



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 9th June 2022

Services

Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday

St Andrews 9.30am All Age All In with Caroline and team. This week's theme is Grace and Hospitality

Foundry 3-4pm Our theme is Courage in Adversity, Daniel in the Lion's Den

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th June

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 19th June 1st 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 23rd June

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 26th June 2nd 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 30th June

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 3rd July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

Ark Group for Carers and Babies – Mondays 9.30 to 11am (Term time) contact 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 (Not being held on 13th June)

8-13's Quest Club - Fortnightly on Tuesdays 5.15 to 6.45 (Term time) caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk

14-18's Youth with Lickey Church, contact 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 2nd 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 – ‘The doctors and nurses at the Pamplona hospital are pleased with the progress of Wendy’s recovery over the past week. Subject to confirmation of air and landing schedules, our travel insurance company plan to fly her home by private ambulance plane on Friday, 10 June. On arrival, she will be admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. I shall be returning by ferry with our motorhome over the weekend.’

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

The next Messy Church is on 19th June 3:00-4:30: Can you help?

Messy Church lands on Father’s Day this month and Caroline has already been planning some fun activities and been thinking through ways to grow faith amongst our children and families in engaging ways. Some of the regular team are away this month which may affect its viability.

If you can offer:

- * Preparing an activity
- * Welcoming / Refreshments area
- * Leading an activity
- * Story Telling

then please chat to or email Caroline or Rev Andy by Tuesday 14th. Thank you!!

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.

This change has been introduced to ensure that we maintain the security and privacy of everyone attending our events, and we still welcome anyone. However, in a world where unscrupulous people can use the internet to gather information for illegal purposes, we have to be careful who is joining us on Zoom.

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

If you host church Zoom events you need to be aware that we are going to change the password next week. You should have received a separate email from me with details but if not please contact me to be added to our list.

Mike Powell - powelmi50@gmail.com

Cycle Church – next ride 9:00– Next Saturday - 18th 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.

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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.

Monday Fellowship

The next Monday Fellowship will be held at 2.30pm on Monday 13th June. This will be the last for this session until the new academic year in September 2022. This promises to be a very good show. First of all, our new vicar Rev Andy Hobbs will be the leader. Secondly, we always have strawberries and cream after the June event and finally our speaker is Sheila Parkes who will give us, we are very sure a most interesting talk on the "Titanic then and now". Everybody is welcome, you don't have to be a pensioner just bring your £2 and have a very enjoyable afternoon

Open the Book – St Andrews School

Are you free mid-afternoon for an hour on **Tuesday 14th June**? One of our 'Open the Book' team for Assembly at St Andrew's First School is away on holiday and we need someone to play a character with just two lines to say (we don't learn it by heart). You don't need great acting skills at all, it's just being there so we can tell the story and the school get to hear the gospel. They love Open the Book and have started to ask to play parts in it.

We meet in the Parish Centre at 2:15 for a couple of run throughs, then go together to the school. We are finished and out at 3:10. Please see this not as a commitment or implication you will join the team, it's just to help us out. (However it's such fun, you might be tempted to do that a few times more!)

Malawi container

The container from Birmingham diocese is leaving Birmingham on June 12th. If you want to contribute items or help with transport costs please see Rosemary. They have requested sewing machines.

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

A lot of mainstream cleaning products containing detergents, preservatives, or foaming agents are made from various toxic chemicals that wash up into streams and rivers, causing water pollution that enters ecosystems and damages biodiversity. Switching to products that contain sustainably grown or raised ingredients and non-synthetics reduces the risk of exposure to toxic chemicals that are harmful to humans as well as the environment. You can also easily make your own natural cleaners by mixing vinegar, lemon juice and bicarbonate of soda. This is a sustainable and cheaper alternative that reduces toxic chemicals and packaging waste in your home.

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.

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

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) are £15 to include a glass of wine/non-alcoholic alternative and nibbles.