

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

CMS is described by the Church of England as a community of mission service and supports over 800 people across 66 countries including the UK. Apart from those going out from this country, CMS also provides modest daily costs for local mission partners who are involved in training, evangelism and church growth in their home countries, including peace and reconciliation workshops, following conflicts. All workers aim to become a genuine part of the communities where they find themselves.

The Julian Trust was founded in 1986 as an emergency night shelter for homeless people in Bristol, many of whom are bewildered, confused or feel rejected by society. Relying on voluntary donations and a team of volunteers, the Julian Trust is able to offer friendship and human contact and there are 18 beds and up to 100 meals available for five nights a week. Overnight guests can also access a laundry service and alternative clean clothes where needed.

Prayer of St Aidan

Leave me alone with God

as much as may be.

As the tide draws the waters close in upon

the shore,

make me an island, set apart,

alone with you, God, holy to you.

Then with the turning of the tide

prepare me to carry your presence

to the busy world beyond;

the world that rushes in on me

till the waters come again

and fold me back to you.

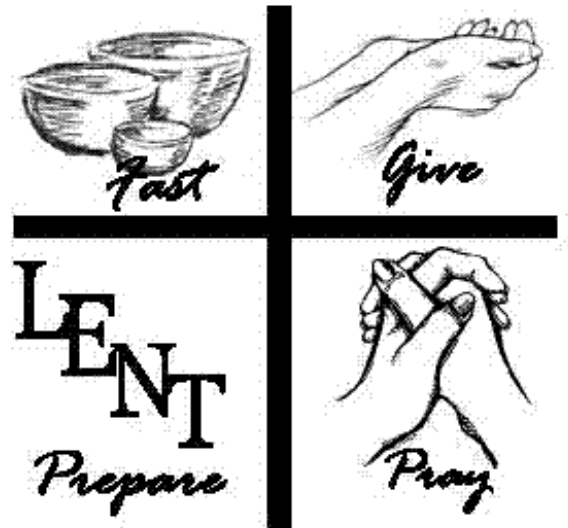


St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

February 2018



- 1 The *Andy's* Alpha course tonight and on subsequent Thursday evenings.
- 2 Our Rector, Margi, and Curate, Justine, and their families.
- 3 Those working for peace, especially in the continuing conflict in Syria.
- 4 **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
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Our services, including the Patronal Festival service this afternoon at St Bridget's.
- 5 St Andrew's Fabric Meeting this morning.
- 6 Brockley Parish Council.
- 7 Those living in Rodney Road and Orchard Road, receiving prayer cards this month.
- 8 The Church of England General Synod meeting from Thursday to Saturday this week.
- 9 Local businesses in Backwell and other parts of the benefice.
- 10 Our Readers: Martin and David; and our Assisting Priest, Peter.
- 11 **Sunday next before Lent**
Our services including *Andy's* in the sixth form centre and Morning Worship at St Andrew's with guest speaker.
- 12 The Julian Trust (see February's Charities).
- 13 *Messy Church* in the Parish Hall this afternoon.
- 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Services for the start of Lent at 12 noon and 7.00pm.
- 15 Those recently bereaved.
- 16 Our Churchwardens, Anita and Carol with John, Christine and Anthony; Kathy and Tony.
- 17 The Zambia Link and wisdom regarding plans for a group from St Andrew's to visit Zambia in the Spring.
- 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
Our services including prayers for healing at the 10.15 service.
- 19 Our local schools returning after the holiday.
- 20 Our government, local and national.
- 21 The start of Lent Lunches and Lent Study Groups.
- 22 Those living in Bramley Drive and The Crescent, receiving prayer cards this month; and for those living in St Nicholas' Way.
- 23 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 24 Places recovering from natural disasters, including hurricanes in the Caribbean and USA, earthquakes in Mexico and Iran/Iraq, and flooding in Bangladesh.
- 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**
Those who lead Junior Church and the Crèche.
- 26 *Meeting Point* in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and the need for more volunteers.
- 27 The Church Mission Society (see February's Charities).
- 28 Christians suffering persecution or hardship, especially in North Korea, Somalia and Afghanistan, the most dangerous places to be a Christian believer.