

Charities supported by

St Andrew's in April

Wellspring 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.

St Luke's Hospital, Palestine

The Anglican-run St Luke's Hospital on the Palestinian West Bank is helping to build bridges between fractured communities in Israel/Palestine as well as supporting vital healthcare in Palestine. The 60-bed hospital, which serves a community of 200,000, treats around 20,000 patients a year. On many occasions, hospital staff have found themselves working in difficult conditions and sometimes, doctors have carried out surgery during power cuts or when guns were being fired outside. Care is provided regardless of residency, faith or ability to pay.

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 2018



- 1 **Easter Day**
All our services, including the Sonrise at Backwell Lake.
- 2 For peace between nations, especially in the Middle East and on the Korean Peninsula.
- 3 Refugees fleeing conflicts across the world, especially from Syria, Myanmar and South Sudan.
- 4 Backwell Parish Council, meeting tomorrow evening.
- 5 The final meeting of the Alpha Course this evening.
- 6 Those living in Farleigh Road, receiving prayer cards this month.
- 7 Wellspring Counselling in Nailsea (see April Charities).
- 8 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Margi and James's Farewell
Margi and James as they prepare to move to Oban.
- 9 Schools in the village returning after the Easter break.
- 10 *Messy Church* in the Parish Hall this afternoon.
- 11 Backwell Junior School's Easter Service in St Andrew's tomorrow morning, with parents invited.
- 12 St Andrew's APCM tonight.
- 13 Our Curate, Justine, and her family.
- 14 Our Readers: Martin and David; and our Assisting Priest, Peter.
- 15 **Third Sunday of Easter**
Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home.
- 16 Those who lead Junior Church and the Crèche.
- 17 *Meeting Point*, every Tuesday in the Parish Hall – more volunteers are needed.
- 18 Our Churchwardens who will have additional responsibilities during the vacancy.
- 19 The Fabric Committee, meeting on Monday.
- 20 The group of six people from St Andrew's arriving in Zambia today to join in 40th anniversary celebrations of the link with Bath and Wells.
- 21 Our link parish of Chipulukusu/Ndola, who will welcome the group today and also tomorrow at a church service.
- 22 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Our services, including a Eucharist with Prayers for Healing this morning.
- 23 **George, martyr, patron of England**
St Bridget's APCM tonight.
- 24 Those living in Cadogan Grove and Fairfield Way, receiving prayer cards this month; and for those living in Chelvey Lane.
- 25 **Mark the Evangelist**
St Luke's Hospital, Palestine (see April Charities).
- 26 Our organists, choir and orchestra.
- 27 Christians persecuted or suffering hardship for their faith in at least 50 countries across the world.
- 28 Our pastoral visiting team.
- 29 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Our services, including the Zambia Eucharist, which will have elements of the service attended by the group from St Andrew's in Lusaka, Zambia today.
- 30 Those from our church family, now in residential or nursing home care.