



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 9th May 2024

Services

Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w Baptism

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th May

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 19th May Pentecost

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 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

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

Bluebell walk on Bank Holiday Monday

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable – walkers, bakers, tea servers, and people just chatting! About 25 from Friends International joined us for the walk, followed by tea and cakes. The weather was lovely, the trains ran, and no thunderstorms appeared, although the sky went very dark at one stage! Mike and Julia Powell

Cycle Church – This Sunday – see poster

Why not join us for a relaxing cycle ride on Sunday afternoon. We will meet at St Catherines Church, Blackwell, B60 1BN at 1:30, ready for a 2:00 start. There will be 2 routes available this week – one about 13 Kms long and the other about 19 kms long. Please come along, even if you have not booked. Mike Powell

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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 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

Letting your grass grow longer between cuts not only saves petrol or electricity, and therefore reduces carbon dioxide emissions, but also encourages more wildlife into your garden. Longer grass is more drought-resistant, too. Try cutting every three or four weeks and let dandelions, daisies and violets bloom in spring, followed by buttercups, clovers and selfheal in summer.

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 .