



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Services

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** 1st Sunday of Advent

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

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Diddy Disciples in the Parish Centre

**Foundry** 3pm till 4pm Cofton Village Hall.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December** 2nd Sunday of Advent

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion celebrant Rev Chris Turner

**Parish Centre** 3pm Messy Church

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 3rd Sunday of Advent

**St Andrews** 9.30am All In Toy Service lead by Caroline Mara and team (bring toys-see notice)

**Foundry** 3pm till Carols for all in the car park at Cofton New Village Hall

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 in Church

Sunday 9:30am - St. Andrews

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Communion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday All Age-All In
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Worship
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Worship

Note: Services also shown on Zoom

Sunday 3pm - Cofton Village Hall

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Foundry
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Foundry

Sunday 4pm - St. Michaels

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening prayer

Sunday 3 to 4:30 pm - St. Andrews

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Messy Church

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

- Meditation Service

All the Rotas and Junior Church have now running. 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!

### Update on getting a Vicar

The closing date for applications was Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, and the next interviews will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Please continue to pray for the candidates and for the interview team - Gwen Onyon, Brian Partridge, Area Dean Phelim, Archdeacon Jenny, and Calvert Prentice.

## Christmas Services

12Dec	9:30am	All Age All In – Toy Service
	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

### 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

### 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.

### 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

Nicola in the office has just started having her milk delivered with the intention of reducing plastic waste. She is amazed how her recycling has reduced! It does cost a little more, but it has made a dramatic difference in the recycling bin.

### 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 sherigidney@gmail.com 0121 445 1185 for more information.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mad37_smith@yahoo.co.uk) or text 07812332436 to reserve yours as soon as possible. Adults £5, Under 16's £3.

### Asklepios Orchestra Autumn Concert Notice 2021

The Asklepios Orchestra Autumn Concert will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Barnt Green, B45 8NR.

The programme includes Schubert – Italian Overture; Ireland – Threnody for strings; Debussy – Petite Suite, orch. Armstrong; and Beethoven Symphony No.1

Admission is free, and donations to the retiring collection are much appreciated. Please come along to support us, and bring your friends.

Please also note that in order to keep everyone safe under current Covid advice, we will not be serving refreshments during the interval, but you are welcome to bring your own (individual) drink if you wish.

### **Parish Administrator**

The Parish of Lickey with Blackwell are currently recruiting for the part time role of Parish Administrator. For an application pack, and/or an initial informal conversation, please email Andrew Hodge (a Churchwarden) on [Andrew@woodburyhodge.com](mailto:Andrew@woodburyhodge.com). The closing date for completed application forms will be 28th November 2021

### **Jack Daniels**

Jack's latest scan shows that his treatment for lymphoma has been successful and he is now clear of cancer. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and your support during the past few difficult months. Kathy and Robin Daniels

### **Foodbank - Urgent need for Donations**

Christmas Donations Urgently Needed before 3rd December please! Tinned ham, tinned salmon, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes, ready made tinned or packet custard for Christmas food parcels

Christmas items NOT needed as we are well stocked mince pies, Christmas puddings, Chocolate and selection boxes

Urgently needed

Sugar 500g (not larger), potato smash, jam/honey, porridge, UHT whole milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, liquid or bar soap, gender neutral roll-on/stick deodorant gender neutral shampoo, disposable razors, strong carrier bags, toilet rolls, washing up liquid (not bigger than 500ml), single or duo wrapped toothbrushes

### **Shoebboxes**

A big thank you to anyone who helped to achieve our amazing total of 487 boxes. 136 came from 4 ladies in Bourneville and 77 came from St. Andrew's School. This total takes lots of effort by lots of people. Could you offer to help through the year or around Super Shoebox Saturday.

The core team are getting older and struggle getting tables out, putting tables away, lifting boxes up into the cupboard. Next year's Super shoe box Saturday will be on Saturday November 19th. No excuse. Need help the previous 2 days and on the day itself.

If you were impressed to see all those boxes we need your help to do it again next year.

### **Altar Cover Cloth St Michael's**

We used to have a beige altar cloth at St Michael's which was placed over the coloured cloth on the altar to prevent the altar cloth from getting contaminated with dust, bits etc. It was always taken off before any service. With the reopening of St Michael's it cannot

be found. If anybody knows its whereabouts or if they took it home for cleaning could they kindly contact Peter Talbot On 0121 445 1131

### **Judith Jagger**

Judith has lived in the parish for many years and has been a long serving member of the church. On November 17<sup>th</sup> she was visiting a friend, when she tripped entering their house. She was taken by ambulance to Heartlands hospital Birmingham where it was found she had broken her hip. She was operated on the next day. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hopefully release from hospital.

### **Money for Charity**

I received £25 for sending off old coins, watches and clocks. It will be split between The Children's Society and Medic Malawi. If you have coins or notes, watches or clocks, medals or old toys please leave them in the box in the Church porch. They can raise money for our charities.

Rosemary

### **Christmas Cards and Stamp Collecting**

Please save your stamps from your Christmas Cards! Birmingham City Mission can benefit if you pop yours in the box at the back of church or leave them with Nicola in the office or pop them in the letterbox for her. Ideally leave a 1cm margin around the stamp or we can trim them for you.

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### **For your prayers**

Pam Harold has broken her shoulder, which is a very painful injury and makes life difficult. Please pray for a good recovery and for all the help and support that she requires while her shoulder heals.

### **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](http://www.memorygiving.com/margaretcornelius)