



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

#### Services

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 7.45pm Watering Whole

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w Baptism

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 6pm Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday

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](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

##### Bluebell walk on Monday

Come and enjoy the Lickeys on Bank Holiday Monday. "Friends International" are bringing a group of students to enjoy the Worcestershire countryside and our hospitality. 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. Please bring any cakes to Kendal End Farm, B45 8PU, on Monday morning, or give them to us on Sunday morning. Mike and Julia Powell

##### Malawi

A very big thank to everyone who responded to the Malawi flood appeal. £1179.90 has been sent. That money will make such a difference to people's lives. Will keep you posted as to how it's used. Thank you. Rosemary.

### **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.

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.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lichfield Cathedral: eight million stitches expressing God's love!**

'Threads through Creation' is an astonishing, uplifting bible-based textile art exhibition, on show from now until 2nd June at Lichfield Cathedral. It consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from the bible. They're huge – nearly 3m high. It appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds and is very family friendly. The exhibition is open during visiting hours Mon- Fri 10 till 5pm.

[www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk)

### **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.

### **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](mailto:office@chandbgparish.org.uk).

### **First Church**

Please come and join us on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> May 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**

Wash your clothes on a colder setting. The energy required to heat the water in our washing machines makes a huge contribution to our overall household energy usage, meaning your washing habits make a big difference in how to make your home more eco-friendly. Unless you're dealing with stubborn stains, there really is no point in washing your clothes on a hot setting. Washing at 30°C will get your clothes just as clean, without using excessive amounts of energy. So by turning the temperature down, you'll be helping to decrease the amount of energy your household uses, and therefore the amount of CO2 emissions that are released.

## **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) .**