

## Charities supported by

### St Andrew's in January

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.

Samaritans is an independent charity offering support to anyone with emotional concerns, worries and troubles, including those who are suicidal. Support can be over the telephone, by text, email or letter, and if needed, face to face visits. There is no time limit to the telephone call in helping the caller to explore their feelings and begin to look at their options. Samaritans has partnerships with a number of local organisations, including health services, HM Prison Bristol and Cruse.

## A Blessing and Meditation

*May the Babe of Bethlehem bring you peace,*

*May the Child of Nazareth bring you joy,*

*May the Man of Galilee bring you strength,*

*May the Christ of Calvary bring you*

*courage,*

*May the risen Jesus bring you hope*

*and the ascended Christ a foretaste*

*of his glory.*

*Fr George Potter of Peckham*

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

# PRAYER DIARY

## January 2018



1 **Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

Those recently baptised in our churches and their families.

2 Our Rector, Margi, and Curate, Justine, and their families.

3 Those working for peace in places of conflict, especially in Yemen and Myanmar.

4 Backwell Parish Council.

5 Children, teachers and support staff at our local schools, returning after the holidays.

6 Our Churchwardens, Anita and Carol with John, Christine and Anthony; Kathy and Tony.

7 **EPIPHANY**

Emmaus Bristol (see January's Charities).

8 **Baptism of Christ**

Preparations for *Messy Church* in the Parish Hall tomorrow afternoon.

9 Discussion on the Advent Book (*Advent for Everyone – A Journey with the Apostles* by Tom Wright) this afternoon.

10 *Christians Together in Backwell* meeting this evening.

11 For the Church in India – violence against Christians and other minorities has intensified in the last three years.

12 Our pastoral team, including visits to new people in the villages.

13 Those living in Mariners Drive and Mariners Close, receiving prayer cards this month.

14 **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Children suffering as a result of conflict and violence across the world.

15 Our government, and especially the outworking of the European Referendum vote.

16 Our Readers: Martin and David; and our Assisting Priest, Peter.

17 Our link parish of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu in Zambia, and their prayer request that their crops will not be diseased.

18 **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

For Christians to work together wherever possible.

19 Church members now in residential or nursing homes.

20 Families in Britain struggling to afford food and heating.

21 **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

The Eucharist with baptism and prayers for healing at St Andrew's.

22 *Andy's* committee this evening, planning future services and events.

23 *Meeting Point* in the Parish Hall and the need for more volunteers.

24 Samaritans (see January's Charities).

25 **Conversion of Paul**

Our outreach to Backwell, Chelvey and Brockley.

26 Those living in Embercourt Drive, Russet Close and Mulberry Close, receiving prayer cards this month; and for those living in the grounds of Brockley Hall.

27 The Burns Night Supper in Church House.

28 **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Those who lead Junior Church and the Crèche.

29 Special PCC meeting in Church House tonight.

30 Ongoing discussions about future house building in Backwell and surrounding areas.

31 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.