



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Services

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship.

**St Michaels** 6pm BCP Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion.

**Parish Centre** 3pm Messy Church

**St Michaels** 6pm Evening Prayer

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** Last Sunday after Trinity

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship with Baptism

**St Michaels** 4.30pm Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 3rd November** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

**Parish Centre** 9am First Church

**St Andrews** 9.30am Morning Worship

**St Andrews** 6pm Watering Whole

**St Michaels** 6pm Memorial Service

**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 [shrigidney@gmail.com](mailto:shrigidney@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

##### **IcFEM Annual Dinner – Parish Centre Barnt Green - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm**

Hope you can join us again and support our fundraising efforts on behalf of the IcFEM Mission in Kenya. Enjoy a superb 4 course dinner whilst taking pleasure in conversation with friends. Menu choices and booking forms are available in St Andrew's and St Michael's churches and the Parish Centre or from Pip or myself. Cost is £18 each – please bring your own alcoholic drinks. We also encourage you to invite family and friends. With sufficient notice we can cater for most dietary requirements. Raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Hope to see you there. Many thanks Judith (07708799853)

##### **Wedding**

Congratulations to Stuart Patten and Courtney Bill who will be married at St Michaels this Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.

## Church Social Activities

Our next social activity will be a Scottish Evening on St Andrew's Day Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November so please keep the date free.

## St Michaels Car Park

Sadly, due to anti-social behaviour in the car park, the Churchwarden's and Vicar have decided to lock the car park gates. We've observed a regular presence of anti social behaviour.

If you see anyone and have concerns please call the police on 101, do not approach anyone. Please contact Andy or the Churchwardens should you need access.

We will see how things go over the next fortnight and review this decision. The gates will be opened before any scheduled Church services.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

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 – next one this Saturday

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. This Saturday is just before a wedding so it'll be a good time to tidy up!

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)
- Saturdays 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 easier. Many thanks

## Thank you - Harvest gifts for Birmingham City Mission

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions of food at harvest. The Mission food bank distributes hundreds of food parcels each month, from its base in Bordesley close to the City Centre. Many of their customers are single men living in hostels, often with minimal cooking facilities. All the food donations are very welcome! Why not come and find out more about the work of the Mission at Monday Fellowship next week? Mike and Julia Powell

## Cycle Church – This Sunday – 1:45

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. This week's route will most likely be 15-18km and head to St Bartholomew's Tardebigge. Please come along. More details - Mike Powell – [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2pm - 3pm and repeated by zoom on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Super Shoe Box Saturday!

T4U shoe boxes. Thank you for everybody's generosity. We need your help to cover boxes, fill boxes on November 9<sup>th</sup>, contribute to the transport costs. Also need a few volunteers to manage the kitchen between 10 and 1 to serve tea, coffee and soft drinks and cakes.

Please think how you can help.

## Shoebboxes

We are now packing pencil cases for the shoebox appeal but are short of 150 pencil cases for children from 3 to 10 years old. These need to be long enough for full length pencils and deep enough to take packets of chalk or wax crayons. e.g. 10" x 4" ( 25cms x 10cms ) If you can help in any way, please see Pam Horsfield or phone 445 4631. Thank you.

## Quiz Night

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the Parish Centre, Barnt Green. Teams of 6. 6.30pm for 7pm start. £3 a ticket – raising funds for Malawi. Refreshments will be available. Get you tickets from Lesley Brown or Rosemary – [rosemaryaveyard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosemaryaveyard@hotmail.co.uk)

## Message from Stuart and Laxmi

It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet with St Andrew's last month. A number of people took one of our support leaflets away with them. If anyone would like to support us, please get in touch, and I can let them know how to give through Interserve's [website](#). We are doing all we can to increase our funding, but as it stands from November onwards, we are going to be about £200 short of meeting our needs. If there are any individuals who could sponsor us £10 or £20 a month, that would be so helpful. Thank you so much for all you are doing.

## For your Prayers

Please pray for Pam Turner and family as Tony has sadly passed away. For anyone who wishes to send a card, Pam is at the Gables Care Home, Hagley, Worcestershire, DY10 0WA. The Funeral will be held at Stourbridge Crematorium on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.10pm. Please Pray for Bill Davis as he recovers from 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. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be included in our prayers please drop a note to Nicola in the Parish Office.

## S-s-sensational Stamps

To celebrate 60 years since the formation of the iconic band, The Who, Royal Mail are issuing 8 new stamps on the 17th October. Speaking of stamps, if you have any used ones please pop them in the box in St Andrews. S-s-super thank 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.

Thank you to all who contributed to the MacMillan Coffee Morning, we're so grateful for your help and support, £311 was raised on Friday and with further donations received on Sunday the grand total was £436. Bill Davis.

## First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 19.00 Angel and the Badman. Uplifting John Wayne western featuring a Quaker lady who saves him.

## 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** 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

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

## 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) .**