



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 18th January 2024

Services

Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 1st February

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 7pm Watering Whole

Thursday 8th February

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent

St Stephens 10am Joint Service at St Stephens, Edgewood Road, Rednal. No service at St. Andrew's and no zoom provision.

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

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

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

14-18's Youth with Lickey Church, contact 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

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.

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 or M: 07941 692879

Barnet Green Macular Society Support Group

The first 2024 meeting is on Friday, 26 January at the Parish Centre, at 2pm. Optometrist, Sue Griffiths' talk, "Looking after your eyes", will include cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic macular oedema, as well as macular disease. New members and visitors are always welcome. Cost £3. For more information, ring Wendy, on 0121 445 1585.

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 12th 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.

Parish Directory

It is important that we keep the Parish Directory up to date with correct contact details for everyone. Please would you check your details and contact Nicola in the office if they need updating.

The best way to check your details is using  ChurchSuite . This also allows you to find others using your computer or your phone, see all the emails sent from the office and see what rotas you are on. If you have not got a login, please contact Nicola for details on how to join. Nicola can also provide paper copies for those who cannot access the Parish Directory electronically.

Newsletter

If you or anyone you know would like to receive this newsletter, by email every week, please contact Nicola at office@chandbgparish.org.uk .

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.

15th to 25th 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 19th 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 4th 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.

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 4th 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

To keep warm this Winter - close inside doors. Keep your rooms closed and have different temperatures in different spaces. Your bedroom doesn't need to be as warm as where you are working or where your child is studying. It will save energy and money if you stop making your home an open space. If you happen to be the forgetful type, get some door closers. They are easy to install and shut the doors for you.

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) 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 or contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269 or email hobbsrev@gmail.com .