



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 22nd July 2021

Services

In Church

Sunday 25th July

8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews - Preacher Bill Davis

6pm Evening Prayer – Lead by Katie Leaver

Sunday 8th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews – Preacher Ron Happ

Sunday 1st August

9th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews

11.00am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Lead by Rev Bamidele Sotonwa from St Stephen's, Rednal

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.

On Zoom

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Rosemary Aveyard brings us news of our mission partners, Jon & Elise Fletcher in Bangkok

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!

Sunday Worship 9.30am is our main 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**.

SERVICES UPDATE

The PCC at its meeting this week decided that whilst remaining Covid 19 restrictions had been lifted legally, a cautious approach was still appropriate. The Covid-safe Policy is set out separately and will be posted on the Website. Services for the time being will follow the existing pattern, with some relaxing of control on numbers who may attend in church.

Morning Services

1st Sunday – 9.30 Zoom and 11.00 Holy Communion in St Andrews.

2nd Sunday – 9.30 Zoom, available in St Andrews.

3rd Sunday – 9.30 Zoom and 11.00 All-Age-All-In in St Andrews for all comers.

4th Sunday – 9.30 Zoom, available in St Andrews

5th Sunday – 9.30 Zoom

Evening Services

4th Sunday - Evening Prayer in St Andrews (unless otherwise notified)

We encourage as many people as possible to join us in St Andrews for the 9.30 Zoom services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, to create a pathway to getting back to normal.

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.

News and information

Climate Crisis Action (name change from EcoTips)

Water is precious and expensive and gardens can consume a lot! Some suggestions: install lots of water butts, avoid too much use of hoses, especially a pressure hose, don't water lawns in hot weather– they will recover. <https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/save-water/free-ways-to-save/>

T4U SHOEBOXES

SHOEBOXES dates for your diaries. We will be checking what we have for shoe boxes on Friday August 27th. Please bring anything you have made or collected. We particularly want to start filling home boxes. I'm sure you have lots of unused tea towels, candles, pegs and scarves that could delight a mum in Eastern Europe. We need shoe boxes and all the normal things, toothpaste, toothbrushes and stationary items. Now is the opportunity to have a tidy up.

In the Autumn we will have 2 evenings to cover shoe boxes Tuesday November 9th. and Thursday November 18th. Super Shoe box Saturday will be Saturday November 20th. Put the dates in your diary. Keep them free. Come and help us beat our record. Thank you Rosemary

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Living in Love and Faith is a parish based consultation on The Church of England's teaching and policy on identity and relationships. The Church of England is inviting every parish in the land to engage with the LLF course material and then give feedback to the Diocese and National Church on the way ahead. The course is Video and Discussion based and 5 sessions long. The content includes Biblical Teaching and stories of lived experience from a wide range of viewpoints. The outcome of the feedback nationally will be used to help the Church of England review it's teaching and services available for same sex couples, transgender and divorced couples, which will impact all of us locally. We encourage you to join in the conversation whilst you have the opportunity. Rev Sheri Gidney will be leading the course on Wednesday evenings face to face in St Andrew's Church Barnt Green so that our parish can participate. **The 5 Sessions will take place in St Andrew's Church Barnt Green starting on Wednesday 4th August 7:30pm - 9pm.** Do arrive from 7:15 for a prompt start. You will be encouraged to wear a mask. You can find out more here. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

Pray

Join with others to pray for our parish during the interregnum. Why not meet with 2 or 3 others to pray specifically for our church during this time. Use the prayer for a new Vicar. Meet on zoom or in your garden. A challenge to us all. Commit half an hour a week. If you would like to be matched with others or would like ideas for prayer please contact Rosemary Aveyard

B30 Foodbank

B30 Foodbank thanks our Parish for its contributions, which are still welcomed.

Urgently needed - instant coffee (not decaffeinated), tinned fish (preferably other than tuna), jam/honey, long-life fruit juice, gender neutral shampoo, roll-on deodorant and disposable razors, toothpaste, single or duo wrapped toothbrushes, washing up liquid (not family sized bottles) The Warehouse, is at 17 Castle Rd, Kings Norton Business Park, B30 3HZ. 2.00-4.00 on Tuesday and Friday. B30 Foodbank, The Cotteridge Church, 24 Pershore Road South info@b30foodbank.org.uk 07582 143972. You can drop items in to 15a Blackwell Road.

Message from Jenny Cavendish

A Huge Thank You to everyone who helped at Jenny and Mark's wedding and blessed them with gifts and cards. It really wouldn't have been possible without you and we are so grateful for your support. You all went above and beyond and we felt truly thankful for all the serving.

