



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 9th September 2021

Services

Sunday 12th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am on Zoom also shown in St Andrews. Lead by Maggie Fornell.

Foundry – Cofton Village Hall. 3pm till 4pm

Sunday 19th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

Zoom Service 9.30 login details below

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 Zoom Home Team

6pm Evening Prayer Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson

Foundry – Cofton Village Hall. 3pm till 4pm

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

Wedding

We would like to send our good wishes Olivia Polton and Max Pardo Roques who are to be married at St Andrews Church on Saturday 11th September at 12.30, Rob is kindly returning to marry them.

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, and Lesley Brown, as she recovers from a hip replacement operation,

All In Service

Caroline Mara and the team would like to remind you to book in for the All In service at 11:00 on Sunday 19th. 45minutes long, all ages, and stages are welcome: it's a lovely way to worship as a family All In together.

Help needed: Setting up the tables and chairs the Thursday before is quite a bit of work and we are asking for help to set up please so that Caroline and Rosemary are not lifting too much furniture on their own. Contact the office or Caroline please to offer your help for Thursday 16th - time to suit you 9:00-4:30. Thank you

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

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.

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)

Low in stock - Instant coffee (not decaffeinated), cereal, tinned fish (not tuna), pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, long-life fruit juice, rice, jam/honey, crisps, laundry power/liquid (not family sized), gender neutral roll-on deodorant, liquid or bar soap.

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.

Climate Crisis Action

Did you know that you can get eco-friendly cleaning products such as washing up liquid, toilet cleaner and laundry liquid? These are made with products that are less damaging to the environment in waste water and use fewer damaging processes to make them. Even better: you can get many of them on the basis of refilling the plastic bottle or spray they come in and, by reusing it, save on plastic waste too! Try:

<https://www.natures-intention.co.uk/>

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.