

St Andrew's Charity for March

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.

A Prayer for Justice, Love and Peace

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and
forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not
prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution
and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each
thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly
united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Pope Francis

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St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

March 2021



- 1 **David, bishop, patron of Wales**
Our Rector, Revd Katy, and her husband, Peter.
- 2 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 3 Our Government taking many difficult decisions at this time.
- 4 Backwell Junior School, for both staff and children dealing with disruptions to normal schooling.
- 5 Backwell and Brockley Parish Councils.
- 6 Those living in Farleigh Road.
- 7 **Third Sunday of Lent**
All our special services and study groups meeting during Lent.
- 8 Those who are housebound or socially isolated.
- 9 Front-line and key workers in health and social care, as well as in teaching, transport and other settings.
- 10 Our Churchwardens: Anita, and Kathy and Tony; and Deputy Wardens, Christine, John and Anthony.
- 11 The Backwell Fundraising project towards the roll out of the Covid vaccine in low income countries.
- 12 Our links with St Andrew's, Ndola in Zambia, as they cope with the increasing spread of the pandemic.
- 13 Backwell Comprehensive School, especially as both staff and students adapt to a changing situation.
- 14 **Mothering Sunday**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
For family life, especially at this difficult time.
- 15 Our local foodbanks in Nailsea and Clevedon.
- 16 Our musicians, including organist, choir, orchestra and *Andy's* band, as they continue to adapt to changing circumstances.
- 17 **Patrick, bishop, missionary**
Our Supporting Ministry Team: Peter (Retired Priest), Joan (Retired Priest), Martin (Reader) and Carol (Lay Worship Leader).
- 18 All who work in the Criminal Justice System, including our local police team.
- 19 Those who are working to bring to an end the civil wars in Syria and Yemen, including the United Nations Organisation and especially the Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.
- 20 Our local businesses in Backwell and surrounding areas.
- 21 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Those who are victims of modern slavery or forced labour, including in our own country.
- 22 Westfield School as they adapt to the current regulations for schools.
- 23 Those who work in our local hospitals, many suffering from exhaustion.
- 24 Those living in Cadogan Grove and Fairfield Way; and in Brockley Way and around Chelvey Church,
- 25 Those who are now unemployed because of the present crisis and are struggling to provide for their families.
- 26 The work of Emmaus Bristol, St Andrew's Charity for March (see overleaf).
- 27 All who are working to limit the negative effects of climate change.
- 28 **Palm Sunday**
The homeless in Weston-super-Mare, including some who are elderly and sick.
- 29 Bishop Peter as he receives ongoing treatment for leukaemia; and also for Bishop Ruth, taking on extra responsibilities.
- 30 *The Meeting Point* as they seek to keep in touch with those who live alone or would normally attend *The Meeting Point*.
- 31 Those who work in our local surgeries.