



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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SERVICES

SUNDAY 18th April

11.00am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

SUNDAY 25th April

6.00pm Evensong 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.

ECO NEWS

Looking after Gods creation is an important part of our Christian journey, with complex issues facing each of us in our daily lives. There is a new BBC Radio 4 series of "39 Ways to Save the Planet" starting on Monday at 1:45 PM, or catch-up on BBC Sounds. Each 15-minute programme provides a fascinating insight into issues, and intriguing ways mankind can combat climate change.

HRH DUKE OF EDINBURGH

You can read Justin Welby's statement about the death of Prince Philip at <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news>. There is a selection of prayers in response to the news on the Church of England website at www.churchofengland.org. Unfortunately because of Covid, we are unable to offer a book of remembrance or laying of flowers at church. Please remember the royal family in your prayers, especially on Saturday.

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.

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.

FAREWELL SERVICE

Rob's final morning service before his retirement is on Sunday 25 April at 9.30am. There will be opportunity 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. For those who can't access Zoom at home, it will be shown on the screen in St Andrew's Church and you are very welcome to come along – usual conditions for worship apply. There is no need to book. At 6.00pm the same day there is a final Evensong, also in St Andrew's. Rob and Philippa plan to move to their new home in Grantham in mid-May.

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.

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.

B30 FOODBANK

B30 Foodbank thanks our Parish for its contributions, which are still welcomed. Particular needs at the moment are powdered potato, tinned meats, tinned fish (not Tuna), packs of toothbrushes, non-gender deodorants, washing up and machine wash liquid in smaller packs. Also snacks, preserves and tinned fruit. For those interested in the work of Foodbanks and the social issues surrounding food poverty, a review by the Trussell Trust has been posted by the B30 team and will be available on our website shortly.

JENNY CAVENDISH

Jenny, our former Children's and Families Missioner, gets married to Mark Simpson in St Andrew's at 1.00pm on Saturday July 17. They hope to have room for some local guests in church. It would be wonderful if children who remember Jenny could welcome them as they leave church after their marriage! They will have refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre, and need some help setting that up as the Centre is in use in the morning so time will be short. If you would be willing to help, please contact Nicola in the Parish Office on 447 7097. Thank you.

BLUE CROSS CHALLENGE

A message from Eleanor Neale - I am trying to raise money this month for the Blue Cross by doing the Paws2play challenge. The challenge is for me to play either online games or board games for a total of 1897 minutes. If anyone would like to donate here is a link to my givepenny. Also, if anyone has me or my mum on Facebook they can get to the link there as well. Thankyou.

https://givepenny.com/eleanorneale_paws_2_play_1897_challenge

BOOK CLUB

If anyone would like to join our book club we have just started reading Once upon a river by Diane Setterfield. We meet up every two months to share our thoughts and enjoy each other's company. Please join us and invite anyone else who would like to read a book. At the moment we meet on zoom but hopefully by July or September we might meet in person again. Our next meeting is on Thursday May 27th. Please contact Rosemary Aveyard if you would like to join us.

GLASSES - Some glasses have been found at St Michael's, please contact the office on 0121 447 7097 if they could be yours.