

St Andrew's Charity for April

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.

During the present government restrictions, all counselling is over the telephone or online.

A Prayer for Easter

Risen Lord, as you appeared
to Mary in the garden,
to the disciples in the Upper Room,
to the travellers on the road to Emmaus,
be known among us.
Christ, be in our homes,
in our work and in our journeying.
Risen Lord, let us walk
in your presence and peace.
Christ Jesus, risen in glory,
scatter the darkness
from our hearts and from your world.

Amen.

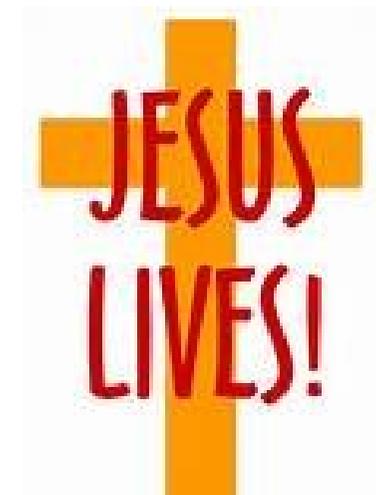
(From 'Clouds and Glory' by David Adam)

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

April 2021



- 1 **Maundy Thursday**
Our Rector, Revd Katy, and her husband, Peter.
- 2 **Good Friday**
A service of meditation in St Andrew's churchyard from noon to 3.00pm, weather permitting.
- 3 **Easter Eve**
Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 4 **Easter Day**
Our services today, including early outdoor services at both churches.
- 5 Those living in Church Lane.
- 6 Our Churchwardens: Anita, and Kathy and Tony; and Deputy Wardens, Christine, John and Anthony.
- 7 Many Christian communities across the world, especially in parts of Africa, suffering violent attacks from extremists, including attacks on children.
- 8 Our Government taking many difficult decisions at this time.
- 9 Our local foodbanks in Nailsea and Clevedon.
- 10 Peace in places of conflict, and wisdom for those seeking to bring warring parties together.
- 11 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 12 The continued rollout of the vaccination programme.
- 13 Staff at Backwell Junior School, preparing for a new school term.
- 14 Our local businesses in Backwell and surrounding areas, including those which have been closed for an extended period.
- 15 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils.
- 16 Wellspring Counselling, St Andrew's Charity for April, May and June (see notes overleaf).
- 17 Those who are still unemployed due to the present crisis, and are struggling to provide for their families.
- 18 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Our musicians, including organist, choir, orchestra and *Andy's* band.
- 19 Backwell Comprehensive School, as they begin another term, especially those in Years 11 and 13, preparing for GCSE and A level assessment.
- 20 The Backwell fundraising project, BOGOF, towards the rollout of the Covid vaccine in low income countries.
- 21 North Somerset Council, and especially Bridget Petty, who represents Backwell and is responsible for policy on climate change and environmental matters.
- 22 West Leigh School (for Early Years and Years 1 and 2), especially as staff help children who have lost learning time due to the lockdown.
- 23 **George, martyr, patron of England**
Our Royal Family and their advisers.
- 24 Those of our church family who are now in residential care.
- 25 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Children and young people who are part of our church family, and our outreach to children and young people in our villages.
- 26 Those living in Linemere Close and Court Close; and in Brockley Lane.
- 27 *The Meeting Point* and plans for opening up as restrictions allow.
- 28 Bishop Peter as he continues his treatment for leukaemia and prepares to take early retirement on health grounds.
- 29 Our Mental Health services and those who need support at this difficult time.
- 30 Our links with St Andrew's, Ndola in Zambia, and especially the joint project to buy musical instruments for the Boys' Brigade band.