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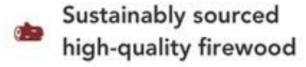
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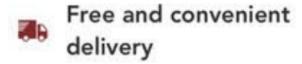


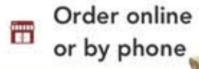
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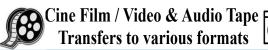


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WE BELIEVE

Would it be true to say that communities are most successful when they work in unity? If so, how does a community like Backwell generate unity without uniformity? Is it even possible to think in these terms?

The annual conference of the mission society USPG that we attended recently had "what we believe" as a key underlying theme. For churches across the world, this year is a particularly important anniversary as it's 1700 years since the Nicene Creed was formulated. This happened in 325 AD at the Council of Nicaea, which was the world's first Ecumenical Council. The Council was convened by the Emperor Constantine as he brought together (with perhaps quite a bit of imperial encouragement) bishops from all over the Roman world. The aim was to unite the church by addressing some theological controversies, but as it was done under the umbrella of empire, we have to accept that imperial power and its desire for unity will have had an influence on the outcome, although unity doesn't mean uniformity.

This interaction between faith and imperial power has been evident throughout most of the history of the Christian church (see "Dominion" by historian and author Tom Holland). I hear it said from time to time that the church shouldn't get involved in politics, but is it conversely acceptable for politics to be involved in the church? I find it hard to see how these two things can be kept apart as both deal with who and how we are together as communities, big or small, diverse or homogenous. A Creed is a statement of belief, not a political manifesto and not an action plan. It's what we believe, not how we live it out. The Nicene creed concentrates on who Jesus is and doesn't include any of his teachings, as for example given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). The statement of belief in the creed isn't in itself political, but what flows from it is because everything we do in our lives together is political, just not party political. To me, above all of this, our most important belief is that God is Love. So let love unite Backwell.

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Parish Council Meeting – July

Planning Councillors voted unanimously to appoint Cllr Harland as Chair of the Planning Committee

Farleigh Fields East The Council have raised their concerns with North Somerset Council regarding surface water management. Additional hydraulic modelling has been requested.

Farleigh Fields West (Land off Dark Lane) It is anticipated that work on the site is likely to begin in 2026

Local Green Space The Council are expecting an offer shortly. Councillors agreed that a solicitor should be put on standby. Cllr Harland has written to NSC to request an update. Cllr Taylor suggested that the Council should push for a face-to-face meeting with representatives from NSC.

Rodney Road Cllr Ould reported that the work at Rodney Road would begin imminently. BPC will continue to work with Taylor Wimpey to ensure the least disruption for the village.

Cllr Ould reported that a further request had been made to name a road in the development "Thorne", accompanied by an offer of a £2,500 donation, redirected to a local cause. BPC and the Backwell Residents Association (BRA) had previously opposed the use of the family name due to sensitivities around the sale of the site. Councillors acknowledged the difficulty of declining a potential donation to a local organisation but agreed it would not be appropriate to change their position.

By a vote of 7 - 2, the Council reaffirmed its decision to oppose the use of "Thorne".

Grove Farm Cllr Horner had drafted a letter in support of NHS correspondence raising strong concerns about the lack of additional medical facilities in light of the proposed 515 homes at Grove Farm and other developments in the village. All members present agreed to send the letter to NSC.

Other matters There were no further updates regarding either the Gleeson proposals (south Nailsea).

Local Plan Councillors discussed the funding for the proposed hydrology report. Councillors will meet with the hydrologist to discuss the quotation.

Land east of Backwell Councillors noted that Mac Mic had sent a letter to residents about this land. Available Councillors will attend the preview. Cllr Horner reported that he had had a useful meeting with the Mac Mic group, but that many developer tasks remain incomplete, particularly regarding potential flooding issues. Cllr Ould observed that road counting had apparently already begun at Backwell Farleigh.



Neighbourhood Plan A proposal had been received from Polden Planning to assist with drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan. Having a Neighbourhood Plan increases the amount of Community Infrastructure Level received by the Council when new houses are built. Councillors unanimously agreed to instruct Polden Planning for the first stage at a cost of £4000.

Bus Service Improvement Plan Cllr Power raised concerns from a wheelchair user about the proposed new location for the bus stops. Cllr Lloyd said that bus lanes can be beneficial if properly designed, but the current proposal is not suitable for Backwell. It was also noted that bus drivers are not consistently using the bus lane at Brockley Crossroads; Dt Cllr Daw stated that it was never intended to be every bus using the lane, just when traffic builds up.

Bristol Airport Cllr Martin reported that he has been in contact with Bristol Airport about issues regarding the use of the Airport's back entrance. The airport has agreed buses will not be allowed there, with barriers or gates under consideration. Cllr Martin noted this may impact other village areas. Cllrs Martin, Taylor, and Harland will continue to monitor.

Parking at Nailsea and Backwell station Cllr Ould reported that North Somerset Council is considering a new system for week-long car park passes requiring phone booking and address verification to confirm local use. District Cllr Daw added that NSC currently struggles to monitor parking due to a shortage of parking officers but is recruiting more.

The next full Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 7th July 2025 at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.



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Federation of West Leigh and Backwell Junior PTA's Summer Fair

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Summer Fair happen!

We appreciate everyone's support and hard work. We could not be more proud to announce that we raised an incredible... £4394.41. Funds raised will be split between the two schools and will be spent on enriching the school experience for all the children.

West Leigh Infant School

West Leigh Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is very grateful for the generosity of the school community. Thanks to the incredible support, funds have enabled them to provide this year:

- Canopies for Reception playground and school entrance
- Outdoor learning provision for each class
- IT equipment such as chargers for Ipads, CD Players
- · Arts week Arts supplies and dance workshop
- Explorer Dome KS1
- · World Book Day Author visit
- Maths Morning Puzzle workshop
- Puxton Park visit to school, and contribution to the costs of trip to Puxton Park for Reception
- Contribution to the costs of KS1 trip to SS Great Britain
- Classroom resources raised from cake sales such as sketch books, magnetic tiles, a Mobilo Construction Set, playground chalk.
- Subsidising Year 2 Leavers' Hoodies and disco.

Every contribution has made a meaningful difference, and the PTA is proud of what it has accomplished.

Backwell Under 6 Football

One of the current West Leigh reception dads is setting up the Backwell Under 6 football team for the 2025/26 season. This is a mixed girls and boys team open to 2025/26 Reception and Year 1 children, from Backwell and the surrounding villages, training on a Saturday morning on the Backwell playing fields 9am to 10am.

It is a fun session getting the children used to playing. We are short of coaches at the moment, so we are looking for some parents to join the coaching team. If you are interested, please contact Rob Murray on 07794 900663. No experience is necessary and brief online training, and a DBS check is paid for by the club. Currently places are limited due to the lack of coaches but if you volunteered it would mean your child would definitely get a place. Further places should be available once more coaches are recruited. Again, contact Rob if you want to add your child.



Backwell C Of E Junior School Year 5 Refugee Project

Year 5 recently had a visit from the Refugee Project and gained invaluable insight into life as a refugee including listening to their life experiences. We heard of the hard lives led by refugees from Afghanistan, Turkey and Pakistan. Well done to the year group for their engagement and thoughtful questions and making the volunteers feel so very welcome.

Year 6 Morfa Bay

At the beginning of July, our fabulous Year 6 children and a group of very enthusiastic staff members spent 4 days on the stunning Pembrokeshire Coast experiencing all that Morfa Bay has to offer. Their week including Abseiling, Zip Lining, Sea Activities, Mountain Biking, Archery and the Very Muddy Assault Course. Their week ended with a disco and BBQ on the last evening. A coach full of exhausted children and even more exhausted adults returned very happy on the Friday afternoon.





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Backwell School News

Goodbye Mr Nunes!

Jon Nunes has been part of the furniture here at Backwell School since 1992, when he started as an NQT teacher of History.

Over the last 33 years, as well as being an incredible History teacher, he has nurtured so many individuals to have a passion for History and even possibly to teach History. Jon has been a pastoral Head of House, Head of Sixth Form, Deputy Headteacher and finally, for the last 8 years our super Headteacher of Backwell School. He is an inspirational and dedicated school leader who has led countless developments to improve the educational experiences of Backwell School students. Jon has led the school whilst continuing to teach History A-level classes and we know how much pupils will miss his lessons and Club Italia revision sessions in the build up to their final exams. Jon often says that the highlight of every week for him is when he is in the classroom, working with students, sharing his passion for History.

There is always a hole left when we say goodbye to any of our wonderful colleagues especially one who has spent their entire career with us. We are so lucky to have such a superb staff body at Backwell.

I am hugely grateful to have been able to work alongside Jon for the last two years, as his PA. Some of my favourite moments I will treasure are seeing Jon getting involved with different activities at school, with the students.... including Just Dance competitions, sporting events, trip to Berlin, ski trips, enrichment weeks, ... the list is endless!

I am sure you will join me in wishing Jon all the best in his retirement from education and Backwell School.

Thank you for everything Mr Nunes! We will miss you.



Mrs C E Gardner Headteacher's PA



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Backwell Scout News

Monday Cubs

We have been making the most of the good weather and light evenings. This month we have had "Cycle Out" across the Common and along the cycle path testing out biking skills and road safety. Rounders games, pioneering projects and den building in the woods have ensured that maximum outdoor time has happened. Still to come - fire-making and campfire (backwoods) cooking!

Helen

Scouts

1st Backwell

Tuesday scouts

The Scouts entry for the Backwell Walking Carnival proved to be a little too ambitious for the time available, so we might keep it in mind for next year. The Tuesday Scout Leadership team, aided and abetted by some other leaders and a number of parents, did however run a very successful tea and cake offering inside the Scout Hut with a sizzling barbecue in the garden area outside. This raised some much-needed funds for the refurbishment of the hut, and it was good to be part of a whole village event.

The Scouts had previously spent an evening in the garden hacking back the undergrowth around the trees allowing a substantial area to become available on which we will build some fixed fire bases for the Scouts to use for fire lighting and cooking activities.

We are into another three-weekly rotation with three groups of Scouts doing the rotating! One group has been making tent pegs by hand (thank you Graham Evans), another lighting fires and cooking quesadillas. The third group has navigated from Wraxall to Backwell with varying degrees of success.

We are winding down towards the end of term now and looking forward to the annual Summer Camp - more about that next month!

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Explorers

With exam season in full swing, the focus for the Explorers was to create some decent down time for those sitting their GCSEs and A levels.

First up, and with the summer camp trip to Amsterdam looming, the unit undertook a full kit check to make sure tents and cooking gear were in full working order so that there would be no malfunctions upon arrival in the Lowlands.

The next week was the annual Ten Tors presentation and celebration where family and friends were invited to applaud the efforts of all the 35, 45 and 55 milers. Following the presentation and superb video (well done again lain!), everyone enjoyed hot dogs and burgers cooked on the BBQ.

A trip to Sand Bay tested the sandcastle building skills of the unit who not only had to come up with a back story but create a 'character' which supported their monologue. They then tucked into some superb chips, sausages and sausages in batter from the excellent Sand Bay Café - which also gave the unit loads of extra food!

The following two weeks saw the unit split into two groups with half kayaking in Bristol Harbourside and the other half cycling to Clevedon and back.

The final meeting of the year will culminate with the annual 'It's A Knockout' competition and as the term end approaches, it'll be all systems go for the summer camp to Amsterdam.

Laurence

Friday Scouts

We have certainly been enjoying the outdoors this term. After our successful kayaking adventures, Frisbee golf at Mendip Activity Centre went down a storm. We then decided to cool off on one very hot evening by chilling out with a film night and popcorn.

Fourteen Scouts, across both Scout Troops, came with us to the Gower to brave the drizzle for their weekend Expedition Challenge. It soon brightened up and, after two days of hiking, we ended the Sunday

with an ice-cream and a paddle in the water to sooth their tired feet at the Port Enyon beach. All 14 of the expedition teams proved they were up for the challenge and completed their hikes in great spirits, also showing us their culinary skills back at Base camp.

As I write, we are off on a visit to Bristol harbour to find some Gromits on this year's trail and we are looking forward to our Friday Scouts' end of term fundraiser towards the refurbishment of the scout hut. 143 tickets for the colour run with BBQ and bar have been sold, and it promises to be a great evening!

We are also very excited about our summer camp plans. We are heading to Cranham in the Cotswolds for some hiking, team challenges in the woods and stream, team paddle boarding, Kayaking and rafting. Fingers crossed for good weather!

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Holiday at Home on **7**th **and 8**th **July** was enjoyed by over 20 people both days and thanks go to all the volunteers who made these days work so well. We had birds and other animals one day and a magician the next. Both days finished with a testimony from someone local on their faith and life journey.

Sitting Fit Yoga is on a break for the school holidays but returns on 9th September in the Parish Hall at the usual time of 11.00 to 12.00, preceded by coffee and cake.

Our lunch schedule for August is as normal:

- 5th August at 1.00pm, home-made soup with bread and cheese, fruit etc.
- 19th August at 1.00pm, 2-course lunch from Scotty. Please book by 12th August.
- 5th August at 12.15. Informal Communion service. Stay for the soup lunch if you can.

Backwell Life

Who Let the Dads Out?

We've really enjoyed these Saturday morning monthly sessions with the Dads and their toddlers. We very much hope that they will continue, in which case the next will be on Saturday 20th September between **9.30 and 11.30am**, in the Parish Hall. Do keep an eye on WhatsApp groups for confirmation of whether it will happen and if the usual coffee and bacon baps, with drinks, fruit and rice-cakes for the kids will be available.

Membership of Backwell Life (the parent charity for The Meeting Point) is supported by a team of volunteers and trustees as well as its membership, which costs only £5.00 per year. We would love to see more members and of course are always looking for more volunteers (and potential trustees). If you are already a member, might you be able to offer a bit more of your time in support? Please contact us as below to find out more.



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Look forward to seeing you.

Beverley, Carol, Cath, Chris, Chris and Mel (Volunteers)

Jubilee Stone Wood's Warrener's Cottage

Introduction

The remains of a warrener's cottage can be found on Backwell Hill, within the boundary of Jubilee Stone Wood Nature Reserve, which is owned and managed by the Backwell Environment Trust (BET) https://backwellenvironmenttrust.org/



Historical Background

In the Middle Ages, the possession of a rabbit warren was a great status symbol as it was an important source of food and fur. Rabbits were classified as 'game' and a warren could not be established without the express permission of the King.

The right to free warren on Backwell Hill was granted to Sir Richard de Rodney on the 10th June 1318 by order of King Edward II. References from a survey of the Manor of Backwell in 1709 record that the warren covered an area of 3 furlongs by 1½ furlongs (approximately 600 x 300 metres) and would consequently have had the potential to process large numbers of rabbits each year.

The warren appears to have been in continuous use until about 1812 when the introduction of the Enclosure Act divided the area of the warren into fields which were subsequently allocated to Court Farm, Backwell.



The Warrener's Cottage

Warreners were appointed to protect and harvest the rabbits, and it was common for the Lord of the Manor to allocate suitable accommodation for the warrener.

The ruins visible today show that the cottage would have originally covered an area of 45 square metres. With the adjacent walled garden on the south-eastern side, the plot covered about 1200 square metres, or just over quarter of an acre. The interior of the cottage measures 7.0 metres x 4.1 metres. In addition to the main building, a porch was added to the south-eastern wall and an outhouse on the north-western wall

It is likely that the cottage would have been a twostorey structure built of limestone blocks extracted from the local bedrock and made watertight with a thatched roof. The warrener would have used the ground floor as a workshop to process the rabbits whilst using the upper storey as his living accommodation.

After the warren was abandoned, the cottage was still lived in up until 1843, after which it fell derelict sometime between 1843 and 1882.

Cottage Excavation

In 2018, after seeking advice from the County Archaeologist, the external accumulated soil and stone was carefully removed in 2018 to expose the remains of the stone walls. During the excavation, soil was carefully sieved and many pieces of pottery and glass recorded.



During 2025, BET started the excavation of the internal areas of the cottage, once again, after approval by the County Archaeologist. Surprisingly, there were very few artifacts uncovered on this excavation but the highlight was a George III penny dated 1806. After six months of hard work by the BET volunteers, many tons of accumulated soil, tree roots and fallen stone were removed to finally reveal the internal walls, cottage floor and chimney breast.

There is an interpretation board close to the cottage and it is well worth a visit to admire the ruins of this very rare example of a warrener's cottage in the county.

> Peter Speight Chairman Backwell Environment Trust





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Backwell Probus Club Report

We have had two meetings and a Summer Lunch. At the first meeting we heard a fascinating talk by David Head on "Amusing and Amazing Moments when Dealing with Disasters". David's career was as Emergency Commander initially for Berkshire and later for a larger area. He detailed



many of the disasters for which he had called up the emergency services to deal with them, such as an upturned boat in a harbour to an unexploded bomb in a town centre, but lastly, he gave us full details of his handling of the fire at Windsor Castle in November 1992, which destroyed 115 rooms!

Members and wives also enjoyed a Summer Lunch at Long Ashton Golf Club in late June.

In early July we heard a talk by Sarah Harris on "Windmills and Windmillers of Somerset". She told us that there had been many windmills throughout the county but that there were only half a dozen buildings left standing, many of which had been converted to houses. She went into detail with the millers' chores to give us an entertaining talk.

In August, our meetings will include a talk on "Bristol in 1950's & 1960's" and "Follow me Please". We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10.00am for coffee followed by a 10.30am talk in the Bowls Pavilion. Any retired men are welcome to join us for convivial conversation before and after the talk. Peter Lamb (01275 463160)

Nailsea District Leg Club

The AGM was held in June, and Liz Pemberton, Leg Club lead nurse from Tyntesfield Medical Group, gave an entertaining talk explaining the importance of holistic healthcare with some amusing stories making the subject relevant to her non-



medical audience. It was followed by much appreciated tea and cake, as ever!

In the ten years since Leg Club started the success rate of healing has vastly improved, partly due to education and medication. It would be hard for the surgeries to re-absorb the number of patients seen by Leg Club each Wednesday, the ethos of Leg club is holistic, which has a wide bearing on treatment as a whole.

At the time of writing Leg Club is preparing for the 10th anniversary party, to be attended by members, volunteers and nursing staff who together, make Leg Club such a success. It will be a great celebration, especially as the 'model' of Nailsea Leg Club has been passed on to start clubs in other areas.

Visit Nailsea Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea, BS48 4NG, any Wednesday 9.00 – 11.30 a.m., if you, a relative or friend, have any concerns regarding lower leg issues.

Prevention is better than cure, treating something however small, prevents a problem from becoming worse.

Call Carole Brooke for more information 07954 302498, additionally there are boards in the surgery waiting rooms.

Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support

We are looking forward to the Group Annual Tea Party on Wednesday 27th August, in the W.I. Hall, Backwell.



Please note the different time; 2.30 for 3.00pm.

Donations of cakes will be very welcome. Sandwiches, scones and cream etc. will be catered for.

Tickets £5 by 20th August please; these will give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

Members can bring a spouse, friend or carer. Tickets from Sheila; enquiries 01275 462107.

West Backwell Bowling Club

In May we held our popular **Mexican Fiesta** and were privileged to host players from **Disability Bowls England**.

In July the Club hosted the **Somerset County Men's 2-wood Competition**, and also that month the **Somerset County Finals**. Some of our own players are hoping to reach that stage – details next month! Later this month the Club will take part in the annual triangular competition with Chew Stoke and Long Ashton, taking place at LA.

During the season we have enjoyed some excellent Sunday lunches, courtesy of Jill Stephens and her team.

New members are still most welcome. Tuesday evening is our popular coaching session for new and inexperienced members, when the bar is open! Friday evenings are Club Nights, with bar and also an August BBQ.

Further information about the bowling club, can be found on our website, or contact the Secretary Email: wbbcsecretaryinternal@outlook.com

Backwell and Nailsea Ladies choir

The choir is really looking forward to the Autumn term with our Musical Director Naomi Davies. Our first weekly session will be on Thursday 11th September 2025 at our usual time of 13.15 until 14.45 in the WI Hall, Station Road, Backwell. The term will be 12 sessions culminating with our Christmas concert in the WI Hall on the afternoon of Thursday 11th December, so save the date now!

As always, we welcome new members and are offering a 'first session for free' if you would like to give us a try.

Do join us. We are a mixed ability, friendly choir and no auditions are required. For more information contact Mandy Collinson on 07722 703956



PPG Bulletin

We welcomed Dr Penny Gilbert to the June meeting in which preparations for the joint PPG / Tyntesfield Medical Group (TMG) Information Stand at the July Farmers' Market continued. We had feedback from the Wellbeing Officer from Nailsea Town Council (NTC) on the successful 'Age Without Limits' event with Line Dancing and Barn Dancing in the Tithe Barn which the PPG had supported as well as feedback from the free Nailsea Physio seminar at 65 High Street. Future Wellbeing initiatives around Chronic Pain and Children and Young Peoples Services were also reported.

News from TMG included having received funding to support Women's Health. Patient Information Evenings focusing on menopause to take place at Tower House Practice are being planned. The funding will also support additional training for both nurses and doctors. Further news included new guidelines for cervical screening, with TMG taking part in a trial for home screening. Look out for more information on these initiatives.

The PPG is exploring the possibility of student membership to improve representation of the younger TMG population and has approached both secondary schools.

The full minutes can be found on the TMG website: https://www.tyntesfield.nhs.uk/patient-involvement-1, whilst there is extensive information on the TMG main website: https://www.tyntesfield.nhs.uk/

Backwell Village Show 2025



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 20th September

Backwell Parish Hall & WI Hall

Schedules available late June (print) or online at:

https://backwellvillageshow.co.uk/

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Backwell Baptist Church

https://backwellbaptist.co.uk/
Sunday Services

Doors open - 10.00am Services start - 10.30am

3rd August (Communion) Preacher: Neil Mobbs Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Theme: The 1,000 Years & the Judgment

Passage: Rev 20

10th August

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Sarah Crossley Theme: A New Heaven & a New Earth

Passage: Rev 21

17th August

Preachers: Dave & Anne Nicklen Service Leaders: Dawn Jefferies

Theme: Eden Restored Passage Rev 22

24th August - NO SUNDAY SERVICE

31st August

Preacher: Tim Crossley Service Leader: Tim Crossley

Theme: God's Kingdom: A Coming Kingdom Passage: Psalm 2:6-8 & Mark 1:14-15

West Town Methodist Church

August Sunday Services, at 10.30 am

3rd Jean Balcombe **10**th Heather Bentley

17th Revd Michael Pullan Communion

24th Revd Preben Andersen 31st Revd Ian Bowley

The Hub - Monday mornings 10.00 to 12.00, where a warm welcome awaits you for a cuppa and a chat. Feel free to bring along knitting, crocheting, puzzles, craft project etc., or simply enjoy the conversation!

Any info, please contact:

Ann Pullan Email: ann.pullan@btinternet.com or

Shirley Edwards: tsmce12@gmail.com

Our usual activities take a break during August

Hire of building

West Town Methodist Church is in the centre of the village and provides ample comfortable space for small gatherings, meetings, rehearsals, children's parties, etc. Do look at the pictures on the Church website. We have a large wall-mounted TV screen for audio visual presentations by agreement.

Contact:

Julie Ratcliffe on Email: ratcliffedj@btinternet.com

News from St Francis

This is traditionally, the most popular holiday month for children and their families.

The Parishioners of St Francis would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful summer break; time to enjoy a well-deserved break from School and work.

We celebrate the feast of the Assumption on **Friday 15th August.** This feast is widely celebrated all over Christendom. The Holy Day, marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Please see website www.josephfrancis.org for all Mass times.

Masses are continuing to be Livestreamed.

St Bridget's Church

Join the local community for a fun-filled Harvest Quiz Night in support of the vital upkeep of St. Bridget's Church, Chelvey, on Saturday **6**th **September.** Participants should arrive at 7.00pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are priced at £15 per person, which includes a hot meal – but don't forget to bring your own drinks to enjoy during the quiz.

You are welcome to form quiz teams in advance or simply join a group upon arrival. We are aiming for approximately four people per team. Tickets can be purchased on the door by cash or card, but please reserve your places in advance to ensure we know how many to cater for. You can do this by scanning the Eventbrite QR code below or visiting www.stbridgetschelvey.co.uk/events.

Furthermore, for those curious to have a look around St. Bridget's – our beautiful and historic 12th century Church – you may be interested in coming along to one of our Coffee Mornings being held there over the Summer on the first Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12.00pm. The next of these are on **August 2**nd and **September 6**th.

Please see information about all our services and events on our website www.stbridgetschelvey.co.uk.



The Benefice of Backwell with Chelvey and Brockley St Andrew's Backwell, St Bridget's Chelvey and St Nicholas, Brockley

As we enter the holiday season proper, there will be Sunday evening services in St Andrew's only on 3rd and 31st August. The church will be open for Morning Prayer on weekdays as usual through the month and Rev Sam will say Evening Prayer in church either side of his holiday.

Not everything stops though, as we will be having a BBQ in the churchyard at St Andrew's again on 17th August. This is a fundraiser for our CMS Mission Partner in Goma, DRC, Bishop Martin Gordon, He and his family have endured some very difficult times over recent months, so we pray for them all. You can read more about him on the following link: Martin Gordon, DR Congo - Church Mission Society (CMS).

The informal communion service at The Meeting Point in the Parish Hall is on 5th August and every first Tuesday at 12.15pm. You are always welcome to stay for the soup lunch if you can.

> With warm greetings Martin Canning

St Bridget's Church St Andrew's Church 3rd Seventh Sunday after Trinity 9.15am Holy Communion Seventh Sunday after Trinity 11.00am Informal Communion 5.00pm Said Evening Prayer 10th **Eighth Sunday after Trinity** Morning Worship 10th **Eighth Sunday after Trinity** 9.15am 11.00am Sung Eucharist 17th 17th Ninth Sunday after Trinity **Ninth Sunday after Trinity** 9.30am Café Church 9.15am Morning Prayer 11.00am Sung Eucharist **Saint Bartholomew** 24th 9.30am Café Church 11.00am Sung Eucharist 31st **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity** 11.00am Sung Eucharist 5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Benefice Register of Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals in June

4th Buriel of ashes of David and Margaret Pike

As part of our church services and in private prayer, we remember people in our community. To help focus our thoughts and prayers, we identify people by the roads in our benefice where they live and work. Thus, the whole area is covered over the course of 18 months, a few roads at a time

In August we pray for Summerlands, St John's Road, Lawnside, Dark Lane, Little Garth

St Andrew's Charity for July, August, September

In 2023, we decided to commit to supporting a Mission Partner with CMS. We are now supporting Bishop Martin Gordon, Bishop of Goma, in DR Congo.

CHURCH

The Church Mission Society (CMS) story began in London in 1799 with a group of Christians whose hearts were stirred to go to the edges, people like William Wilberforce, John Venn and John Newton. Together, they worked to abolish the slave trade, they fought for the rights of oppressed people at home and they launched out onto dangerous seas to share Jesus with the world. CMS is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. They are always looking for others who will join them at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our

CMS describes itself as a community on a journey of rediscovering God's mission together, made up of disciples of Jesus from various countries, cultural backgrounds and walks of life. We are talking about a vibrant mix of people in mission from the UK, Africa, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia – all following Jesus to the edges together.

Christians Together In & around Backwell

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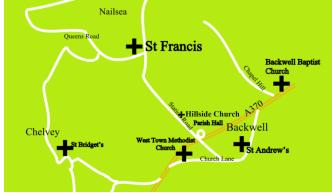
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