

## Charities supported by

### St Andrew's in June

Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. They provide parenting, relationship and bereavement support through their events, resources and courses. The popular ready-to-run course "Parentalk" gives parents the opportunity to share their own experiences, learn from others and explore some essential parenting principles. All their resources are available to everyone, of any faith or none.

The Harvey Hext Trust supports children who have lost a sibling, by supplying them with a bespoke personalised memory box, given to each bereaved sibling in the family. The high-quality wooden box will hold the sibling's precious memory items that can stay with them for ever and keep the child's memory alive for future generations. The memory boxes are only supplied by the Trust to bereaved family members through bereavement services.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

## A Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father,

We pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
for all who seek to keep this world secure and free,  
for aid agencies and workers  
and all who bring relief to the suffering and needy.

We pray for all who bear the burden and privilege  
of leadership, political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve  
in the search for reconciliation and peace.

We pray for each of us,  
in our joys and sorrows, needs and pains;  
that you will grant us comfort, healing and hope  
and lead us to a new understanding of your way  
for our lives and our world.

Amen.

St Andrew's, Backwell

St Bridget's, Chelvey

# PRAYER DIARY

## June 2018



- 1 Our Churchwardens, who are legally responsible for the churches of the benefice during the vacancy.
- 2 Those seeking to bring peace in troubled places, especially in the Middle East and on the Korean Peninsula.
- 3 **First Sunday after Trinity**  
Those who lead Junior Church and organise the Crèche.
- 4 Our Curate, Justine, and her family.
- 5 Care for the Family (see June Charities).
- 6 Those living in St Andrew's Road, Summerlands and St John's Road, receiving prayer cards this month.
- 7 Brockley Parish Council.
- 8 Ongoing links with St Andrew's Church, Chipulukusu, following the recent visit of members of our church to Zambia.
- 9 St Bridget's Coffee Morning at Four Gables, Netherton Wood Lane.
- 10 **Second Sunday after Trinity**  
Our services, including *Andy's* at the Sixth Form Centre.
- 11 **Barnabas the Apostle**  
*Messy Church*, meeting in the Parish Hall tomorrow afternoon.
- 12 *Churches Together* in Flax Bourton this evening.
- 13 Carers Awareness Week (11th-17th June) and the many carers looking after family members and others.
- 14 Our government and especially ongoing negotiations with the EU.
- 15 Those who are unwell, in hospital and at home.
- 16 Family life and especially the contribution of fathers (Father's Day tomorrow).
- 17 **Third Sunday after Trinity**  
Our services, including our Eucharist with Healing at 10.15 and Summer Evensong at St Nicholas' at 6.15.
- 18 Those living in modern-day slavery across the world and campaigns to give them greater freedom.
- 19 *Meeting Point* in the Parish Hall and the need for more volunteers.
- 20 The Hext Trust and all bereaved children (see June Charities).
- 21 Our Readers: Martin and David; Lay Worship Leader, Carol; and Assisting Priest, Peter.
- 22 Those living in Lawnside, Dark Lane and Little Garth, receiving prayer cards this month; and for those living in Chelvey Batch.
- 23 Our Pastoral Visiting Team.
- 24 **Birth of John the Baptist**  
Our services including Armed Forces Evensong at 6.15pm.
- 25 St Andrew's Fabric Committee, meeting this afternoon.
- 26 The Mothers' Union Cream Tea in Church House this afternoon.
- 27 Those from our church families now in residential or nursing home care.
- 28 Our organists, choir and orchestra.
- 29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
Those working towards a Parish Profile as part of the process of looking for a new rector.

30 For the teenagers and young people in our villages, recognising both the pressures they face and also the opportunities.

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