



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 16th May 2024

Services

Sunday 19th May Pentecost

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30th May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 7.45pm Watering Whole

Thursday 6th June

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 9th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

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 the family of Pam Harold who sadly passed away on Monday.

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

Funeral

The funeral of Edward Allen will take place on Thursday 30th May, 10:15 at Redditch Crematorium with a service at St. Andrews at 11:30am. If anyone is able to help serve tea and coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards, please speak to Andy.

Christianity Explored

The Christianity Explored course begins on 4th June, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Similar to Alpha (but shorter!), it is a chance to explore the Christian Faith. If you would like to sign up, please speak to Andy.

Work Party – St Andrews and Parish Centre Area

Calling all helpers to join us in carrying out house-keeping jobs around Barnt Green site.

We can offer the choice of day time or early evening team on Saturday 25th May at 9.30am to 11.30am or Thursday 30th at 7pm to 9pm. Details from Geoff Hall 0121 445 4023 or Geoff.sue@outlook.com

Next working party 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.

- 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

What should we do with our Rubbish?

There was a very interesting talk at Monday Fellowship about how our “Black Bin” waste gets incinerated, and the heat used to generate electricity. However, the best thing is to reduce this waste. Provided we cannot reuse things, we should recycle as much as we can. However, it can be confusing about what we can recycle, so the latest guidelines for Bromsgrove are attached.

Thank you, EcoGroup

Timeless Dementia Church at St Catherine Blackwell - Wednesday at 3:30pm, 22nd May

Timeless, our monthly service especially designed for those living with Dementia and their loved ones / carers. The service is 30 mins, contains 4 hymns, The Lords Prayer, a Bible Reading and a very short talk. Afterwards we enjoy a cup of tea and a 'Burcot Shortbread' together on The Wheel. There is an understanding and expectation that some of our congregation will need to be free to walk, stand and sit when they need to and we acknowledge and welcome this. We are wheelchair accessible.

The service is designed to provoke muscle memory, belonging, participation, and for carers/loved ones accompanying an opportunity to chat outside of the home and enjoy something together with their loved one. We also have a few join this congregation who find a morning service difficult, so do come and join us if this timing suits you better. We'd love to see you.

St. Michaels Nature Count – Sunday 9th June

We aim to manage St. Michaels churchyard to improve natural habitats. The loss of biodiversity in Britain needs to be reversed, and churchyards can play a role. Each year we take part in “Gods Acre” nature count. Come and help us to count what we already have – wildlife, birds, insects, trees, plants, lichens etc., they are all important! Please join us between 1:30 and 4:30. All ages welcome and identification guides are available to help identify species.

Would you be free to volunteer? Show people around or be on site to help. For details contact Phillipa Allenby or Jenny Watson

Soul Craft Day

Soul craft day at Barnes Close Wednesday May 22nd 9:45 to 3:30. Take your lunch, appreciate some time to think, pray, craft, meet others.

Bookclub

Our next book club is on Thursday May 30th 8 pm in the Parish Centre. Come and join us. Rosemary

Sermon Series

Come and join us on a Wednesday evening to follow the sermon series. 8pm at the home of Mita Johnson 107 Hewell Road. 8pm to 9:30 All welcome. Rosemary.

Redditch Orchestra's upcoming 75th anniversary concert

Redditch Orchestra's upcoming 75th anniversary concert which, for the first time in many years, we are presenting at The Palace Theatre? We're delighted that Katie Leaver is joining us as one of our two soloists and Graham is taking up the baton to conduct this concert. Guest leader is John Bradbury, a former leader of the City of Birmingham Orchestra, amongst other orchestras. As you know, several of our members are parishioners in Barnt Green and surrounds.

Additionally the occasion also allows us to mark and respect the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the programme reflects the music of that time, including The Warsaw Piano Concerto when we will be joined by the international Belarussian pianist Tanya Avchinnikova.

Tickets from the Palace Theatre - <https://www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/redditch-orchestra-d-day-80th-anniversary-concert> Full details are also on our website here: <https://www.theredditchorchestra.co.uk/concerts>

I know I know.....

I do realise that a letter bearing a postage stamp is almost as rare as a road without a pothole but please remember that the used stamp box in the foyer of St Andrews is there all year round. You can also leave stamps with Nicola in the Parish office. Thank you. Phil Ateley

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.

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.

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 2nd June 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 2nd June at 7.45pm. .

Pressed Leaves and Beeswax

Art Exhibition By Hui-Ying Chang, an international award-winning nature artist from Taiwan. Sat 1 June, 10am to 4pm Sun 2 June, 2pm – 4pm Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Free admission, all are welcome.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024

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

Saturday 18th May 19.00: Walt Disney's delightful film about Irish Leprechauns and their impact on the romance of a young man played by Sean Connery. Technicolour.

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

Loft Insulation – Simple energy advice says up to 25% of your home's heating energy is lost in the roof. You can stop rising heat from escaping through your loft by laying down blanket loft insulation rolls that you can alter to fit between the joists in your loft.

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 .