



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### Services

#### 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. Harvest

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w/Baptism

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

**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

There is access at both ends of the road, but the road is not finished. There are traffic lights at the Sandhills Green end and Sandhills Green is currently closed. Parking in the village is challenging because of these works so please walk to Church where possible.

##### Harvest Shared Lunch Sunday 22nd 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.

## Harvest

We are celebrating Harvest on the 22nd September and, as usual, we will be collecting non perishable food items for Birmingham City Mission. Thank you for your support.

## Watering Whole

'Watering Whole' will take place at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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.

## 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

## Shoe boxes.

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 21st 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. 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 26th in the parish centre at 2pm.

## Quiet Day

We have another Quiet Day coming up on Saturday 14th 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## Celebrating 50 years of 'Porridge'

Some of you may not believe that 'Fletch', Godber, Mr Barrowclough et al made their first appearance on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1974? To celebrate 50 years, 8 new stamps were issued on Tuesday. All of them feature classic scenes and lines from the sitcom. For example, one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps bears Mr Mackay's egalitarian put down - 'I treat you all with equal contempt'. Should you receive one of the new stamps you may, of course, wish to retain it - otherwise please pop it (and any other stamps) in the box at the entrance to St Andrews. Thank you. Roy Allmayle

## 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** Thank you to the wonderful congregations of St Stephen's, St Andrew's and St Michael's, our volunteers and our local supermarket food waste partners. Our many family clients are really grateful for the help that the Pantry provides.

If you can help this week please do. Special requests are for **toilet rolls, instant mash, and toiletries (Eg deodorant, shower gel) and household cleaning products (Eg surface spray, washing liquid, bin bags)** as well as meat meals (such as minced beef, ravioli, chicken in sauce, chilli, meatballs etc), squash, cereals, toilet rolls, tuna, milk, pasta shapes and sauce, flavoured noodles, microwave rice, tinned potatoes and vegetables, baked beans, soup, tea, coffee and sugar. Thank you so much for your donations, they make such a difference.

## **Climate Crisis Action**

**Seal and Insulate:** Begin with a simple yet effective step—sealing drafts around windows and doors. This not only keeps the warmth inside but also reduces the need for excessive heating. Further, invest in eco-friendly insulation, a move that pays dividends by significantly lowering your energy consumption and environmental footprint.

## **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) .**