



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

### Services

#### In Church

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews.

Preacher Calvert Prentis, Diocesan Director of Ordinands

11am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Lead by Rev Eliakim Ikechukwu, Assistant Rector of Kings Norton

##### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews.

Lead by Maggie Fornell.

##### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

#### On Zoom

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 9.30 Zoom and 11.00 Holy Communion in St Andrews.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 9.30 Zoom, available in St Andrews.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 9.30 Zoom, available in St Andrews and 6pm Evening Prayer in St Andrews

5<sup>th</sup> 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

### For your Prayers

Please pray for Irene Barclay and family in the coming weeks following the sudden death of her husband Alex. Please also pray for Sophie Sedgwick, Lesley Brown, as she recovers from a hip replacement operation, Graham Wright that his hip continues to mend and he can resume treatment, Robert Cholmondeley, that his eyesight fully recovers, Jane Best, that her fractured shoulder mends well, and Brenda Harding in Burcot Grange.

### Jack Daniels

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Jack as he has undergone treatment for lymphoma. His treatment is now complete, and the initial tests are encouraging. He will have a detailed scan in November which will show whether the treatment has worked. He has now moved to Reading with Ciara (his girlfriend) so that she can start her postgraduate studies. Please continue to pray for them both as they settle into a new home, and for Jack as he recovers from the side effects of the treatment and gradually returns to his PhD studies. Robin and Kathy Daniels.

### Afghan refugees

There are Afghan refugees at a hotel in Bromsgrove. There is a collection for NEW items at Bromsgrove Methodist Church from 10:30 to 12 on Saturday September 4th. Essential items for children and adults (there will be a collection of second hand items later) to make into welcome packs. You can volunteer to make up packs from 10 till 4.

### Home Group

You are invited to the Wednesday evening home group that meets at the home of Mike and Julia Powell. A new group is starting on Wednesday September 15th at 8pm studying the theme of God's comfort. We have all suffered to some extent during the last 18 months. Suffering affects each individual differently. We can't analyse suffering. We will try to focus on biblical people who suffered and why they responded to it well or poorly. Each evening is a stand alone, so come when you can.

### Shoe boxes

Thank you to everyone who helped last Friday, sorting items. It was a successful day. We still need lots of things to fill boxes. Particular needs Combs/brushes and hair items, toothpaste...ask your dentist for freebies, 100 1/2 length pencils, 100 set squares, lots of note pads, small packs of crayons. We have lots of pencil cases that need filling. Would anyone like to offer to do it for us? Contact Rosemary for more ideas

### Alex Barclay's Funeral

Alex's funeral is taking place on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 at Redditch crematorium. The service is also being streamed (for those of you who can't make it). The wake is being held following this, at Southcrest Manor Hotel. We would welcome you to join us and share memories of our beloved dad and husband. If you are able to attend, please could you let us know by emailing [helencbarclay@yahoo.com](mailto:helencbarclay@yahoo.com) or by messaging 07817784364. You can also use these contact details to request the link for the live streaming.

### Work Party at St Michael's

We are having a work party at St Michael's from 10am – noon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We have had a delivery of wood chippings from our tree surgeon dropped in the car park and we need to transport the stuff to the paths in the Work churchyard and to lay the chippings around the trees in the orchard to keep the weeds down. If you can bring a wheelbarrow, and a spade in your car it will make the job much easier. Loppers and hedge trimmers would also be appreciated to cut down some of the weeds.

### Climate Crisis Action

Plastic is the scourge of the oceans and rivers, yet we struggle to buy fruit and veg not wrapped in plastic. This week, can you find one more opportunity to buy loose fruit and veg, to use a paper bag or net bag for loose items, or to challenge a shop about their use of plastic bags?

### Restart of Monday Fellowship

We are pleased to announce that Monday Fellowship will be restarting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the big Kendal Hall of Barnt Green Parish Centre. The fee is still £2 per person for which you will get an interesting speaker followed by tea and biscuits. Monday Fellowship is open to anyone who is retired or about to retire. If you wish to bring a friend with you they will be very welcome. Please wear a face mask and we will widen the gap between chairs to reduce the risk of infection.

**Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>** Gordon Forest will speak about the Woodpeckers of Anthills Meadows.

**Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>** Robert Cholmondeley, who is a volunteer at Avoncroft Museum will tell us all about the ancient windmill there, its purpose, what it produced and how it is maintained. Before the Industrial Revolution there were a string of windmills about three miles apart all over this area.

**Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>** Paul Harding talk will be about the English Civil War and the effects on this county. Paul and Helen have visited us many times before and their talks are always interesting, hilarious and thought provoking.

**Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>** Traditionally we have had a jolly Christmas meeting with Christmas stories, quizzes and musical accompaniments and it has been the start of festivities for most of us. We have obtained the services of another local vicar who is prepared to give us a lively meeting on this date. We have already booked our usual local musicians for this meeting so it should be a very pleasant afternoon.