



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 21st July 2022

Services

Sunday 24th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All age Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Sunday 31st July 7th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Morning Worship

Sunday 7th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Morning Worship

Sunday 14th August 9th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Sunday 21st August 10th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Holy Communion

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

Ark Group for Carers and Babies – Mondays 9.30 to 11am (Term time) contact caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk

5-8's Lego Club –Restarts in September. Weekly on Mondays 3.30 to 4.45 (Term time) caroline_mara@yahoo.co.uk

8-13's Quest Club -Restarts in September. 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

Food Bank

Urgently needed - Tinned soup, packets of sweet biscuits (not family multi packs), long-life fruit juice, ready-made custard (carton or tin) Also tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit in juice (not prunes or grapefruit), long-life fruit juice, instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), rice (500g), strong carrier bags, gender neutral shower gel, toothpaste, liquid/bar soap, dog food. Drop into the back of St Andrews Church or the Parish Office. enquiries info@b30.foodbank.org.uk

For your Prayers

Kieran Mara's dad died on Tuesday evening. Please pray for Kieran, Caroline and family at this sad time.

Mita Johnson is recovering from a hip replacement.

Continue to pray for Rose as she has 5 days of radio therapy next week.

Pray for Ursula who is being treated for a DVT.

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

Book Club

Book Club meets on Thursday July 28th at 8 o'clock in the Parish Centre. Please come and join us. Discover a new book to read over the summer. Next meeting will be September 22nd.

T4U shoeboxes

Please put Monday August 22nd in your diary to come and sort all the items we have to put in shoeboxes in November. Anytime you can offer between 10 and 2. We still need lots of items especially for home boxes, plastic bowls, kitchen tools, pegs and lots of stationary items. Can you help putting out tables or lifting items out of cupboards after church on Sunday 21st.. Any offers of help to Rosemary

Meditation Service

The Thursday Meditation Service held at the Parish Centre will be taking a break over the Summer, the last service was today, 21st July and it will resume on Thursday 1st September.

The Greenhouse at Barnes Close – Open Day

We're excited to invite you to our Open Day on Saturday 6th August 11am - 2pm! Come and meet up with old friends, make new ones and see how things are growing and developing at The Greenhouse at Barnes Close.

We'll be enjoying a children's trail, bouncy castle, alpaca walking, garden games, tours of the house and grounds, a plant and produce sale (please bring your own to add if you like!), prayer/reflective walks in the meditation area, drinks and a meat/veggie burger.

Looking forward to seeing you there, The Greenhouse at Barnes Close Team x www.greenhouseatbarnesclose.org.uk

Penny-to-Paris – cycle ride to raise funds for St Marys Hospice in Selly Oak

Many of you will remember Penny McNougher, who sadly died from cancer in February 2019. Penny and Pete felt tremendous support from our church, and from many friends in Barnt Green, during a very difficult period. Rob was able to marry them while Penny was ill in hospital. The family received wonderful support from St. Marys Hospice and Pete wanted to raise money as a thank you. He organised a cycle ride from London to Paris for 2020 but due to Covid this had to be postponed, firstly to 2021 and then to 2022. Now it is going to happen!! Pete McNougher and Mike Powell are taking 4 days to cycle from London to Paris. They left on Wednesday, the day after Pete's 66th birthday! They both trained hard and would be very grateful if you felt able to support us – <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/PennyToParis>

Giving thank- you and Gift Aid letters

A huge thank you to everyone who helps to support our church through donations. If you have made donations either directly to the Church or via the Parish Giving Scheme, you should receive a letter within the next few days. This will be sent to your email address from the Parish Directory or if you do not have an email address, to your home address. If you do not receive a letter and think that you should have, or you would like to receive a hard copy letter, please contact Nicola at the Parish Office, or have a word with Julia Powell (Treasurer) – 0121 445 2803.

Diddy Disciples and Messy Church

Please note that Diddy Disciples and Messy Church will break up for the Summer holidays for July and August.

All families are invited to a special family picnic on 4th September, details to follow. Children's groups and Messy Church will return in September.

Every morning service at St Andrew's Church over the Summer will be All Age and it will be a fabulous opportunity for the whole church family to worship together.

Parish Directory and Churchsuite

Please either let Nicola know if your details have changed, or you could download the Churchsuite app which is really user friendly! On it you can update your details and easily find details of other Church members, easier than a parish directory! Contact Nicola if you need any help with this.

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.

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.

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

Picnics and Barbeques are regular occurrences in summer. However, eating outdoors or ordering meals can generate a lot of avoidable waste if you allow it. Don't use disposable paper or plastic plates, cutlery, napkins, or cups. Instead, take reusable alternatives when you go out to eat. Disposables consume resources like trees and fossil fuels, but you can only use them once. Single usage does not quite do justice to the environmental costs. Using reusable eating utensils can make a massive dent in your carbon footprint. In addition, it helps cut down on waste and natural resource consumption.

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 0121 445 1185 for more information.

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!

Contact Details: Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am to 1.30pm. Contact Nicola Denning on 0121 447 7097 or email office@chandbgparish.org.uk or contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269 or email hobbsrev@gmail.com .