



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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SERVICES

SUNDAY 11th April

8.00am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's

SUNDAY 25th April

6.00pm Evensong at St Andrew's

SUNDAY 18th April

11.00am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

No Booking Required. Please remember that you must keep 2m social distance from others while on church premises – that is over 6ft!

Log-in details for forthcoming Zoom services and events are as follows:

Weekly **Prayer Meeting** Sat 9.00am: meeting ID: 824 7307 6926, password letuspray. It is important to pray for the work of the church and for our parish so please join us, even if you've not been to anything like this before. You don't have to pray out loud if you don't want to!

9.30am is our main **Sunday Worship** to which all ages are very welcome: meeting ID 295 293 9790 password standrews. To join by phone call 0203 481 5237. When asked enter meeting ID 295 293 9790. If asked for participant ID press #. Password is 894070. You'll then hear the service.

Thursday Morning Fellowship begins with worship and reflection at 10.00am followed by time to chat at 10.30. It's a lovely fellowship and it would be great to see new faces. Meeting ID 815 6897 6189, password coffeebean.

From May there will be Communion on the first Sunday of each month and All-Age Worship on third Sundays, both in St Andrew's at 11.00am. Booking will be necessary for All-Age Worship.

Our prayer for the recruitment of a new vicar:

*Loving God, we thank you for the church in Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green,
and for calling each of us to be a part of the Body of Christ in this place.*

*We are grateful for all that you have done amongst us in the past,
and look forward to the new things you will do in future.*

Help us all to play our part in the ministry, service, and outreach of your church.

*Guide the PCC as they prepare to recruit a new vicar. And, in your time and in your way,
bring to us the woman or man whom you are calling to serve as vicar here.*

We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, the Servant King. Amen.

WEEKLY LEAFLET

If you would like to include anything in the weekly leaflet please contact Nicola Denning in the office by email on office@chandbgparish.org.uk or on 0121 447 7097 on Monday Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

CONGRATULATIONS

EDNA WHITEHOUSE

Edna is a much loved member of our church and community who has contributed so much, especially to the Parish Centre. She celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday April 12, but doesn't want people to know so please keep it to yourself! Neither does she want cards or gifts (but she's at 39 Orchard Croft in case you decide to drop something off). With lots of love from all at St Andrew's.

THANK YOU!

Over Easter it has been great to be able to worship together in both churches, in the community, and online, and there has been lots of positive feedback. So a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way in making all of that possible. He is risen indeed!

PRAYER DIARIES

The monthly Prayer Diary is available on our Website <http://standrewscofe.org.uk>.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Directories with contact details for church members are available from the office. If any details are incorrect or you do not wish to be on the directory please let Nicola in the office know on 447 7097

FAREWELL GIFT

As a **farewell gift** Rob and Philippa would really appreciate it if everyone could do an A4 sized sheet with photos, drawings, reminiscences, poems, or anything to remind them of you and the Christian family here. Please pass them to Nicola in the Parish and she will put them together in a ring file. This will be a precious reminder of their time in Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green. Thank you.

APCM

The church **APCM**, when new Wardens and PCC members are elected, is at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 13. Unfortunately 'live' meetings are still prohibited, so it will be on Zoom only: ID 844 6697 9234, passcode APCM2021. To join by phone, call 0203 481 5237 and use the same ID but passcode 82226614. Please read the Annual Report which will be e-mailed to you separately in advance of the meeting. Paper copies are available from the office for anyone who needs it.

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Zoom makes it easier for people to **participate in worship** in new ways. We've had new people lead prayers, preach, do creative activities, or lead services. Could you help in some way? Don't wait to be asked - just offer and we can talk it through with you, offer resources to help, perhaps even do it together the first time. It doesn't have to be perfect. It's just great to see people offering their gifts in God's service.

ROB'S LAST SERVICES

Rob's final Sunday before his retirement at the end of the month is April 25. He and Philippa plan to move to their new home in Grantham in mid-May. The final services will be on Zoom at 9.30am, followed by Evensong at St Andrew's at 6.00pm. There will be opportunity in the morning service for anyone to speak about how your faith has grown over the last 25 years or so, and to give thanks not just Rob, for but for what God has been doing among us. So think and pray about whether you would like to share something

BIKE PROJECT

The Bike Project collects and fixes up bikes to donate to refugees to get around safely and cheaply. Most asylum seekers cannot work and live on £5.75 per day. If you have a surplus bike in any condition please drop it off between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 8 May at Croft House, Aqueduct Lane, Alvechurch, B48 7BP (first on the right from Bittell Road end). If possible register your donation in advance on the Bike Project website <https://thebikeproject.co.uk/pages/donate-bike>. More details from Caroline Bellingham on 07787 528853.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Living in Love and Faith is the CofE's exploration of how questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit with the good news of Jesus Christ. What does it mean for Christians to live in love and faith when attitudes to such issues are changing? A study course has been prepared, which Sheri will lead via Zoom after Easter. To find out more, or to participate, e-mail her on sherigidney@gmail.com.

ACTION GROUPS

We have established Action Groups to oversee worship and pastoral care until a new vicar arrives. Both groups have met once and will meet again in April. We'd welcome new members to contribute to these important areas, and would especially like some younger adults and more men! Call Rob on 445 1269 if you are interested.

DIGGERS?

We need someone to dig the plots for a burial of ashes in St Michael's church yard shortly (payment is available). Call Rob on 445 1269 if you can help.

PILATES

There is a new Pilates class opening in the Parish Centre in May – see attached leaflet for details.