



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 4th August 2022

Services

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

Sunday 28th August 11th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Sunday 4th September 12th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am All Age Holy Communion

Ark Group for Carers and Babies – Mondays 9.30 to 11am 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

Christian Aid

CHRISTIAN AID is our focus mission charity for the month of August. There is a display on the board in the Kendal Hall and copies of their prayer diary for August to take to use. In 2021 the Parish gave £500 to Christian Aid. In the years when we used to organise the door to door collection in May, we collected at least £5000! This is a good illustration of how much their income has dropped. Their campaigning is focussed on the issue of climate justice, which is linked to many natural disasters, poverty and the general injustices found in world trading and finances. Visit www.christianaid.org.uk

Fast Forward

FAST FORWARD is the group for teenagers (in school years 9-13) which survived on zoom through lockdown and has had 4 girls from our Parish attending this last year. It is run jointly with Lickey Parish. From September we will be meeting weekly in the Crypt at Lickey Church 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings. There are new younger members joining from Lickey and some new leaders from Lickey too. Lesley Brown will be one of the team from our end, but she cannot be there every week. It would be great if 2 or 3 others would offer to share the leadership time commitment and walk alongside this group of youngsters, who as church going teenagers are a rarity! Training and support will be given. If you want to know more, please contact Lesley (07887716419 or lesleybrown56@hotmail.com) or Andy.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note that Diane Milford (our Parish Safeguarding Officer) now has a dedicated telephone number (**07547 267746**) and a dedicated email address (safeguarding@chandbyparish.com) for any safeguarding issues or concerns that people might want to raise with her. The email address will also be used for all future correspondence relating to safeguarding training and DBS checks for our volunteers with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Penny-to-Paris cycle ride – Big Thank You!!!

A big thank you to everyone who generously gave to our appeal, raising money for St. Marys Hospice in Selly Oak. So far, the amount raised is £5908 which could help St. Marys provide round the clock expert palliative and end of life care on one of their impatient units for **six people**. The 300 mile ride was in memory of 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. Thank you to all our supporters. Pete McNougher and Mike Powell <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/PennyToParis>

Sunday Afternoon - opening of St Michaels

We are looking for volunteers, for the following Sunday afternoons, to open St Michael's:

14th August

21st August

28th August

If you are available and free, please contact Peter Talbot on 445 1131 or ptalbot38@gmail.com

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

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

Post for Nicola

If you have any mail for Nicola, please put it in the post box (situated outside, under the office window) If you post items through the hatch things can go in many directions and may not be found immediately.

Book Club

Book Club's next meeting will be September 22nd in the Parish Centre. Please come and join us. Discover a new book to read over the summer. Contact Rosemary Aveyard for more information.

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

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

Diddy Disciples and Messy Church

Please note that Diddy Disciples and Messy Church have broken 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

The small things matter. Simple things make all the difference when added together. Where possible try to use electronic tickets on your phone rather than printing them on paper. This may not seem like much but with a holiday jam-packed with activities, travel and hotel bookings that each require a ticket, a little goes a long way.

Other simple but easily forgotten things are to recycle your rubbish, take your own water bottles rather than buying disposable ones and bring reusable shopping bags on holiday shopping sprees. You probably do these things at home already but why stop while you're away?

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 .