



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 9th July 2026

Services

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

Thursday 23rd July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30th July

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

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

Recent Garden Event

I am very happy to announce that we made £1000 at our Tea in my Garden event on the 24th and 25th June 2026, this will be divided between the Macular Degeneration local group and Autism in Racing. A huge thank you to St Andrews for the tables, The Quakers Meeting house for their car park and tea pot, to all helpers, all who braved the very hot weather and those who gave donations to two very worthwhile charities, with best wishes Rachel Banner

For your Prayers

Mary Richards sadly passed away on Monday, a good friend to many of us and very well known to most people in the village. She will be missed greatly by her neighbours on Sandhills Lane. Please pray for Simon, Pam and all the Richards family. Mary's funeral will be on Tuesday 21st July 9.30 at Waseley, followed by a memorial service at 11am at St Andrews, if you are able to attend, you are encouraged to wear something red.

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

Rehoming Ferby

Mary's 16 year old male cat, Ferby, needs a new home. Please contact Sally on 07803 602439 if you or anyone else you know may be able to take him in.

Football

Wherever I go, a football is always a request from the schools! I would love to be able to give each Head a football when they come to the skills-share. However, that requires 92 footballs. A decent quality one within Malawi is very expensive, but I have found someone driving a new car up from South Africa who would be willing to bring them. This means a football will cost £9. If you would like to buy a football for a school, (or more than one,) please donate. It's difficult to explain just how loved it will be! Please go to <https://www.teachbeyond.org.uk/give>, enter the amount and then put Lucy Ward or The Malachi Project as the designation. You can give me money and I can transfer it to Lucy.

This is the message from Lucy for the skill share this year. If you're enjoying the football how about donating a football to a Malawian school. Maybe in the future your ball could produce a famous footballer Thank you

Barnes Close

Monday July 13th 10 till 3 time to stop, reflect, pray, craft, be renewed. See you there

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.

News from Sheri

Lickey Office have announced over this past week that their Vicar Sheri and her husband Dave will be moving from September to take up a new post.

'The Bishop of Birmingham is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Sheri Gidney as Priest in Charge of Immanuel Highters Heath, and Interim Priest in Charge of Holy Cross Billesley Common, pending the revitalisation in Billesley Common which will begin later in 2027. Sheri is currently vicar of the parish of Lickey with Blackwell where she has served since 2019. Please pray for all of the parishes involved.'

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

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 2nd August 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 July 25th, 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.

3D for E30

Two weeks ago, to celebrate their National Day POST LUXEMBOURG issued a limited edition of one thousand 3D stamps featuring Grand Duke Guillaume. Each stamp cost 30 Euros. If you receive one in the post DON'T put it in the shoe box in St Andrews with any other stamps, but instead contact rare stamps.com asap.

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

It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

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 6th September 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.