those affected.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

**PRAYER DIARY**

**May 2022**



- 1 **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Our Rector, Revd Katy, and her husband, Peter.
- 2 For peace in places of conflict, especially Ukraine (see prayer overleaf).
- 3 Our pastoral work at both churches.
- 4 Following the AGMs, those recently elected at both St Andrew's and St Bridget's to new (or existing) roles in the churches.
- 5 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils.
- 6 Our Government and all MPs, especially our local MP, Dr Liam Fox.
- 7 Ukrainian refugees, including those who have come to the UK.
- 8 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Our Children's, Families' and Schools' Worker, Timi Booy, and especially her work with the Sunday Club.
- 9 Wellspring Counselling, St Andrew's charity for the present quarter (see charity notes overleaf).
- 10 Backwell Junior School and especially their Pupil Chaplain Scheme in Year 5, supported by Timi Booy.
- 11 Tonight's last meeting of the present session of the *Begin Well* ante-natal programme, for families expecting babies.
- 12 Those living in Russet Close, Mulberry Close, Embercourt Drive, Mariners Drive and Mariners Close.
- 13 Backwell Comprehensive School and especially those who will be sitting public exams in years 11 and 13, after much disruption to their learning.
- 14 Our local food banks in Nailsea and Clevedon and those who benefit from them.
- 15 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
All who will be taking part in Christian Aid Week (15th-21st) and those in great need who will receive support.
- 16 In Dementia Action Week (16th-22nd), we pray for those with dementia and for their families.
- 17 *The Meeting* Point and especially the lunch today.
- 18 West Leigh School and especially the Reception Class.
- 19 Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 20 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 21 Those who look after our church buildings and churchyards.
- 22 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Rogation Sunday**  
Our local farmers and growers, facing many difficult decisions about farming in the future.
- 23 Those living in Brockley Way and St Nicholas' Way.
- 24 Our links with St Andrew's, Ndola in Zambia, and also for Bishop Derek and his family.
- 25 Christians across the world, suffering high levels of persecution and hardship, especially in Afghanistan and North Korea.
- 26 **Ascension Day**  
Our communion service this evening.
- 27 All those who are working to keep our planet safe from the adverse effects of climate change.
- 28 Those who visit our churches, that they may find God's presence.
- 29 **Sunday after Ascension Day**  
All our musicians, including choir, organists, and worship band.
- 30 Those who are housebound or socially isolated.
- 31 Preparations for the Queen's Jubilee next weekend.