



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 18th July 2024

Services

Sunday 21st July 8th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 28th July 9th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 1st August

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 4th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 8th August

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 11th August 11th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w/ Baptism

St Michaels 6pm BCP 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 Bill Davis as he continues his treatment and his many trips in and out of hospital, and for Christine and his family who are looking after him.

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

Cycle Church – This Sunday – 1:30

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. The afternoon is suitable for anybody who enjoys cycling, no matter your ability – time to have a chat and enjoy the wonderful countryside. Remember to check your bike, wear a helmet, and carry a drink. Please come along, even if you have not booked.

More details - Mike Powell – powelmi50@gmail.com

Knitted Squares

Thank you to everyone who has knitted or crotched squares for the blankets that are sent to Zimbabwe. I've just managed to deliver over 500 squares, that's at least 12 blankets. They are still very much needed, and they are very grateful of your efforts. Lynn Dewing

Wedding

Congratulations to Craig Boston and Teresa Clarke who are to be married in St Michaels on Saturday 20th July at 1pm.

Working parties at St Michaels – Next one this Saturday – 20th July

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 15th August - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell-powelmi50@gmail.com
- Saturday 20th July 10.00 - 13.00 - Contact Douglas Allenby - 07816 645845

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

Cadent – Road Works

Cadent are scheduled to be working on Sandhills road between 28th August and 27th September. You may have seen they are working around Barnt Green. We don't know how this will disrupt access to the car park and we will keep you informed, but it may be easier to park further away and walk to Church where possible.

Timeless Dementia Church at St Catherines, Blackwell - Wednesday at 3:30pm, 24th July.

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.

Coffee Morning

Please come and join us every week at our Coffee Morning on Fridays 10.30 to 12 . If anyone can help with some of these sessions please contact Andy or Nicola in the office.

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 4th August 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.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024

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

Saturday 20th July 19.00: 'Goodbye Mr Chips' A new American opera – first Midland screening.

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 .

Food Bank

The Pantry@ St Stephen's We continue to help an ever-increasing number of pantry client families who are so grateful for the food that we are able to supply through the generosity of the congregations of St Stephen's, St Andrew's and St Michael's and through the waste food donations from local supermarkets collected by our amazing volunteers. Thank you to all who responded to last week's emergency text for food as we had run out of nearly everything. If you can help this week we would be so grateful. Special requests are for **squash, pasta sauces, flavoured instant noodles, household cleaning products, toiletries, tinned vegetables and meat meals (such as minced beef, chicken in sauce, chilli, ravioli, meatballs, etc)**, as well as cereals, pasta shapes (rather than spaghetti), milk, tuna baked beans, instant mash, soup, toilet rolls, tea, coffee and sugar. Thank you so much for all your ongoing support, it is really appreciated.

Climate Crisis Action

Try reusables. They're not only financially efficient, they're also a much more sustainable option for your family. Because we're always on the go during the summer, trying to incorporate reusables is a great summer sustainability tip! You can find reusable sandwich bags, cups, straws, squeeze pouches, chopsticks, utensils, etc. Just about anything you find single-use can now be found with a reusable alternative. Look into what could work for your family and add it to your summer routine.

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 .