



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 19th September 2024

Services

Sunday 22nd September 17th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship. Harvest

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 26th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 29th September 18th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship w/Baptism

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 10th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship.

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

Cadent – Road Works - Update

There is now access at both ends of the road. 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.

Living and Telling

The "Living and Telling" course starts this Tuesday, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Living and Telling is a five session course designed to encourage, inspire and equip you to share your faith in Jesus, naturally and helpfully, as a way of life. Talk to Andy if you wish to join.

Monday Fellowship

Within the church we often hear of the Birmingham City Mission, and we probably have donated items to them. Well, what are they and what do they do? Here is your chance to find out at 2.30pm on Monday 14th October in the Parish Centre, Sandhills Road. Wes Urpen, Director of the Birmingham City Mission is giving us a talk on how it is run, financed and what it does. Anybody who wants to know is very welcome to join the Monday Fellowship to hear all about it.

Watering Whole

'Watering Whole' will take place at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 6th 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 3rd October and 7th November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - powelmi50@gmail.com
- Saturdays 21st September, 12th October and 23rd November – Contact Douglas Allenby 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

Rachel Gidney

Rachel is an active member at Holy Trinity Lickey and an Early Years teacher in a Church of England Birmingham School. (her Mum is Sheri). From a very young age she has been exploring a call to overseas mission in Kenya, this has included regular visits in her Summer holidays to IcFEM mission in Kimilili, Western Kenya and serving as part of home churches world link missions team. In September 2025 she is planning a move to IcFEM Kenya on a permanent basis. She needs to raise both financial support and prayer support. She is sharing her story in person at Holy Trinity Lickey on Saturday 12th October 2pm - 3pm and repeated by zoom on Monday 28th October 7pm. Rachel has a facebook page called 'As We Are' which documents her journey so far. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082807743488>

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

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.

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 27th September – we hope you can come and join us!

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 6th 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.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024

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

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

Web of Intrigue

Do You Know? Cucumber, Ladybird, Wasp and Zebra are 4 out of 680 species of spiders across Britain. These 4 plus 6 others are featured on Royal Mail's 10 new stamps issued on Thursday 25th September. Should you receive one of these web-weaving, silk-spinning, creepy-crawling arachnids on a letter please dispose of it immediately in the box in the porch in St Andrews.

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 A week of thanks for a change: Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food over the harvest period and "filled the line" around the church, particularly to Debbie, a pantry client's mother, who brought in a large contribution from a Facebook appeal to her family and friends. Many thanks to Amanda for organising and setting up "Fill the Line". Grateful thanks to Jo the pantry manager and the team of volunteers who care for our pantry guests. Special thanks to Ian – a much valued member of the pantry team and church and a massive help in keeping stock and guests in order! Thanks to Wendy and Amanda for sourcing some essential goods.

Continued thanks to our supporters at St Stephen's, St Andrew's and St Michael's and to our local supermarket and Olio food waste partners, collectors and sorters.

Please carry on donating so that we don't run short again – you know the list by now! Thank you all.

Climate Crisis Action

Plant your autumn garden. The heat has finally taken a break and it is a perfect time to plant and allow the plants to have the ability to establish before winter. Your plants won't have to survive the harsh heat from the beating sun and will need less water to survive.

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) 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.