



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Services

**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

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Parish Centre** 3pm Messy Church

**St Andrews** 4.30pm Evening Prayer

**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

**Sunday 11th February**

On Sunday 11th February, there will be a joint service at St Stephen's, Rednal at 10am for the churches in the Hillside Oversight Area. After the service there will be a chance to join others for lunch. If you would like to stay for lunch, please either let Andy know asap ([hobbsrev@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsrev@gmail.com)) or sign up at the back of church.

**Christmas Services Fundraising**

The Christmas services at St Andrews and St Michaels raised £2513.68 for Birmingham foodbanks.

**New Film**

There is a very well produced new film of the Life of Jesus called 'The Chosen', Episodes 1 and 2. and its showing at the Empire, now named Omniplex Cinema, Great Park, on Thursday 1st February at 6.30pm. If anyone wants a lift please ask Douglas or Philippa Allenby. 0121 445 5992.

### **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.

### **Barnt 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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> February 19.00: An American musical romance film. Written and directed by Damien Chazelle. It stars Ryan Gosling (Ken in Barbie) and Emma Stone as a struggling jazz pianist and an aspiring actress.

**Climate Crisis Action**

Prepare a hot meal and eat warming foods. Get cosy with friends and family and gather over comfort foods like stews, chili, curries, or soup. Let's not forget the hot drinks, like tea, chocolate, and coffee. Warming your body from the inside out feels excellent and helps you turn down your thermostat. Added bonus: while cooking, the stove heats up the room, so your heating system doesn't have to work so hard.

**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) .