



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 2nd January 2025

Services

Sunday 5th January Epiphany

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 9th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 12th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 4.30pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 16th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 19th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 26th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 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 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

Home group

Come and join a home group in the New Year. 6 studies on Colossians. Starts on January 8th 8 pm to 9:30 at Kendal End farm. Please let Mike Powell or Rosemary Aveyard if you'd like to join us. Be assured of a warm welcome.

Climate & Nature Bill Hangs in the Balance: Please email Your MP

The Climate and Nature Bill is the only piece of UK legislation to fully address the climate and nature crisis. The bill will now be considered by the UK Parliament with a second reading on Friday 24 January 2025. At that second reading, 102 MPs need to vote for the Climate and Nature Bill in order for it to progress, otherwise it fails – **will you contact your MP to ensure that they plan to attend the bill's second reading on Friday 24 January, and that they vote in favour of the bill?** Details are on the attached notice.

Thank you and wishing you a very Happy New Year from the Eco Group.

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 23rd January and 13th February - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell - powelmi50@gmail.com
- Saturdays 18th January, 8th February and 8th March – 10:00 to 13:00 - 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

T4U shoeboxes.

We will be continuing to run Super shoebox Saturday in 2025. To try and relieve the pressure in the Autumn we want to revive the monthly collections. This month we will be collecting stationary. Look forward reduced Christmas bargains. The collection box is in the church foyer. Thank you.

Barnes Close

Find some peace and quiet and time with God each month. First soul day is January 20th 10 o'clock start. Bring your craft and lunch. Led by Helen, the warden. Please Rosemary for directions or a lift.

Fellowship Group

Our first meeting of the new calendar of 2025 takes us back in time and brings us up to the present time. It is entitled Time and Transport through the ages. We go from the invention of the wheel to Concorde, High Speed Trains and fast motor cars. It will be at our usual time of 2.30pm on Monday 13th January 2025 in the Parish Centre. Our talk will be given by a professional entertainer Richard Harding and it should be a good opening number for the new year. Come and enjoy our usual friendship between ourselves and after the festivities of Christmas food, a nice cup of tea and a biscuit will be welcome.

For your Prayers

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 in 2025 from 10.30 to 12. If anyone can help with some of these sessions please contact Andy or Nicola in the office.

Watering Whole

'Watering Whole' will take place at St Andrew's at 6pm on Sunday 5th January.

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.

Climate Crisis Action

Explore the natural world. Tread a new path, watch the wide winter skies and reconnect with nature. Wrap up warm, breathe fresh, clean air and keep moving – you'll find new horizons, feel healthier and happier and enjoy a wonderful sense of wellbeing. Spending time in nature will rejuvenate you physically and mentally. You just need to take that first step. We have 1,000's of woods across the UK, all free to visit and waiting for you to explore.

Food Bank

The Pantry@ St Stephen's We have been able to help many pantry client families over the festive season thanks to 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. They are so grateful for your ongoing help, support and loving care. If you can contribute this week, we would love some **long life milk, cereals, squash and tinned meat meals (such as minced beef, chicken in sauce, chilli, ravioli, meatballs, etc)**, and we always need toilet rolls, instant noodles, microwave rice, tinned potatoes and vegetables, instant mash, soup, pasta sauce, baked beans, household cleaning products, toiletries, sugar, tea and coffee. *No need this week for tuna, tinned spaghetti, pasta, or sanitary products.* Thank you so much, your gifts are really appreciated.

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.

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 5th January 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:

Friday 17th January. 7pm. You must remember this; one of the best Humphrey Bogart films set in French Morocco during Nazi occupation.

Compliments of the season

Big thanks to all of you who left stamps in the box in St Andrews over the festive period. The box is there all year round so its never too late - unlike some Christmas postal deliveries . (Only joking!)

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 .