



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 8th January 2026.

Services

Sunday 11th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship Second Church

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 15th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Stephens 9.30am Joint Service at St Stephens

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Andrews 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22nd January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Andrews 4.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 29th January

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 1st February 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

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 8th January, 22nd January, 5th February. 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

Services

Please remember there is no morning service at St. Andrew's on the 18th January. There is instead a joint service at 10am at St. Stephen's, Rubery (Edgewood Rd, B45 8SG)

Craft Group

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

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. January 19th 9.45 - 3 pm February 23rd or March 23rd. Website gives more information greenhouse@barnesclose.org.uk

Quiz Night

Date for your diary Saturday February 28th Quiz raising money for Malawi. More information to come. Tickets will be on sale soon. Thanks Rosemary

Shoeboxes

Give thanks for all the joy our boxes brought to children in Rumania and The Ukraine this Christmas. Can we do the same in 2026 While you're clearing up and sorting out or going to the sales think what can go in boxes this year, soft toys, hygiene items and stationary and household items. Start filling the box in the church porch. Thank you

B45 joint meal

Please sign up for the B45 joint meal on Thursday January 22nd. 7 pm at The Beacon Church Rubery. More information to come, Rosemary.

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.

Monday Fellowship

We start the new calendar year with a familiar speaker on Monday 12th January 2026 at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Philip Bowen, a retired Deputy Headmaster, will be giving us one of his excellent talks entitled 'All political careers end in failure.' We will be interested whom he nominates and whether he projects any current government minister likely to be added to his list. Should be a very good talk.

For your Prayers

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

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 1st 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 15th January, 12th February and 19th 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 : 20th January, 17th February.

Evening 7pm: 27th January, 24th 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

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted. We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at: rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch

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 Watering Whole is next on Sunday 1st February 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 17th January at 7pm. The Girls at St Trinians' school embark on another anarchic escapade.

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