



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 11th September 2025.

The next newsletter will be 2nd October 2025

Services

Sunday 14th September 13th Sunday after Trinity

Lickey 10am Joint Service

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 18th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 21st September 14th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 5th October 16th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 9th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 12th October 17th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship with Baptism

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy Communion

Youth Club – 6.30 to 8pm Monthly on Fridays in St Andrews Church (term time)

5-8's Lego Club – Weekly on Mondays 3.30 to 4.45 (Term time)

14-18's Youth with Lickey Church,

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 fortnightly. The next few dates are 18th September, 2nd October, 16th October. 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

Sunday 14th September - Please note that the morning Service will be held at Lickey Church, not at St Andrews.

Dates in your Diary

The next Social Event in our Church calendar is our **Harvest Lunch at 12.00 noon on Sunday 28th September**. Please sign up in Church as soon as possible or contact Judith on 07708799853.

Mark the date on your calendar

IcFEM Annual Dinner - Saturday 25th October 2025. Full details including booking form/menu to follow.

Cleaner Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a cleaner at the Parish Centre and Churches, please contact Marian Reavenall or Jill Newton for further details, or leave a message on the office number 0121 447 7097.

Monday Fellowship

The next Monday fellowship continues the theme of people who make sacrifices to help other people. The talk is entitled "Ordinary people doing extra ordinary things" It is about the RNLI and the volunteers from all walks of life who give of the time freely to help people in trouble at sea and often both parties are in danger. John Rittwood is the speaker at 2.30pm on Monday 13th October in the Parish Centre at 2.30. He will not only tell the story of the lifeboats but will also give us a visual show.

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 16th October and 20th November - 10:00 to 13:00 – Contact Mike Powell

Please come and help, everyone is welcome, whatever your gardening abilities! It would be ideal if you would contact me before the date so we can organise activities more easily.

Many thanks

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Date for Your diaries, the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Centre Coffee break on Friday 26th September 10.30am. Please come along!

Shoe boxes.

A big thank you to all who helped sort and count what we have received. If we are to fill 300 boxes we need teenage hats, 100 maths sets, 50 deflated footballs with pumps, 100 tennis balls or small balls, ladies scarves, more boys toys, more soft toys and 300 packets of haribo sweets. Each box we send will cost £3.50 this year so any financial contributions will be welcomed.

Update on hygiene thanks to Lyn and family we have 274 hygiene bags ready. Need soap, flannels and combs to make up our 300. Put it on your shopping list please.

Wednesday home group.

There will be 2 taster weeks for anyone interested in joining a group on Wednesday September 17th and Wednesday September 24th from 8.00 pm to 9.30 at the home of Mita Johnson (01215373315) Time to share, read the Bible together, discuss and pray. Do come

Board Games

These are now underway in the Parish Centre Lounge on a regular rotation between afternoon and evening sessions. The future dates are:

Evening 7.00pm	30 th Sept	Afternoon 2.00pm	16 th Sept
	28 th Oct		21 st Oct
	2 nd Dec		18 th Nov
New players welcome anytime.			16 th Dec

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 5th October 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

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

Climate Crisis Action

Make sure you close your curtains when it gets dark to stop heat escaping.

Food Bank

The Pantry@ St Stephen's Our families are so thankful for the help provided by the generous giving of the congregations of St Stephen's, St Andrew's and St Michael's and to the volunteer pantry team and surplus collectors.

At the moment, the pantry is in need of pasta and rice - not whole grain please and jars of sauce. Also shower gel, shampoo and household cleaning products.

Newsletter

If you or anyone you know would like to receive this newsletter, by email every week, please contact Nicola at the office .

Watering Whole

The Watering Whole is next on 5th October at 6pm. All Welcome to join in a time of informal worship and prayer. Reflect on God's goodness and find space to pray through anything of concern either individually or corporately. We hope its a time of spiritual refreshment from the stresses of the world to bring us God's peace. Isaiah 35:6-7: He will give us Springs in the Desert! If you want to know more please ask Douglas or Philippa Allenby or why not just come along.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2025

Come and join us at Friends Cinema for its free film shows on: Saturday 20th September 7pm. Peter Rogers' only Cowboy film and the only Western shot at Pinewood Studios. Starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams of the 'Carry-On' team with comic results.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note that Diane Milford (our Parish Safeguarding Officer) has a dedicated telephone number (**07547 267746**) 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 contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269