



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Services

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion, with Diddy Disciples in the Parish Centre

**Parish Centre** 3 - 4.30pm Messy Church

**St Michaels** 6pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship

**Foundry** 3-4pm Theme – Second Chances, Jonah and the big fish.

**St Michaels** 6pm Holy Communion

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion, with Diddy Disciples in the Parish Centre

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am All Age All In with Caroline and team. Picnic in the Park with Cake and Fruit provided.

**Foundry** 3-4pm

**St Michaels** 6pm Holy Communion

**Ark Group for Carers and Babies** – Mondays 9.30 to 11am (Term time) contact [caroline\\_mara@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk)

**5-8's Lego Club** – Weekly on Mondays 3.30 to 4.45 (Term time) [caroline\\_mara@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk)

**8-13's Quest Club** - Fortnightly on Tuesdays 5.15 to 6.45 (Term time) [caroline\\_mara@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk)

**14-18's Youth with Lickey Church**, contact [sherigidney@gmail.com](mailto:sherigidney@gmail.com)

During our services we will do our best to minimise the risk of COVID 19 spread. Therefore:

- Please use hand sanitiser on entry and please dress in warm clothes as we will keep the doors open.
- The PCC have agreed that we no longer require you to wear a mask in Church, although please continue to do so if that is your preference.

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**. There will be a 'waiting room' so please clearly identify yourself. 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 service 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, we meet on Zoom. 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**.

### News and information

#### IcFEM Fundraising

Our next event will be a BBQ lunch at 12.00 noon onwards at my house (47 Twatling Road, B45 8HS) on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. All are invited. Plenty of food and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own alcohol if you wish – glasses will be available. Offers of desserts would be appreciated and we will also have cake and plant tables so donations to those would also be welcome. Payment will be by cash donation on the day please and bookings in advance are not required. We will have plenty for everyone. Any enquiries please contact me on 07708799853. Hope to see you then. Judith Stephenson.

## **For your Prayers**

A message from Roger Pepper –

'Wendy and I are now safely back in the U.K. I'm at home and Wendy is at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where her recovery continues, and a rehabilitation programme is being put into place. Her speech is back to normal, and she took her first tentative steps today. Thank you for all the good luck messages we have received.'

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be included in our prayers please drop a note to Nicola in the Parish Office.

## **Zoom Services and Fellowship meetings - New joining method**

When you join Zoom you will firstly be placed in a waiting room, and then admitted to the service as soon as we possibly can. Please be patient as there may be a slight delay, but we will admit you as soon as we are able. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CLEARLY IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO MAKE THIS PROCESS EASY. Names such as "Ipad" or "Jo123" are difficult to identify and you may be asked to confirm who you are.

## **Malawi container.**

The container was filled on Saturday and is now travelling to Malawi. A big thank you to all who contributed goods or finance. We covered our travel costs. It will take about 3 months to get to Malawi. Remember the drivers in your prayers please.

## **Message to all who run Zoom events using the Church Zoom Account**

If you host church Zoom events, you need to be aware that the password has now been changed. You should have received a separate email from me with details but if not please contact me. Mike Powell - [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)

## **Cycle Church – next ride 9:00– Next Saturday - 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Cycle church is a great way to get to know others while enjoying cycling through the countryside. We start at Holy Trinity, Lickey and this time are doing a circular ride stopping at St. Mary Magdalene, Tanworth. It is open to cyclists of all abilities with rides going at different speeds to suit people's abilities. We meet monthly, alternating between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoons. We would love you to come and join in.

Details on the attached poster.

Mike Powell - [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)

## **Wanted – Second-hand Furniture, electrical appliances, bedding and clothes**

Birmingham City Mission is based near the centre of Birmingham. Their Resource Centre is open to the public, equips the homeless moving into their own accommodation, provides clothing and food to those in need. If you have surplus stuff in your home please contact them and they will arrange collection. Smaller items and clothing can be dropped off at Kendal End Farm. Details on the attached poster. Mike Powell

## **Visit to Mission Partner IcFEM Kenya**

I will be visiting our Mission Partner IcFEM in rural Kenya from 22nd June - 7th September. During that time I will be visiting their nursery and primary school and children's church. I will also be writing my dissertation based on a case study there. Dad is joining me for the first two weeks and Mum for my final week. The most dangerous part of the trip are the flights due to my airborne nut allergy. Please keep me in your prayers. If you would like to keep updated whilst I am away please 'like' and 'follow' the facebook page 'As We Are' With thanks Rachel Gidney

## **Urgent! Can you help?**

We need children's leaders and helpers for all Junior Church groups!

We have a growing number of interesting, vibrant, funny, perceptive children of all ages joining us who need to know first hand that they belong, are known and are valued.

We promise you won't be signed up for the next 20 years - so why not give a no-strings-attached three sessions over two months a try?

It is not true that missing the sermon means missing out - let Jesus teach you directly as you see him vibrant and alive and at work in our children! Leave church uplifted and connected. See Caroline Mara, Andy Hobbs, Catherine Smith or Pauline Jackson for a brief chat and plenty of encouragement.

## **Climate Crisis Action**

We need to make wasting our resources unacceptable in all aspects of our life. Every product we buy has an environmental footprint and could end up in landfill. The impact of plastic pollution on our oceans is becoming increasingly clear, having drastic impacts on marine life.

Recycling what we can reduces the amount of new materials we are making, and upcycling is a creative way to make old items into something more valuable. This could be reusing a jam jar as a candle holder or using old tins as plant pots – the possibilities are endless!

It's not just the products we buy. It's estimated that a third of all food produced in the world is lost or wasted. Do your bit by eating up leftovers and use any ingredients you have spare to make interesting meals. Try to waste as little food as possible and compost the organic waste you can't eat.

## **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 [shergidney@gmail.com](mailto:shergidney@gmail.com) 0121 445 1185 for more information.

**Coffee Morning**

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

**Food Bank**

We are very low on tinned tomatoes, cereal (500g or smaller), crisps and chocolate bars.

We are also very short of strong carrier bags. Urgently needed. Tinned potatoes, sugar 500g (not larger), tinned fruit in juice (not prunes or grapefruit), tinned spaghetti, ready-made custard (tinned or carton - not powder), cereal (not greater than 500g), porridge (not greater than 500g), gender neutral shampoo, toothpaste, toilet rolls. enquiries [info@b30.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@b30.foodbank.org.uk)

**Stamp Collecting**

Please save your stamps from your postal deliveries! You can drop them in to Nicola in the office (or through her letterbox) or in the box at the back of St Andrews Church. Many thanks!

**Organ Recitals**

The Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust (WDHCT) offer repair grants to Worcestershire churches and are having 2 organ recitals (classical and lighter music) to raise funds. These are at St Cassian's, Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday 18th June at 6.30pm and St Peter's, Inkberrow on Saturday 2nd July, also at 6.30pm. They will be given by Piers Maxim (Director of Music at Malvern Priory). Tickets (from Elaine Drage, 01886 833178, [elainemdrage@gmail.com](mailto:elainemdrage@gmail.com)) are £15 to include a glass of wine/non-alcoholic alternative and nibbles.