



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 18th November 2021

Services

Sunday 21st November Sunday next before Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church groups. Also shown on Zoom. Celebrant Rev Dele Sotonwa

St Michaels 4pm Evening Prayer. Lead by the Venerable Paul Taylor.

Thursday 25th November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church Groups Preacher Rev Guy Donnegan Cross (Diocesan Director of Learning)

10.00am Diddy Disciples in the Parish Centre

Foundry 3pm till 4pm Cofton Village Hall.

Thursday 2nd December

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion celebrant Rev Chris Turner

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 for those who cannot come to the meditation service. It 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 – WE ARE BACK IN CHURCH!

This week we return to church, running at least one service in church every Sunday. We would encourage everyone that feels able to attend these services.

Sunday 9:30am - St. Andrews

- 1st Sunday Communion Morning Worship - see notice above
- 2nd Sunday All Age-All In (November - Remembrance Service at 10 am)
- 3rd Sunday Communion
- 4th Sunday Morning Worship
- 5th Sunday Morning Worship

Note: These services also shown on Zoom

Sunday 3pm - Cofton Village Hall

- 2nd Sunday Foundry
- 4th Sunday Foundry

Sunday 4pm - St. Michaels

- 3rd Sunday Evening prayer

Sunday 3 to 4:30 pm – St. Andrews

- 1st Sunday Messy Church

Thursday 9:30 to 10:15am – Parish Centre

- Meditation Service

Note: There is a 10:00 am Thursday Morning fellowship on Zoom for those not able to attend the meditation.

All the Rotas and Junior Church have now restarted. We need many of you to help support the services and contribute to all the work that goes on behind the scenes, enabling them to run – PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!

Please follow our COVID guidelines during services, especially wearing masks and hand sanitising.

The doors will be open during services - WRAP UP WELL!

Christmas Services

12Dec	3:30pm	Foundry Christmas carols – Outside New Cofton Village Hall
19Dec	9.30am	Christingle service – St. Andrews
	4.00pm	9 lessons & carols - St. Michaels
24Dec	3.00pm	Diddy nativity – St. Andrews
	4.30pm	Carol service – St. Andrews
	6.30pm	Carol service – St. Andrews
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion with Area Dean Phelim– St. Andrews
25Dec	10.00am	Christmas Communion with Bishop Ann – St. Andrews
26Dec		No services

Update on getting a Vicar

The closing date for applications was Sunday 14th November, and the next interviews will be on the 9th and 10th of December. As we wait for an update from the Diocese please continue to pray for the candidates and for the interview team - Gwen Onyon, Brian Partridge, Area Dean Phelim, Archdeacon Jenny, and Calvert Prentice.

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

Christmas Choir

Although the details for the Carol Services have not yet been finalised, I am hoping to arrange a small choir who will sing at the St Michael's Carol Service on 19th December at 4pm. The plan is to have just one rehearsal for this, which will be after the morning service on Sunday 12th December for about an hour. If you would like to take part and can attend both the rehearsal and the service, please text, email or phone me to confirm, as I need to know exact numbers. Many thanks, Katie. Katieleaver@blueyonder.co.uk, 07792 056183 / 01527 451172

Coffee Morning

Please come and join us at our Coffee Morning on Fridays 10.30 to 12. For more information contact Bill Davis.

Climate Crisis Action

Small steps count: check what equipment you are leaving on overnight. Even TV's on standby are using power unnecessarily. The kettle is one of the greediest power users in your house – don't overflow it but just boil the water you need.

Super Shoebox Saturday

A reminder that the school service is at **2 o'clock** on Friday November 19th at St. Andrew's. Anyone is welcome to encourage the school, are you free on Friday November 19th at 1:30 to welcome St. Andrew's School into church as they bring their boxes?

Please come on Saturday November 20th between 10 and 2 to help fill boxes, there is an opportunity to buy craft items and refreshments and contribute to the travel costs.

We need helpers in the kitchen and offers to move filled boxes into church. Helpers are needed on Monday November 22nd at 1:30 to help load the van as they begin their journey to Eastern Europe? Many thanks to anyone who has helped in any way with this year's campaign. Rosemary

ICFEM and Medic Malawi

Please join us for Coffee, Cakes and Crafts for Christmas on Saturday 27th November.

10.00 - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre.

Donations of cakes and crafts very welcome.

Further details from Judith Stephenson 0121 445 2918.

Nativity Scene Volunteers - Barnt Green Christmas Light Switch-on 27th November

The Christmas light switch-on is a popular village event with many families joining in the celebration. To help remind everyone what Christmas is really about we join in with a "Nativity Walk" along the high street. It is great fun being part of this village tradition. We dress as people in the Nativity story and just chat to people enjoying the occasion. The fun starts at 4 PM. Please would you be willing to help and be one of our characters - costumes are provided. Contact - Mike Powell 0121 445 2803 powell@kendalendfarm.plus.com

Child Exploitation Webinar

We sadly hear much about County Lines and child exploitation, both criminal and sexual, in the media and in our church communities.

The Diocese have invited Jo Tonks from the charity Barnardo's to deliver a webinar exclusively for our churches to help us understand more about this form of abuse and how we can respond. Jo has a wealth of experience both of working with children and young people who have been exploited and delivering training on the topic.

The webinar will explore all forms of child exploitation & how this has changed due to lockdown, digital dangers and what happens when a referral is made.

The webinar is for anyone who **has contact with children and young people – parents, children, families or youth leaders and parish safeguarding teams**. Please do invite everyone in your church that may be interested in exploring this growing form of exploitation of our young people. The webinar will take place on Thursday 2nd December from 10am to 1pm. To receive the link to join, complete your contact details on the short form at the following link: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ChildExploitationWebinar>

Poppies

'Poppies' Our monthly Bereavement Support Group Come and find friendly mutual support over a cup of tea. We will end our time together with a short service with space to remember our loved ones together. We restart the group on Thursday 16th December 2pm – 3pm and thereafter on the third Thursday of each month. We meet in The Wheel, St Catherine's Church, St Catherine's Road, Blackwell, B60 1BN Contact Rev Sheri Gidney sheringidney@gmail.com 0121 445 1185 for more information.

Margaret Cornelius

Margaret Cornelius died at home surrounded by her family on 4th November. Her funeral is at 1.30pm on Monday 29th November in St Andrew's church and afterwards in the Parish Centre where close family will return after the committal at Redditch Crematorium. The family thank everyone for their messages and cards, which have been a great comfort. Donations in Margaret's memory to Age UK via: www.memorygiving.com/margaretcornelius

TOYS FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION

We will be collecting *new & good as new* toys and books to support BCM in their deliveries to disadvantaged families for Christmas - they are needed for all ages from babies to teens. Please bring them unwrapped either to church on December 12th or drop them into the Office during opening times.

BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Band are back for their tenth annual Christmas Concert in St. Andrew's Church at 7:30pm on Saturday 11th December 2021. Although no refreshments will be included this year, there will be a raffle with all proceeds going to MacMillian. A cheerful and entertaining night guaranteed to get you in the festive mood!

Tickets are limited so please email mad37_smith@yahoo.co.uk or text 07812332436 to reserve yours as soon as possible. Adults £5, Under 16's £3.

Shed

We are looking for a small shed to house our lovely Nativity scene that was in the doorway of St Michaels last year. Please let Nicola in the office know if you have one you no longer want.