



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Happy New Year!

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**St Andrews** 9.30am All Age all In Service lead by Caroline Mara and team, Fun worship for everyone. also shown on Zoom  
**Foundry** 3.00pm Nature Walk - Starting at Cofton New Village Hall a walk to St Michaels.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> January

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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 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

#### Sunday 3pm - Cofton Village Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Foundry

4<sup>th</sup> 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 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

### **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.

### **Monday Fellowship**

The next Monday Fellowship meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm. We have a new speaker to our group Philip Bowen who will give us a visual show on the 1950's dubbed the Optimistic Decade. Most of the Monday Fellowship will remember Harold McMillan saying you have never had it so good. Come and hear all about it.

### **Climate Crisis Action**

There are lots of ways that we can help the environment in our gardens. For example: Grow your own fruit and veg, buy peat-free compost or make your own, buy Fairtrade flowers or plant native species.

### **4pm Sunday Evening Service 16<sup>th</sup> January**

This is to let you know that the service at St Michael's at 4pm will be evening prayers and will be led by Maggie Forknell. All those wanting a lift to and from the service are reminded to do so as soon as possible and please don't leave it until the last minute.

Those wishing to book a lift must contact any of the following:

Geoff Hall 445 4023

Peter Talbot 445 1131

Nicola Denning 447 7097 (Leave a message if not in the office or email [office@chandbgparish.org.uk](mailto:office@chandbgparish.org.uk))

### **Foodbank**

Urgently needed Tinned potatoes potato smash, sugar 500g (not larger),rice/jam honey, porridge, UHT semi skinned milk UHT whole milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, instant coffee not decaffeinated 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, tinned/packet vegetarian meals.

### **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 [sherigidney@gmail.com](mailto:sherigidney@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](mailto:powell@kendalendfarm.plus.com) 0121 445 2803

### **Opportunities for 2022**

The church offers a wide variety of meetings and volunteering that you could get involved in in person or online.

The Wednesday Home Group that meets at Mike and Julia Powell's home at Kendal End invite you to join them for a 6 week course titled FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS exploring ecological justice. Meetings start at 8pm and tries to finish by 9:30. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday January 12th

Thursday Meditation either in person in the Parish Centre at 9:30 or on zoom at 10 o'clock is a time to be still and listen to God.

Support our missionary links. Great to listen to Alex Walker last Sunday. He is part of Reach Beyond. Every month there is a zoom link up at 7pm on a Thursday for 40 minutes. It's an opportunity to hear from one of the links about their work. If you are interested, please ask Rosemary for the link.

Volunteers are wanted on a Wednesday afternoon to support asylum seekers to learn English at the Aztec community room (opposite Webbs) Could you offer 1 hour to sit with these keen learners. Starting on January 12th. Please ask Rosemary for more details.

The Church is still collecting used stamps, ring pulls, old coins, watches, clocks and any old jewellery. These all help a variety of charities so have a tidy up and help us help others. Collection boxes in the porch.

T4U filled 63,151 boxes in 2021. Now we start again for 2022. Remember to buy something with your grocery and put it in the box in the porch. Unwanted hygiene items you received at Christmas will be welcome too.