



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 2nd October 2025.

Services

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

Thursday 16th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 19th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 26th October Last Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 4.30pm Evening Prayer

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 16th October, 6th November, 20th November. 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

Bethany Stock's Baptism

Bethany will be baptised during the service on Sunday October 12th. It would be lovely for as many of you who have known us, and now Bethany, to come and join us that morning to celebrate together! There will be cake to share together with tea and coffee in the Parish centre after the service. Tim, Colette, Lesley & Grahame

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The coffee morning raised £550! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

lcFEM Annual Dinner – Trinity Centre Lickey Saturday 25th October 7.00pm

I 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. Please find menu choices/booking forms attached. Cost is £20 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)

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.

Super shoe box Saturday is next Month November 15th.

Please come and cover boxes on November 4th 7.30 and November 13th 7.30 in the lounge. Offers of help on Friday November 14th from 7.30 to lift things out of the cupboards and move tables would be much appreciated.

We still need sweets and footballs. I have 4 pumps, no footballs. Rosemary

Sensory Church

Come along and experience a relaxed Sensory Church from 11am to 12pm on Thursday 30th October. Everyone is welcome to join in their own way and at their own pace. Crafts, games, singing, storytelling, sensory areas available then light refreshments before we go. St Stephens Community Hall, Edgewood Road. B45 8SG

St Francis, Bournville

Our Parish Church is celebrating its centenary this year. Together with others, I have written a play about St Francis of Assisi for the occasion; my colleague Reader Mandy Nayak is taking part in it. We are due to perform it on Friday 14th November at 7 pm and Saturday 15th at 2:30 pm in church in Sycamore Road, tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for youngsters, available either through the Parish Office or at the door.

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 - powelmi50@gmail.com

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

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	28 th Oct	Afternoon 2.00pm	21 st Oct
	2 nd Dec		18 th Nov
	2 nd Dec		16 th Dec

New players welcome anytime

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 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 your hot water tank is insulated with a thick jacket. It will save you lots of money, not to mention reducing your carbon emissions.

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 18th October 7pm. A popular comic ballet danced to an arrangement of fifty five popular French airs. Sir Frederick Ashton's choreography of the sunniest and funniest ballets is on our screen. Most famous for it's clog dance. Performed by the Royal Ballet.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

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