



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Services

##### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship

**St Andrews** 4.30pm Holy Communion

##### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

##### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Parish Centre** 3pm Messy Church

**St Andrews** 4.30pm Evening Prayer

##### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

##### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship

**St Andrews** 4.30pm Holy Communion

##### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

##### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

**Parish Centre** 9am First Church

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion

**St Andrews** 7pm Watering Whole

**Youth Club** – 6.30 to 8pm Monthly on Fridays in St Andrews Church (term time) –Contact [hobbsrev@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsrev@gmail.com)

**5-8's Lego Club** – Weekly on Mondays 3.30 to 4.45 (Term time) contact [hobbsrev@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsrev@gmail.com)

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

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. The details are the same as before: 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

##### **New woodland for Cofton Hackett**

There is a new woodland being planted this spring, which is an exciting project from the 2022 Commonwealth Games carbon neutral legacy fund. It will be on the fields at the end of Cofton Church Lane, between the railway line and the Sailing Club driveway. Local residents are being invited to volunteer, helping with planting, and it would be great if a group from church could be involved. More details are on the letter sent to Cofton residents recently and also attached to this newsletter.

[www.treeplanting.severntrent.events/Register.php](http://www.treeplanting.severntrent.events/Register.php)

EcoChurch group

##### **Coffee Morning**

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

### **Working Party – St Michaels**

A working party is planned on Thursday 18th January 2024. Could you volunteer to clear remaining brambles in the orchard area and put down bark chippings in this area and also to the pathway from the porch across to the gate to the steps by the orchard? If possible we can also tidy up leaves etc around new ashes burial area; clean gutters, gullies and anything else people feel inclined to do, dependent on numbers. Please bring spades, forks, rakes, gloves, secateurs, wheel barrows and anything else you feel will be useful. Start time will be 10am and will run for no longer than 2 hours. Please contact Jonathan Lucas on [jandtlucas@btinternet.com](mailto:jandtlucas@btinternet.com) or 07798860047 if you are able to help. Look forward to seeing you there and working off some of our Christmas excesses!

### **New Year Concert**

Redditch Orchestra New Year's Concert 20th Saturday January 20th at 4pm. A concert (c. 60 minutes) of New Year orchestral favourites and a complementary cuppa and slice of home-made cake. All the family are welcome. Under 18s free admission; Adults £5 Reservations please to [reditchorch@gmail.com](mailto:reditchorch@gmail.com) or M: 07941 692879

### **Book club**

Thursday January 25th 8pm at the Parish Centre. Start reading this year. Everyone welcome, friendly group, refreshments. Meet last Thursday in the month. Good variety of books.

### **Quiet day**

Monday January 22nd. Take time out for yourself. Bring your craft to Barnes Close 10 till 4 but come when you can. Choose to chat or be quiet. Bring your lunch. Drinks provided. More information from Rosemary 07981962574

### **February Monday Fellowship**

The next Monday Fellowship will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. This will be a illustrated talk by Roger and Wendy Pepper, both members of the church, and will tell the story of their travels in their camper van island holidays. They have done it for 17 years so many countries should be shown in their island journeys.

### **St Michaels closure**

St Michaels will be closed in January and February due to weather conditions and organ repairs. Services will be held at St Andrews instead, please see above for details.

### **15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Instead of having a joint Epiphany Service we agreed to have a worship service with fish and chips at Our Lady on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is £6.00 and there are 70 places which works out at 10 places for each church. Hope you can come. Please let Rosemary know if you would like to book a place.

### **New Wine**

New Wine Camp 25th - 30th July 2024. If you like a festival feel, corporate worship, good Bible teaching and camping - think of joining a few of us at New Wine next Summer. Web site : <https://www.new-wine.org/events/newwine24/>  
Lots to do for all ages. If you want to know more, ask Douglas or Philippa Allenby.

### **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.

### **First Church**

Please come and join us on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February for our service for young families. It takes place in the Parish Centre. Refreshments will be served between 9.00 and 9.15. The format will be: Arrive, Sing, Listen, Pray, Leave, and at 9.45 families can come into church for Communion with Andy. For further information contact Andy at [hobbsrev@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsrev@gmail.com).

### **Cleaner vacancy**

Please contact Geoff Hall or Nicola in the office if you are interested in a cleaning position for The Parish Centre and Churches.

### **'Watering Whole'**

The Watering Whole events are a space to come at the end of the week to spend time drawing closer to God - Worshiping through song and sharing scripture, praying into themes as we feel led. Allowing God to speak into our hearts. The vision is that, as we join together in these informal and creative activities we will experience the refreshing presence of God for the healing of our hearts, for increased wholeness and equipping for the weeks ahead. The next one is planned for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. .

### **Food Bank**

Thank you to all who donate to the food bank. Here are the lists of urgently needed items.

**Urgently needed** Tinned tomatoes, pasta shapes, pasta sauce, rice (500g), baked beans, tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines, salmon), tinned soup, jam/honey, chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, tinned/carton ready-made custard, liquid/bar soap, gender neutral shower gel and shampoo, washing up liquid

### **Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024**

Come and join us at Friends Cinema for its free film shows on:

Saturday 20th January 19.00: Two Royal Ballet films: A Tale from Beatrix Potter: Followed by our second film with an introduction from Jonathan Payn, Principal Character Artist with Birmingham Royal Ballet.

### **Climate Crisis Action**

If you have a programmable thermostat, use it. And use it wisely. Take some time to adjust the program to your lifestyle. When are you in the house, when are you out? There's no need to keep the entire house fully heated when everybody's gone to work or school. Program the heat to go down half an hour before bed time. By the time you notice it's getting colder, you'll be on your way to bed anyway.

### **First Class Males and Females**

Big thanks for all of you who left stamps for the Birmingham City Mission over the festive period. The collection box in the foyer of St Andrews is there all year so its never too late (unlike Royal Mail).

### **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@chandbgparish.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chandbgparish.org.uk)) 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.

**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](mailto:office@chandbgparish.org.uk) or contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269 or email [hobbsrev@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsrev@gmail.com) .**