

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

Zambia Link Bath and Wells Diocese is linked with the Anglican Church in Zambia and particularly with the Diocese of Central Zambia. The diocese covers an area at least the size of England. Many priests care for more than one parish, and one parish includes many congregations. We have special links with the parish of Ndola North which includes St Andrew's, Chipulukusu. The aim of the link is to pray and learn from each other and sometimes meet each other.

Mencap is a UK-wide charity, supporting people with a learning disability and their families and carers, and helping to raise awareness of the needs. North Somerset Mencap owns a supported-living home in Clevedon which has room for four adults who have a learning disability but do not require 24-hour support. Other projects include an Integrated Youth Scheme in Portishead which they hope to extend to other youth clubs in the area. In addition, local clients can apply for help with individual projects, equipment or holidays.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Heavenly Father,
you invite us into a kingdom
in which hope is re-born
and lives are changed.
Pour out the gift of your Spirit
to stir our imagination,
enlarge our vision, and renew our energy.
Open our eyes to new possibilities
that we may be transformed,
together with the world you came to save
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

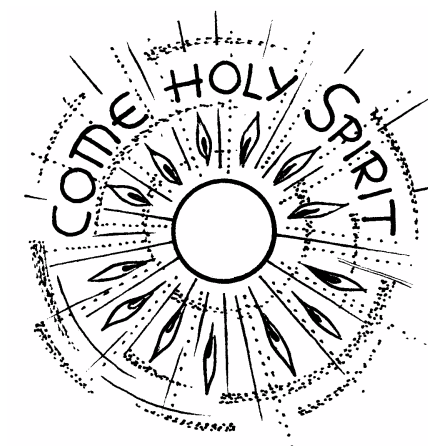
The Diocese of Bath and Wells

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

PRAYER DIARY

May 2018



- 1 Our Churchwardens, with additional responsibilities during the vacancy.
- 2 Church Day for Year 3 (two classes of seven- and eight-year olds) tomorrow, from 9.30 to 3.00 in church.
- 3 Backwell Parish Council, meeting this evening.
- 4 The Zambia Link (see May Charities).
- 5 The Batik Exhibition at St Bridget's this weekend.
- 6 **Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday**
Our local farmers and growers, especially following the wet, cold weather in early Spring.
- 7 For peace in the Middle East, especially in Syria and Yemen.
- 8 *Messy Church*, meeting in the Parish Hall this afternoon.
- 9 Those living in Church Lane, receiving prayer cards this month.
- 10 **Ascension Day**
The Pastoral Visiting Team, meeting this morning.
- 11 Those who are unwell, in hospital or at home
- 12 Our Readers: Martin and David; Lay Worship Leader, Carol; and Assisting Priest, Peter.
- 13 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Our services today, including *Andy's* in the Sixth Form Centre.
- 14 Christian Aid Week, 13th-19th May. Those collecting this week and those in need who will receive help.
- 15 Our Curate, Justine, and her family.
- 16 Christians persecuted for their faith, especially where they are most in danger – North Korea, Afghanistan and Somalia.
- 17 St Andrew's Finance Committee, meeting this evening.
- 18 Our government and especially negotiations with the European Union.
- 19 Mencap (see May Charities).
- 20 **Pentecost**
Our outreach to the villages.
- 21 Dementia Action Week, 21st-27th May. For those suffering with dementia and for their carers.
- 22 Our local schools and especially for those sitting public exams in the coming weeks.
- 23 The members of our PCCs, especially those recently elected.
- 24 Those living in Court Close and Linemere Close, receiving prayer cards this month; and for those living in Brockley Way and around Chelvey Church.
- 25 Margi and James on the day when Margi is collated and installed at Oban Cathedral.
- 26 Those who will draw up a parish profile as part of the process of looking for a new rector.
- 27 **Trinity Sunday**
Those who lead Junior Church and look after the Crèche.
- 28 Our choir, organists and all musicians.
- 29 Families dependent on food banks, including those who struggle in school holidays without free school meals.
- 30 Church members, now in residential or nursing home care.
- 31 Those suffering from stress, anxiety or depression, including increasing numbers of young people.