



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Services

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

**St Andrews** 10am Remembrance Service

**St Michaels** 4.30pm 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 [shergidney@gmail.com](mailto:shergidney@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

##### Monday Fellowship

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World war finally came to an end after a terrible sacrifice of young talent in the previous four years of warfare. Cemeteries across Northern France and Belgium are a reminder of the terrible tragedy of this war as are the poppies sold to the public at this time of the year.

Local historian, retired deputy headmaster, and excellent local speaker Philip Bowen will tell us the story and the effect of 190 boys from Bromsgrove School who gave their lives in such a fruitless waste of youth. It is coincidence that Remembrance Day falls on the same day as Monday Fellowship and therefore gives us the chance to hear a talk about such a tragic loss.

##### 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.

### **lcFEM 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 lcFEM 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)

### **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**

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.

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - [powelmi50@gmail.com](mailto:powelmi50@gmail.com)
- Saturday 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! Mike and Julia Powell

### **Super shoebox Saturday**

Not long now till Super Shoebox Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 10 till 1. Thank you to everyone who've donated hygiene items. Our need now is pencil cases and donations to cover the transport. Can you help on Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> and/ or Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> to cover boxes in the parish centre 7:30 to 9 pm. We need help on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the parish centre 7:30 to 9 to take everything out of the high cupboards and set up the hall. We also need a few volunteers to help serve drinks and refreshments between 10 and 1 on Super Shoebox Saturday. Then come and fill boxes, meet our target of 300 boxes. Thank you

### **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 your tickets from Lesley Brown or Rosemary – [rosemaryaveyard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosemaryaveyard@hotmail.co.uk)

### **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- special Stamps**

What have the Spice Girls, Vikings, Dinosaurs, Peppa Pig, the Red Arrows and the Tower of London got in common? They have all featured this year on special stamps issued by Royal Mail. Their latest money-spinning venture (apart from raising the price of a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp) is to celebrate 60 years of The Who with 8 stamps released today depicting their era-defining album covers. You may not have received any of these special stamps and even 'Kings Head' stamps are a big s-s-sensation these days - but if you do have any please drop them in the box in the foyer of St Andrews. 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 the 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.** We continue to help an ever-increasing number of pantry client families who are so 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. If you can help this week, we are low on **long life milk, cereals, squash, household cleaning products and toiletries**, and always need meat meals (such as minced beef, chicken in sauce, chilli, ravioli, meatballs, etc), toilet rolls, tuna, tinned vegetables, instant mash, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tea, coffee and sugar. *No need this week for pasta, tinned spaghetti or sanitary products.* Thank you so much for your faithful support, it is really appreciated.

### **Climate Crisis Action**

There are different ways to generate your own energy to heat your house, such as solar panels and ground or air-source heat pumps. But if this is not possible, think about switching to a green energy supplier. Which? Magazine recommends 100 Green, Ecotricity, Good Energy and Octopus.

### **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).**