



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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### Weekly Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Services

#### 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

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Parish Centre** 9.30am Meditation Service

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

**St Andrews** 9.30am Holy Communion.

**Parish Centre** 3pm Messy Church

**St Michaels** 4.30pm Evening Prayer

**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

##### 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.

## **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

As it is now October, it must be time to think about the Christmas Choir! All are welcome – you don't have to be able to read music, but you do have to be able to attend the rehearsals and services. We will be singing two pieces which are in two parts (Soprano and Alto/Men), so it shouldn't be too much of a challenge! Please note that if you would like to sing you need to let me know as soon as possible so that I can decide whether the numbers are enough to make this viable. (If you give me your email as well, I can send music copies and recordings of the separate parts for the two pieces so that you can do some homework in advance.)

Dates are as follows: Rehearsal: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.50am (after the morning service) at St Andrew's  
Rehearsal: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.50am (after the morning service) at St Andrew's  
Service: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm at St Michael's  
Service: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at St Andrew's

Please let me know if you wish to join the choir – I look forward to hearing from you. Katie Leaver (07792 056183 / [katieleaver@outlook.com](mailto:katieleaver@outlook.com))

## **Peruvian Craft Sale**

You are invited to a charity Peruvian Crafts Sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 12 noon until 4pm. This will take place at Ann Smith's home, 3White house Drive, Barnt Green, B45 8HF. Email [Nooey98@gmail.com](mailto:Nooey98@gmail.com) or call 0121 445 1374 or 07946 366326.

## **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

## **Sleeping bags - Sheri**

Lickey vicar, is looking for sleeping bags for the homeless in Birmingham. Do you have any you no longer need. Please take to Lickey Vicarage or leave them in the church foyer.

## **Barnes Close**

Come for a day of craft, chat or quiet reflection at the green house, Barnes Close Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> 10 till 3:30. Bring your craft and your lunch. Space to be before the Christmas rush.

## **Book club**

You are welcome to join our friendly book club on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>. We now meet in the afternoon. 2pm till 4pm in the parish centre. We will be talking about The child on platform 1 by L L Thompson. You can get it on kindle or I have a copy you can borrow. See Rosemary if you're interested

## **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

## **Shoeboxes**

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)

### For your Prayers

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.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 19.00 Tchaikovsky's most successful ballet featuring a sleeping princess by the Royal Ballet (Dolby Surround 7.1 sound)

### 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 a large number of pantry client families who are 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 would love some **household cleaning products such as washing up liquid, cleaning sprays and washing powder and toiletries such as hand soap, shampoo, deodorant and shower gel**, and we always need long life milk, cereals, squash, 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

Aluminium foil beats cling film for storing leftovers or packing lunches, because it can be recycled (gather pieces into a bundle the size of a tennis ball before putting them into your recycling). Even better are washable solutions like linen bowl and jar covers and reusable sandwich wraps.

### 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) .**