



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 11th April 2024

Services

Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w Baptism

St Andrews 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 18th April

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am APCM with short Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th April

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 7.45pm Watering Whole

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 shrigidney@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

For your Prayers

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of Sue Waller. Please hold John, her husband, and their family in your prayers.

Please pray for the Leaver family following the passing of Katie and John's Dad.

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

Bluebell walk 2024 – pm on Monday 6th May

We will be holding the Bluebell walk again this year when "Friends International" bring a group of students to enjoy the Worcestershire countryside. Please put the date in your diary - it is a lovely opportunity to meet with friends and the students.

Further information closer to the day. Mike and Julia Powell

May Monday Fellowship

This will be slightly different! We all use our black rubbish bins which the Council empties every two weeks. Most of us think the rubbish we put in goes into landfill but that is not true these days. Rubbish from our black bin goes to make electricity for a lot of houses in the West Midlands. How is this done? Well come on Monday 13th May at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre to hear Jason Jordan the plant manager at Hartlebury near Kidderminster tell us how they do it. Because of its effect on the environment anybody who is interested in these things is very welcome to join us. It will cost only £2 person and you will get a good, illustrated show and talk and tea and biscuits at the end.

To add to the interest Monday Fellowship is arranging a visit to the plant later in September, the first available date, numbers are limited to 12 and details will be available at this meeting.

Soul Craft Day

Take a day, bring your craft and breathe deep Barnes Close Friday April 17th 9:45 to 3:30. An opportunity to take space and listen to God and meet others. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Beautiful grounds to explore. The Greenhouse at Barnes Close, Chadwich Manor Estate, Bromsgrove B61 0RA. All welcome

Home Group

A new home group starting on Wednesday April 10th 8 pm at the home of Mike and Julia Powell Kendal End Farm

We will have 5 sessions following an Open Doors small group guide titled Among the Ashes learning lament with the persecuted church. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Deanery Synod Report

The last Deanery Synod was held in our Parish Centre. The Diocese Finance team shared details of their budget for 2024, with an eye-watering deficit projected to be £1.5 million! Please take the time to read the attached report – it highlights where the money is spent and how important parish support is for the Diocese.

Support Malawi

A big thank you to everyone who gave to help the flood victims on Easter Sunday, to support the 100 families in Lake diocese who have lost everything and are living in the diocesan church. Rosemary

IcFEM Dreamland Mission update

Solomon and Ruth Nabie, directors of IcFEM in Kenya are visiting the UK in May. They will be with us in Barnt Green and Lickey for a week. To celebrate our fellowship and provide some practical support we are having a fundraising BBQ at Pip and Doug's home on **Saturday 18 May** 12 noon till 4pm. Tickets are £15 in advance and all from Barnt Green, Cofton Hacket, Lickey and Blackwell parishes are welcome. We have also invited supporters from the wider area. This will be a great opportunity to hear news from Kenya and to chat with Solomon and Ruth plus Aiden, IcFEM operations manager. Please add the date to your diary.

Cycle Church

Cycling together and connecting with God sounds like a perfect combination. Our next cycle ride around the local country lanes is on **Sunday 14th April - 2pm** (refreshments from 1:30 pm) meeting at **St Catherine Blackwell** (B60 1BN)

Our route will be around 16-20km long. Should you wish to enjoy a longer ride, please consider cycling to and from our start location.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. All riders need a road-worthy bike and must wear a helmet.

For more information and to book on to the ride, please contact: Rev Louise Beasley, Curate in Lickey and

Blackwell revlouisebeasley@gmail.com Dates for 2024 : Sunday 14th April, Sunday 12th May, Sunday 16th June (Father's Day), Sunday 21st July, August and September dates TBC

Craft Group

Craft group needs your help. We have a project to make washable sanitary pads but need flannelette or natural fabric materials please.

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.

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.

Newsletter

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

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 5th May 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.

'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 5th May at 7.45pm. .

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024

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

Saturday 20th April 19.00: A biblical epic about the life of Moses – Concerning God's Commandments, Produced, directed and narrated by Cecil B. DeMille, shot in VistaVision and Technicolour. Dolby Stereo (2006 remaster).

Food Bank

We urgently need tinned/carton ready-made custard and gender neutral shampoo and shower gel,

Urgently needed - Tinned fruit (in juice - not prunes, grapefruit or rhubarb), tinned meat (ham, corned beef, pork sandwich, pulled pork, chicken, stewing steak, curry, sausages, meatballs), pasta sauce, rice (500g), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), chocolate bars, tinned rice pudding, sweet biscuits (not multi-packs, as they often have no ingredients listed on the packs inside), instant hot chocolate (not cocoa powder), tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn),, liquid/bar soap, laundry liquid/powder (not family-sized), sanitary pads

Low in stock - Baked beans, cereal (not great than 500g), UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned tomatoes, small jars of instant coffee (not decaffeinated), pasta shapes, tinned soup, jam/honey, tinned spaghetti, long-life fruit juice (not needing refrigeration), UHT whole milk, squash, porridge (not greater than 500g), dog food, cat food, tinned/packet vegetarian meals, sugar (500g), toothpaste, toilet rolls, washing-up liquid, gender neutral shampoo and shower gel, noodles, instant potato, baby food and baby care items, baby wipes, nappies (sizes 4-6).

Not needed at all - Tea bags (40's or 80's), crisps, tinned potatoes, decaffeinated drinks or fruit infusions, bottled water, large bottles of lemonade or coke, any food or toiletries containing alcohol, cooking ingredient or sauces, tinned macaroni cheese, fresh products (including vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs and bread), non-dairy items, gluten-free items, coffee beans, loose tea, large boxes of teabags (120's or more), very large bags or boxes of porridge and cereal, cocoa powder, medicines, mouth wash, tampons, make up hair accessories, perfume or aftershave, Easter items

Climate Crisis Action

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local ramblers group.

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 .