

**Charities supported by  
St Andrew's in October**

The Langley House Trust works with those who are at risk of offending, or have offended, establishing positive foundations, so that they can lead crime-free lives and become contributors to society. Projects include semi-independent accommodation, aimed at resettling ex-offenders into the community, drug rehabilitation, work with the homeless, and residential training centres where training leading to recognised qualifications is provided.

The Mission to Seafarers, as a Christian agency, ministers in 250 ports to seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs, who face problems ranging from loneliness and separation from loved ones, to piracy, shipwreck and abandonment. Through a global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers, the Mission offers practical, emotional and spiritual support via ship visits, drop-in centres, and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

**The Prisons Week Prayer**

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation  
that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and  
their families and friends,  
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded  
by the actions of others,  
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another,  
to act justly, love mercy  
and walk humbly together with Christ  
in his strength and in his Spirit,  
now and every day.

Amen.



*St Andrew's, Backwell*

*St Bridget's, Chelvey*

# PRAYER DIARY

## October 2017



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

- 1 **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
National Silver Sunday, providing support through local events for the lonely and isolated.
- 2 Progress in roof repairs to be checked at a site meeting tomorrow.
- 3 Backwell Prayer Watch meeting at St Andrew's this evening.
- 4 All who are seeking to bring peace, especially in the Far and Middle East.
- 5 Brockley Parish Council.
- 6 Our Rector, Margi, and Curate, Justine, and their families.
- 7 Our services tomorrow, including *Andy's* at the Comprehensive School and the Iona Eucharist.
- 8 **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Prisons Week of Prayer (8th–14th October) (see Prayer overleaf).
- 9 The Langley House Trust (see Charities overleaf).
- 10 Those who work in prisons and in the criminal justice system.
- 11 For those living in Westfield Road, Westfield Close and Westfield Drive, receiving prayer cards this month.
- 12 *Messy Church* for the families of primary school children, meeting this afternoon at the Methodist Church.
- 13 The victims of crime, and the families of prisoners.
- 14 The Coombe Group Study Day at Keedwell Church, Long Ashton today.
- 15 **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Those who lead Junior Church and the Crèche.
- 16 Our Readers: Martin, Vicky and David; and our Assisting Priest, Peter.
- 17 Our government and especially negotiations with the European Union.
- 18 **Luke the Evangelist**  
The Mission to Seafarers (see Charities overleaf).
- 19 Our Churchwardens, Anita and Carol with Chris, John and Anthony at St Andrew's; Tony and Kathy at St Bridget's.
- 20 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 21 The concert, *England in Tune*, at St Andrew's this evening.
- 22 **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Our services today including the Wild Harvest Communion at St Nicholas' this evening.
- 23 Those living in Chelvey Batch.
- 24 Wisdom for world powers in progressing disarmament in weapons of mass destruction.
- 25 Our Visiting Team, who visit the sick and housebound, the bereaved and newcomers to the area.
- 26 Our care of the environment through individual choices in daily life.
- 27 Our choir, adults and juniors, and all musicians who contribute to our worship.
- 28 **Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
Our link parish of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, in Zambia, and their priest, Fr Edwin Zulu.
- 29 **Last Sunday after Trinity**  
**Bible Sunday**  
Christians suffering persecution or hardship across the world, remembering especially those who are not allowed to own a Bible.
- 30 Those held in captivity, especially in Nigeria and the Middle East, and those working for their release.
- 31 All who volunteer at, or regularly attend, *Meeting Point* on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall.