



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### Services

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy Communion

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 17<sup>th</sup> 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](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

##### Cadent – Road Works - Update

The road was closed at both ends on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August as informed but it doesn't look like much has been done since then. Although closed off there is access at both ends for residents. Access will be available to the car park but we would like to ensure that this is reserved for the elderly or disabled. Parking in the village is challenging because of these works so please walk to Church where possible.

##### Harvest Shared Lunch Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Please keep this date free to join us after the Harvest Sunday Service at St Andrew's for lunch together again in the Parish Centre Kendal Hall at 12.00 noon. Please complete the booking lists in church or contact a member of the PCC to book a place. Last minute decisions are still welcome but please advise us on the day so that enough places are provided. Contributions to the lunch are much appreciated and what a wonderful spread we invariably achieve. Offers of help to set up and/or clear afterwards are also very welcome.

Many thanks and hope to see you there.

## **Watering Whole**

'Watering Whole' will take place at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 1st September.

It's an opportunity to spend an hour and a quarter: stilling our souls, listening and or singing worship music, praying and reflecting as the Holy Spirit leads. The aim is: To be refreshed! as we make this space to meet with God we can address issues in our own hearts, bring our needs to God and be strengthened in our faith individually and together. **All are welcome** to this informal service.

## **Monday Fellowship**

A new programme for the coming year restarts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre Sandhills Road. Please remember that the road may still be closed due to the work of installing a new gas main. We have an exciting programme for the coming 9 months and we start with an illustrated talk by Robert Booth entitled "a sweet life in Bournville, together with hidden Bournville"

## **Working parties 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.

- Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)
- Saturdays 21<sup>st</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Contact Douglas Allenby [da@landscape-matters.co.uk](mailto:da@landscape-matters.co.uk)

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. Many thanks

## **Cycle Church – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Why not join us for a relaxing cycle ride on Sunday afternoon. We will meet at St Catherines Church, Blackwell, B60 1BN at 1:45, 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](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)

## **Barnes Close.**

Do you need a bit of space to think, pray, craft, relax or chat. All on offer at the monthly quiet day at Barnes Close. First one is on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. 9.45 to 3:30 but come when you can. I can offer directions or a lift. Rosemary

## **Shoe boxes.**

A big thank you to the team who helped sort last Wednesday. If we are to fill 300 boxes we need everybody's help. Please put on your shopping list toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. We need 200 of each. It's time to sort out the toy box. Parents and grandparents can you find 100 small toys for our boxes. Time to buy haribo sweets. 300 packets needed. I know we can do it but not without your help. Thank you

## **Malawi container.**

The container leaves Birmingham on September 21<sup>st</sup> so if you still have any contributions please bring them to church or get in touch on 07981962574 and I can collect. Still need sewing machines.

The school uniform in the Kendal Hall needs lifting down so that it can be labelled. Volunteers please after church on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you so much for everyone's financial support.

## **Book Club**

Do come along even if you haven't read the book and learn about us. Good refreshments. Next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> in the parish centre at 2pm.

## **Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group**

Our committee has decided to cancel our meeting on Friday, 30 August at 2pm, as Cadent will be working on Sandhills Road. It seems the right decision as parking, problems, road closure and health hazards for the visually impaired need to be avoided!

## **Quiet Day**

We have another Quiet Day coming up on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September Holy Trinity Lickey led by Roger Jones. Oversight Area friends are welcome to join us too. With thanks Sheri

## **For your Prayers**

Please Pray for Bill Davis as he continues his treatment, and for Christine and his family who are looking after him. Bill Davies sends his gratitude for the cards and good wishes he has received; they are much appreciated.

Please pray for Tony and Pam Turner, as Tony is unwell.

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 . If anyone can help with some of these sessions please contact Andy or Nicola in the office.

Our Macmillan coffee morning will be on 27<sup>th</sup> September – we hope you can come and join us!

### **First Church**

Please come and join us on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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).

### **Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024**

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

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 19.00: A Mozart opera about a flute that is magical. Free admission - Donations welcome.

### **Stamp of Approval**

A big thank you to those who have left used stamps in the box in the porch in St Andrews. Following the inevitable surplus of stamps after the festive season there has been a steady trickle over the past 6 months. Along with several sources similar to ourselves the stamps are passed to Birmingham City Mission who sell them in bulk for admittedly small sums. But, of course, every little helps. Frank Daleta.

### **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).

### **Food Bank**

**The Pantry@ St Stephen's** The pantry continues to support a growing number of families, who are really grateful for the food that we are able to supply through the amazing 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 volunteers.

If you are able to help this week, please do, we expect another increase in demand after the summer break. Special requests are for **squash, flavoured noodles, microwave rice, tinned vegetables, household cleaning products and toiletries**, as well as meat meals (such as minced beef, ravioli, chicken in sauce, chilli, meatballs etc), cereals, toilet rolls, tuna, milk, instant mash, pasta shapes and sauce, baked beans, tinned potatoes, soup, tea, coffee and sugar. Thank you so much for your donations, they are really essential to the people we help.

### **Climate Crisis Action**

Bees Wax sandwich wraps are a great zero waste alternative to tin foil and cling film as its natural, biodegradable, and reusable. Currently, tin foil requires aluminium mining, whilst the majority of local authorities cannot yet recycle cling film, making them unsustainable.

### **SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

Please note that Diane Milford (our Parish Safeguarding Officer) 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).**