



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 4th July 2024

Services

Sunday 7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 11th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 14th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 18th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

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

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

Working parties at St Michaels – dates for your diary

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.

- Thursdays 18th July and 15th August - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell
- 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

Reach beyond.

Do you want an update on Alex Walker. He is speaking at the reach beyond zoom prayer zone live meet up on July 11th at 7pm. I will have the log in details. Please join and learn what he and the family are up to. Come and pray for them. Thank you. Rosemary

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.

Garden Event

Thank you to everyone who came to have tea in my garden, your donations came to the amazing sum of over £1000! This will enable books and play equipment to be bought to put in many Bomb Shelters for children in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated along with Peggy and Hazel who worked so hard, and the Quakers for lending their car park. With thanks and best wishes Rachel

Malawi needs

Well Lucy Ward actually needs WD 40, size 10 spanners, adjustable spanners and pliers. She has been mending broken desks and wants to give each school in the Lake diocese a set of tools so that they can mend their own desks. The Birmingham container goes from Birmingham on September 21st. We have already booked 125 cubic feet of space to send school uniforms out. Clear out your tools. Let's send them to Malawi. A warning I will need money to cover the cost of our booked space. Appeal later. More information from Rosemary

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.

Finance Officer

We are looking for someone with an accounting/bookkeeping background to take on the role of finance officer to support the Treasurer. This will be a paid, part-time, post and is being advertised on the diocese job board. If you are interested or know someone else who you think would be interested, please email Nicola at office@chandbgparish.org.uk and she will send you a Job Description and Application Form.

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.

Coffee Morning

Please come and join us every week at our Coffee Morning on Fridays 10.30 to 12 . For more information contact Nicola in the Parish Office.

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 7th July 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'

Sunday 7th July 6pm Watering Whole, will combine worship with learning the Examen - a way of prayerfully thinking through our days, noticing what draws us to God / what takes us away, what brings us life / what drains us of it. All welcome.

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

Message from The Pantry@ St Stephen's

We continue to help a number of pantry client families who are very 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. We now have so many families that demand is outstripping supply. If you can help this week we would be so grateful. Special requests are for **long life milk, cereals, squash, meat meals (such as minced beef, chicken in sauce, chilli, ravioli, meatballs, etc), tuna and toilet rolls**, as well as pasta shapes (rather than spaghetti) and sauces, flavoured instant noodles, baked beans, tinned vegetables, instant mash, soup, personal hygiene items (such as shampoo, deodorant, shower gel), household products (like washing up liquid and cleaning spray), tea, coffee, and sugar. Thank you so much for all your ongoing support, it is really appreciated.

And a thank you: Thank you so much. We are also really grateful for the delivery of food from Di today. We seem to be getting more people in need appearing each week so this drop off was really timely. We had no cereal, no squash and few tinned meals and milk cartons so it was so helpful to have such a lovely lot of food. What a blessing St Andrew's and St Michael's congregations are.

Climate Crisis Action

Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dogfood, can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

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 .