



## St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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**Weekly Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.**

### Services

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship Second Church

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February** Sunday next before Lent

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 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 5<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March. 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

#### **Craft Group**

The craft group meets in the Parish Centre Lounge on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 9.30-12 noon. Next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

All knitters, crocheters, and sewers welcome. Bring your own work and enjoy a few hours relaxing in the company of likeminded people, with fellowship and refreshments.

The week before Christmas 168 knitted/crochet squares were sent to Zimbabwe. In 2025 a total of 600 squares were sent; these were made up into 14 blankets which are given to children and the elderly.

Just turn up or speak to Di for more information. 0121 445 4298.

#### **Monday Fellowship**

The next Monday Fellowship will be at 2.30 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre. This will be different. Instead of listing to things that happen on the ground, we shall be having an illustrated talk about things that happen at say 35,000ft. Our talk will be by Dale Grassby a Jet2 airline captain entitled 'a day in the life of an air captain'. This will probably be a new experience for most of us, and we hope you enjoy the talk.

## **Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group**

Our 2026 programme starts with **Hearing and You**, a talk by Rajpreet Achall, Associate Fellow, Department of Audiology, Aston University: "It is my pleasure to come and speak to the group. Hearing loss is often an overlooked difficulty with many people often ignoring their hearing difficulty due to embarrassment. Dual sensory loss is on the increase so sharing as much information as I can, would be wonderful" Why not come and join us as a visitor or new member? Our meeting, in the Parish Centre, is on Friday, 30 January, starting at 2pm, but it's better to arrive earlier. Cost £3 per person. The group already know the Kendal Room has a hearing loop! For more information, ring Wendy on 0121 445 1585.

## **Barnes Close**

Make time for God. Just spend a day a month at Barnes Close. Bring your craft, a book or your journal. No distractions, guidance if you want it. 9.45 - 3 pm February 23rd or March 23rd. Website gives more information [greenhouse@barnesclose.org.uk](mailto:greenhouse@barnesclose.org.uk)

## **Quiz night**

Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> raising funds for Malawi education. I now have tickets £3 each. Please see me after church or contact Rosemary. Prizes, raffle and tombola. Any contributions would be welcome.

## **Book club**

first meeting of 2026. Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm Barnt Green Parish Centre. Do come and join us. Good cake and discussion. The salt path should produce some good conversation

## **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, could we please ask for donations of cleaning products and washing up liquid along with the usual milk, cereal and meat tins.

We have loads of tuna but popular ones are tinned curry, meatballs in tomato sauce, tinned hot dog sausages, chilli, sausages with beans/spaghetti. As always we send our very grateful thanks for everyone's generosity.

## **Homegroup**

Would you like to follow up the Sunday sermon, look at it and discuss it with others. If that's you come and join us any Wednesday evening starting on January 7th. Each Wednesday will stand alone. Meeting at Mike Powell's home, Kendal End Farm. Give Mike or Rosemary a ring if you're interested. We'll start with a drink at 8 pm, discuss the sermon, give time for prayer and reflection and aim to end by 9.30. love to see you.

## **For your Prayers**

Please pray for Jean Taylor, who is recovering from her hip surgery, she is now at home.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be included in our prayers please drop a note to Nicola in the Parish Office.

## **Compliments of the Season from Roy Almayle**

Thank you very much for another bumper crop of used stamps in the box in St Andrews at the end of last year. Its never too late to pop yours in the box. Leave a 1cm backing margin or rip the stamp from the envelope with abandon or simply leave the whole envelope and we will do the necessary.

## **First Church**

Please come and join us on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March - 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

## **Board Games**

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

The future dates are:

Afternoon 2pm : 17<sup>th</sup> February. 17<sup>th</sup> March

Evening 7pm: 27<sup>th</sup> January. 24<sup>th</sup> February

New players welcome anytime

### **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**

Seal Drafts Around Doors and Windows. Cold air sneaking through gaps in windows and doors can significantly increase your heating needs. Use reusable weatherstripping or caulk to seal drafts effectively. As an added bonus, this also prevents warm air from escaping, ensuring your home retains heat for longer.

### **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.

### **Newsletter**

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

### **Watering Whole**

The next Watering Whole will take place on Sunday 1st February at 6.30pm at St Chad's Rubery.

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 2026**

Come and join us at Friends Cinema for its free film shows on: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm. A profoundly human story about a man living with Tourettes's syndrome, told with empathy, humour, and unflinching honesty.

### **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 contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269 .**