



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 13th January 2022

Services

We are looking forward to welcoming people to our Services at St Andrews. During these services we will do our best to minimise the risk of COVID 19 spread. Therefore:

- We strongly encourage people to do a lateral flow test on the day of the service, unless you have recently recovered from COVID 19. Please only attend if the result is negative.
- Please wear a face mask, fully covering your mouth and nose, unless you are exempt or under 12.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entry.
- Please dress in warm clothes as we will keep the doors open.
- Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms.
- Please leave the building promptly after services to avoid clustering; stay to greet each other outside.

Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Holy communion Celebrant Calvert Prentis, Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Diddy Disciples

Junior church

3 - 4.30pm Messy Church Crowns Kings and Camels!

St Michaels 4pm Evening Prayer lead by Maggie Forknell, Reader at Lickey Church

Thursday 20th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 23rd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship with John and Rachel Waters, mission partners working on bible translation.

Foundry 3pm till 4pm Cofton Village Hall.

Thursday 27th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 30th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship with Rev Bob James of T4U, the organisation that sends Christmas Shoe Boxes.

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

1st Sunday Communion

2nd Sunday All Age-All In

3rd Sunday Communion

4th Sunday Morning Worship

5th Sunday Morning Worship

Note: Services also shown on Zoom

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

Sunday 3pm - Cofton Village Hall

2nd Sunday Foundry

4th Sunday Foundry

Update on getting a Vicar

No news yet, so please be patient. There are lots of things that need to be fall into place before such an important appointment can be confirmed. Please continue to pray for the candidate 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 Barnet 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

Message from Pip

Thank you everyone for your amazing support over the last year. I will be licensed as a Reader on Saturday 22 January at the Cathedral at 11am. Six guests from the parish are invited to attend the service in person. If you would like to come please let me know.

The service will also be available to watch online as a live stream on Birmingham Cathedral website at <http://www.birminghamcathedral.com/>

The cathedral team asks if there is a volunteer to act as an extra steward at the licensing? You would need to arrive by 10am for a briefing session. Again, please let me know asap if you would be able to volunteer to do this.

Pip (Mob 07748 657450)

Book Club

This group will be meeting on Thursday January 27th at 8pm in the Bittel Room. We will be talking about Still Alice by Lisa Genova, a very inciteful book. You still have time to read it and Rosemary has copies if you would like to join us. Just come and listen if you would like to join us for the next book. We only meet once every 2 months so plenty of time to read the next book. Do join us. Rosemary

A notice from Caroline Mara

I would like to give a wholehearted thank you for all those who help to make our Children and Families provision possible and for those able to commit their time, love and energy in the months ahead.

We are very short of leaders and helpers for Junior Church so that we can only offer groups twice a month (1st and 3rd Sundays), with no reserves if they are unable to make it. This would leave our children missing out on these important times for connection, discipleship and inner strength in these uncertain days where many have struggled. Can I ask you to consider volunteering with us - maybe on a trial basis of two or three sessions to see how you get on? Please do come for a chat to me, or Catherine Smith or Pauline Jackson, and ask all you need before making any commitments! Thank you.

Climate Crisis Action

Save water by installing a water butt on your roof's down pipe and then avoid using a hose in the garden. Avoid pressure hoses for cleaning the car or the patio. Have a dual flush, or a water brick, to reduce your cistern's use of water. Turn the tap off when cleaning your teeth and either have a shallow bath or a shower. Treat water as the precious resource that it is.

Coffee Morning

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

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. The group meet on the third Thursday of each month at 2pm – 3pm. 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.

Help wanted - Worship Teams

Worship teams play a vital part in our church services. Many hands make light work, and it is a great way to contribute towards church life. There are roles to suit everyone: welcome on the door, taking up the offertory and elements (Covid permitting), bible readings and leading prayers. Please would you come forwards to join us. Speak to one of the wardens or Mike Powell – powell@kendalendfarm.plus.com 0121 445 2803