



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 4th November 2021 – There will be no Newsletter next week!!!

Services

Sunday 7th November 3rd Sunday before Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship. Also shown on Zoom. Preacher Pip Simkiss, Unfortunately, this service has changed from Holy Communion. Rev Dele Sotonwa is no longer available, due to an unforeseen event.

3pm Messy Church for families & children of ALL ages in the Parish Centre.

5.30 All Souls Memorial Service to remember those who have died, lead by Lesley Brown

Thursday 11th November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 14th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

St Andrews 10.00am Remembrance Sunday All Age service. Members of cubs, brownies, etc are welcome to come in uniform and sit with their families. Anyone is invited to assemble shortly before 11am at our war memorial for the Act of Remembrance, even if they prefer not join in the service inside church.

10.00am Diddy Disciples in the Parish Centre

Foundry 3pm till 4pm Cofton Village Hall.

Thursday 18th November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

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.

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 for those not able to attend church. Only part of the Remembrance Sunday Service will be 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.

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 is Sunday 14th November, and the next interviews will be on the 9th and 10th of December. Please continue to pray for the right person to respond to the adverts, 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 Cofon 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held at 5.30pm Sunday 7th November in St Andrew's. A service to gather our memories of all those who have died. Anyone is welcome who has been bereaved whether recently or in the past - time to remember, share our sorrow and seek God's comfort and hope. We read out the names of loved ones who we want to remember; if there is someone you would like to honour in this way then please let Lesley Brown know on 0121 445 3193.

Tech Team Volunteers needed urgently

The tech team helps to run services by operating Zoom and running the PowerPoints. We need a couple more volunteers, particularly as we move back to church based services. Many of you use computers every day and have the skills required to help. Please contact David Hall - 0121 445 2781 dhall48@gmail.com

Three Wise Camels - Roger Jones' new musical

Sat 6th Nov: SING in the choir, PLAY in the orchestra, WATCH the performance, Coton Centre, Tamworth, Staffs (Rehearsals: 11am-4.30pm – Performance 5pm) Book online: <https://www.cmm.org.uk/index.php/three-wise-camels-day/> or ring 01527 576440 to book your place.

Tracey Lucas

We are delighted that Tracey has been accepted for training to become a Reader. The 12-month course starts in January 2022, but before then Tracey has two other training courses to complete. This will be an exciting and challenging time so please pray for Tracey as she continues her journey in faith.

Climate Crisis Action

Many local shops will take your plastic bags for recycling including clear film used to wrap meat and fish, crisp packets, fruit and veg bags and sweet wrappers. Local Coop stores run this service as well as other larger supermarket sites. Keep your eyes open to see new recycling opportunities as they pop up!

- Clean it – First, rinse your packaging out.
- Scrunch it – Now, scrunch it up tight - if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic.
- Recycle it - Pop it into the soft plastics recycling unit at a local shop near you.

Global Day of Action for Climate Justice - Birmingham - 6th November

- See flyer attached to the notices
- Saturday 6th November 2021 - 12:00 Noon
- Millennium point, Cardigan Street, Birmingham, B4 7AP
- If you would like to go as a group contact: Mike Powell 0121 445 2803

Super Shoebox Saturday

Count down to packing shoeboxes on November 20th. Can you help? Need volunteers in the kitchen to make tea and coffee, serve cakes and wash up any time between 10 and 2 o'clock, need 300 packets of haribo sweets, buy a multipack when you go shopping please, financial support to cover the transport costs. What can you do to help? Rosemary

IcFEM

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

Repair Café

Together, New starts and Ros Cooke are setting up a Repair Cafe for Bromsgrove, for 3-4 hours one Saturday every month, starting in 2022.

This is of course for 3 reasons:

to save people money, to keep re-usable items out of land-fill (thus reducing Bromsgrove's carbon footprint) and thirdly to provide a further meeting place in a mutually-supportive community environment. As you may know from visiting one of the Repair Cafes, members of the public are invited to bring along items for a repair or assessment. There are already Repair Cafes in Birmingham, Worcester, Redditch, Kidderminster, Evesham, Bewdley and last but not least Malvern, where the idea was started locally and funded (via the Lottery) in Herefordshire & Worcestershire.

Members of the public bring along a broken item, could be a wooden item, hairdryer, shirt, which has lost a couple of buttons or even a computer for repair. While the item is being looked at this 'customer' either sits with the repairer (which is encouraged, to pass on skills), or sits with other members of the public with a cup of tea or coffee (and possibly some cake). I would like to reassure you that repairs take typically half an hour and care is taken not to put commercial repairers out of business, indeed we will engage in conversations with local repairers and, in nearby towns such repairers have been known to join the volunteer repairers. At the very least relations with these small businesses are cordial. We have found premises in the Bromsgrove Baptist Church on New Road; this is very close to the High Street, so is easy to find, and it has a little free parking. Of course this Repair Cafe will serve anyone who comes along; the whole of the Bromsgrove District. The Malvern, Worcester, Kiddie and Bewdley Repair Cafes are very busy. At first our Bromsgrove one will be very small, then it will grow due to word of mouth and a good many posters in shops. We will of course approach Councils for small amounts of money for things like printing and possibly for the purchase of tools, but we will also appeal to supermarkets and places like Homebase to help us.

After we get established you may like to encourage the BRWR refugees to get involved? Hoping you like the idea and perhaps some BRWR volunteers could be informed and volunteer to become a general volunteer or a repairer volunteer? Is this of interest to anyone.

Please contact Peter Rendell on peter_rendell@hotmail.com if you are interested, Thanks Rosemary

Welcome back Stuart and Laxmi.

They are here for about 4 months so do find time to chat to them about their time in Nepal and their plans for the future. They will be telling us their plans in due course.

God's Heart of Longbridge

God's Heart of Longbridge - of which CofE and Barnt Green Parish is a part - are now able to run outdoor events again in Longbridge Town Centre. Come and drop in whilst you shop on Saturday 13th November 10am - 11:30am with an Act of Remembrance at 10:45am. Sheri Gidney will be there, do chat to her if you would like to volunteer at the event, but please do drop in to support. shrigidney@gmail.com 0121 445 1185

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

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 shrigidney@gmail.com 0121 445 1185 for more information.