



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 25th June 2026 – there will be no newsletter next week.

Services

Sunday 28th June 4th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 5th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 9th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 12th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 16th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 19th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

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

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

14-18's Youth with Lickey Church, Contact Sheri Gidney

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, 25th June, 9th July, 23rd July. 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

IcFEM BBQ

Please join us for a BBQ Lunch on Saturday 11th July from 12 noon onwards in my garden, 47 Twatling Road, Barnt Green. B45 8HS (if wet inside!) Proceeds in aid of the Kenyan Mission IcFEM. All are welcome – please invite family and friends. An idea of numbers in advance would be welcomed but not essential. Plenty of BBQ food and drinks will be available whilst offers of cakes and tombola prizes would be appreciated. Cash donations necessary please as there will not be a card reader. Any enquiries or offers of help please contact me on 07708799853. Thanks Judith

Concert notice for Church notice sheet Summer 2026

The Asklepios Orchestra, conducted by Lee Armstrong, will give their Summer Concert on Sunday 28th June 2025 at 7.00pm, in St Andrew's Church, Barnt Green, B45 8NR, featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Mozart and Chadwick. Tickets £10 can be bought by cash or card on the door. Please see the posters, and take a flyer from the back of church for details.

Garden Event - Thursday 25th June 2pm to 5pm.

At 14 Sandhills Road, Barnt Green, B45 8NR.

Rachel invites you to visit her garden for a mug of tea and a piece of cake. Donations will be welcome for 'Autism in Racing' and 'Macular Degeneration'. With thanks to the Quaker meeting house for allowing use of the car park.

Barnes Close

Fancy a cream tea in beautiful surroundings then head to Barnes Close on Sunday July 5th 2 pm to 4 pm. Your opportunity to visit, explore the grounds, pet the alpacas and enjoy a homemade cream tea.

Toys

Sort out the toy box, you don't need all those soft toys. Think of a child in Ukraine who doesn't have a toy and bring them to church in July. The T4U box is waiting to be filled.

Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 26 June in the Parish Centre starting at 2pm. This meeting will be different. Mary Bodfish's talk is "You can't abdicate and eat it – Edward VIII's abdication". Luminita Paragoan, Professor of Molecular Cell Biology Manchester Metropolitan University, will be giving a very short talk, before forming a small, focus research group. And our group will be manning the stall at Rachel's Garden Event.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Cost £3 per person. For more information, ring Wendy on 0121 445 1585.

Shoeboxes

Last year we had a lot of support from you all, so thank you.

This year we aim to fill 300 pencil cases, which is 100 for each age group 3-5yrs, 6-9yrs and 9-16yrs.

Some of you may wish to buy with your local shopping. Others may find it easier now to order online. For the latter I've put together a wish shopping list for each age group, as they can be quite different.

I can email you this list, or you can take a copy of it from the box in the church porch. Then it will help if you either email me, or cross off any item which you've bought on the board that I'll put in the box, so that we don't double up on items. Many thanks in advance. Pam

Church Working Parties

Both churchyards are lovely, and a good way of demonstrating our care for God's world. 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 and tidy up some of the grave areas. At St Andrews there is tidying and weeding. The next working parties are:

- St. Andrews – Thursday 13th August - 10:00 to 13:00
- St. Michaels – Thursdays 9th July and 24th September - 10:00 to 13:00

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

Many thanks, Mike Powell

Book club

We had an excellent meeting with good conversation. Do come and join us, The next meeting is Thursday July 30th 2 pm in the Parish Centre. We will be talking about The Searcher by Tana French. Plenty of time to read it.

Prayer

A prayer group was set up on Sunday to pray for the roof project. Our next meeting will be after church on Sunday July 12th in the lounge. If you would like to pray for issues as they arise please join the WhatsApp group that I've set up. Thank you. Rosemary

Car boots and craft fairs.

A big thank you to anyone who has helped with supplies for them. Over the bank holiday I raised £300 which will mend or make a few desks in Malawian Schools. Will be doing more car boots from July so have a sort out and let me know. Happy to collect. Thank you Rosemary

For your Prayers

SHEILA SPENCER - Sheila formerly lived at Lickey Grange and attended St Andrew's Church and Monday Fellowship, along with her late husband Malcolm. They moved several years ago to Bournville Gardens, where Sheila died recently. Her family are grateful that she was active to the end and passed away peacefully. Her funeral will be at Lodge Hill Crematorium at 1pm on Thursday 25th June, with refreshments afterwards at Bournville Gardens, 49 Bristol Road South. Those who remember her are welcome to attend either or both.

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

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 5th July 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 .

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 June 27th, 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.

Are you having a sort out? Our crafters would like flannelette sheeting, terry towelling and plastic anoraks that will be cut up and made into sanitary packs. Please leave in boxes in the porch. Thank you.

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

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.

We would really appreciate semi-skimmed UHT milk, bags of pasta (not wholewheat or spaghetti as we have enough of those thank you) and jars of sauce please. As always we send our very grateful thanks for everyone's generosity.

Mail Orders (Gentle Ones!)

Should you receive a letter or better still a post card through the mail this summer please remember the stamp can be recycled to raise money for Birmingham City Mission. Clip the stamp leaving a good quarter of an inch of backing paper or card and drop it in the shoe box in Church.

Thank you for all the recent donations. Your reward awaits

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

Air conditioning is not the answer to heat waves. An average-sized air conditioner needs between 6 and 10 kWh to operate. That would not only make your energy bills hefty but also add to global warming, the very calamity you are seeking respite from.

Note: a medium-sized fridge consumes 100 watts while a 1.5-ton air conditioner uses 1500 watts. Using a fridge keeps food fresh, prevents diseases, and saves time taken daily for shopping. The trade-off is significantly better. But that's not all. The fridge can help you beat the worst of the heatwave in other ways.

Freeze a water bottle. Dump it in a thick backpack and wear it while you're outside. The cool touch of the frozen bottle will keep you cool. And as the water melts, you'll have an icy mouthful every 10 minutes.

Some people freeze their socks and pillow covers! Go ahead, try it – you all might normalise this for the next heatwave.

Newsletter

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

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2026

Come and join us at Friends Cinema for its free film shows on: Saturday 18th July at 7pm. Celebrated British comedy about two vintage cars being raced from Brighton to London.

Watering Whole

The next Watering Whole is on Sunday 5th July at 6pm at St Andrews. A time to reflect on God's goodness and find space to pray through anything of concern either individually or corporately. We aim for it to be a time of spiritual refreshment from the stresses of the world to enter into 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 come along you will be very welcome.

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 .