



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 31st October 2024

Services

Sunday 3rd November 4th 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 7th November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 10th November 3rd Sunday before Advent

St Andrews 10am Remembrance Service

St Michaels 4.30pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 14th November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion.

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st November

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 24th November Sunday next before Advent

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship/Toy 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

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 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

Monday Fellowship 11th November

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 30th 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 8th December at 10.50am (after the morning service) at St Andrew's
Rehearsal: Sunday 15th December at 10.50am (after the morning service) at St Andrew's
Service: Sunday 22nd December at 6pm at St Michael's
Service: Tuesday 24th 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)

Peruvian Craft Sale

You are invited to a charity Peruvian Crafts Sale on Saturday 2nd 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 or call 0121 445 1374 or 07946 366326.

Watering Whole

'Watering Whole' will take place at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 3rd 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 7th November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - powelmi50@gmail.com
- Saturday 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 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 4th 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 28th. 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 9th 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 Thursday November 7th to cover boxes in the parish centre 7:30 to 9 pm. We need help on Friday November 8th 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 out target of 300 boxes. Thank you

Quiz Night

Saturday 2nd 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

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.

Perfect Perforation Please

Proper postal perforation was probably perfected in the 1850's and the process has persisted to the present day. Rows of holes are punched out of the sheet between stamps to make them easier to separate. Although perforation in the modern self adhesive stamps is redundant, it is often retained, as we do for aesthetic reasons. Thus in thanking all of you who have left used stamps in the box in St Andrews please remember the stamp must retain the perforated edging. So please include one cm all the way round when you clip the stamps from the paper. Alternatively rip them off with abandon leaving plenty of backing and we will trim to size. 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 3rd 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.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2024

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

Saturday 16th 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 .

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 **long life milk, toilet rolls, squash, toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and shower gel and meat meals (such as minced beef, chicken in sauce, chilli, ravioli, meatballs, etc)** and we always need cereals, tinned vegetables, instant mash, pasta sauce, soup, tuna, baked beans, household cleaning products, 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

Put your decisions on autopilot with a subscription service. 'Who gives a Crap' donates half the profits from it's bamboo loo roll to provide access to clean water and toilets in developing nations. 'Wonky Coffee' collects, repackages and rehomes dented coffee pods that might otherwise end up going to landfill. There are lots of other companies, like these trying to make a difference.

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 .