



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 16th September 2021

Services

Sunday 19th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

Zoom Service 9.30 login details below Phelim O'Hare

St Andrews 11.00am All Age Worship at St Andrew's, please book in with Caroline Mara

Sunday 26th September 17th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Harvest Service in Church, also shown on Zoom

6pm Evening Prayer Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson (not shown on zoom)

Foundry – Cofton Village Hall. 3pm till 4pm

Sunday 3rd October 18th Sunday after Trinity

Zoom Service 9.30 login details below

St Andrews 11am Holy Communion.

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 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 and 6pm Evening Prayer in St Andrews

5th Sunday – 9.30 Zoom

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

HARVEST SUNDAY 26th September

Our harvest service will be 9.30 on Zoom. Join in at home in the usual way or, try joining in together with others in St Andrews if you feel confident to be among others - we will be leading as much as possible from within church, so those at home will be seeing the church background too. This is what we are calling 'Hybrid Zoom'. We are still on a steep learning curve with the technology and all the arrangements, so please be gracious if things don't all run smoothly!!

Gifts of dried, tinned and UHT foods can be brought to church in the morning or to Evening Prayer at 6pm or dropped off at Parish Centre in Office hours. They will be shared between the Birmingham City Mission and the B31 Foodbank. Details of specific needs of B31 foodbank are in the list further down. Thank you.

Wedding

We would like to send our good wishes Helen Baker and Christopher Nelder who are to be married at St Andrews Church on Saturday 18th September. We hope you have a lovely day.

All In Service

Can you help? After the wedding on Saturday, the church needs to be set up for All-In with tables, table coverings and chairs. Geoff Hall and Peter Talbot would be grateful for assistance carrying them from the Centre and positioning them according to our booking plan. Please contact Geoff, Peter or Caroline Mara. Thank you. There are still a few bookable spaces left, every age and every stage welcome.

SHOE BOXES

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to make up hygiene bags and stationery packs. They still have need of pencil cases, calculators and coloured pencils, hair items and brushes and combs Please take anything you have to the office. We still need lots of shoe boxes.

Dates for your diary Tuesday November 9th at 7:30 and Thursday November 18th come and cover shoe boxes and make the flat pack boxes into boxes in the parish centre.

SUPER SHOE BOX SATURDAY is Saturday November 20th 10 am to 2 pm. Will need lots of helpers if we are to make 300 boxes for children and 50 home boxes.

lcFEM Dinner 25th September 2021 in Trinity Centre

Fancy an Italian themed dinner in the company of friends? Join us on Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Trinity Centre, Lickey for a real treat. Tickets £15 per person for a 4 course dinner (bring your own drinks). Rest assured we will be observing all the appropriate Covid guidelines and would request that all attending will have been fully vaccinated.

Menu details:-

Melon with Prosciutto Ham and/or Sweet Ginger Sauce
Beef Lasagne or Aubergine Parmigiana (V) Served with Green Salad and Italian bread
Strawberries with Mascarpone Cream and Tuile Biscuits
Coffee and Tea with Chocolates

Vegan and gluten free alternatives also available to order. Please invite your family and/or friends but do book early to ensure a place and to assist us with the planning. Tickets available from Judith Stephenson (0121 445 2918) or Pip Simkiss (07748657450)

We would appreciate offers of help especially with setting up and clearing afterwards so please contact me if you are available.

Many thanks Judith

B30 Food Bank

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

Urgently needed - Sugar 500g (not larger), chocolate and snack bars, potato smash, gender neutral shampoo, disposable razors, strong carrier bags, toilet rolls, washing up liquid (not family sized bottles), porridge, UHT semi skimmed milk, pack/pot noodles, ready-made custard (tinned or carton - not power). You can drop items in to 15a Blackwell Road.

Climate Crisis Action

Plastic is the scourge of the oceans and rivers, yet so much of our weekly shopping is in plastic. Did you know that you can buy many things without wrapping. Just take your empty containers to Bromsgrove's own plastic free shop and fill them up! <https://www.natures-intention.co.uk/>
Other plastic free shops are available!

Way of Discipleship and Way of Servant-Leadership courses

Guy Donegan-Cross, who has spoken at a couple of our Zoom church services, sent us details of two Diocesan online courses starting this October. For further details see the attached pdf files. Way of Discipleship explores the habits that shape us as disciples in our daily lives – with four 5-7 week-modules on Being with God, Becoming like Christ, Joining in with the Spirit and being confident with the Bible. It will run on Zoom on Monday or Thursday evenings, 7pm - 9.15pm throughout 2021-2022, starting 4th and 7th October. See www.dio.org.uk/WofD21-22B.

Way of Servant-Leadership comprises 3-hour monthly sessions over 8 months, with a one day retreat and the opportunity to be mentored for discipleship. There are 2 sessions in person, with the rest on Zoom on Tuesday evenings (7-9.15pm) from 5th October or Saturday mornings (9.30-11.45am) from 9th October. Each session includes worship, some core content (Self Awareness and Knowing my Gifts, Developing Resilience, Discerning, Direction, Developing, Others), and modelling by other local Christians.

See <https://birmingham.learn.anglican.org/course/index.php?categoryid=29>.

Ring me on 07980-985640 or 0121-445-4898 if you've any queries. Jenny Watson

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There is a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre on Friday 24th September 10am to 12pm. Contact Bill Davis for details.

Coffee Morning and Meditation Service resume

Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre is back on Friday 1st October at 10.30 to 12.00, and the Meditation Service resumes on Thursday 7th October also at the Parish Centre. Please contact Bill Davis for details.

Welcome packs for Afghan refugees

Are you free to help make up welcome packs this Sunday September 19th. Help is needed at Enterprise Centre 28 Heming Road Redditch between 3pm and 6pm. Any time you can give would be valued.