



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 18th April 2024

Services

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

Thursday 9th May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w Baptism

St Michaels 6pm 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

For your Prayers

Please pray for Philippa Fieldson and family, after the death of her father Robert at the age of 92. Some of you will have met him at the Vicarage, St Andrew's or on Monday Fellowship holidays. The funeral is on April 22.

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.

Shared Lunch

Please join us for a shared lunch at 12.00 noon following the APCM this Sunday 21st April. Bring a dish - anything you like savoury or sweet - to share with others. Offers of help to set up and/or clear away would be appreciated.

Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group

Our next meeting is on Friday, 26 April, starting at 2pm in the Parish Centre. We are delighted to welcome Geraldine Hoad, the Macular Society's Research Manager, to bring us up to date with all the latest research and developments. New members and visitors are always welcome. Cost £3 per person. For more information, ring Wendy, on 0121 445 1585.

Bluebell walk 2024 –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. See attached leaflet.

- 13:42 – Meet at Barnt Green station and walk up through the Lickeys
- 3:30 ish – tea and cakes at Kendal End Farm

Cakes are very welcome and also a few people to help making tea and serving cakes. Mike and Julia Powell

Working parties at St Michaels

There are always lots of jobs to be done, both big and small! We will continue working to a plan designed to further improve the biodiversity, open up hidden areas, and tidy up some of the grave areas.

- Saturday 27th April - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Douglas and Phillipa Allenby
- Thursday 23rd May - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell

Please come and help, everyone is welcome, whatever your gardening abilities! It would be ideal if you would contact us before the date so we can organise activities easier. Many thanks

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.

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.

lcFEM Dreamland Mission update

Solomon and Ruth Nabie, directors of lcFEM 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, lcFEM operations manager. Please add the date to your diary.

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@chandbgparish.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/package 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

Start a garden. Spring is the best season to start a garden and plant some veggies, herbs, or fruit trees. You can also make your garden even more beautiful by planting some flowers that are native to your region. Both you and the pollinators will love them when they start blooming! Even better, try to only plant organic seeds. They will grow into delicious organic food that is not only better for the planet but also for your health. To water your garden more sustainably, consider installing a rainwater collection system. It will help you save a lot of water (and money). If you don't have a yard or garden, you can still do some gardening. For instance, you can easily grow things in pots on a balcony or windowsill.

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 .