



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 20th August 2026

Services

Sunday 23rd August 12th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity

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Thursday 3rd September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 6th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 10th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 13th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm BCP Holy communion

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, 3rd September, 17th September 1st October. 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

THREADS THROUGH THE BIBLE

A fascinating textile project created by Jacqui Parkinson, taking 10 years and some 25 million stitches to complete.

The section 'Threads through Cross' is on display at Tewkesbury Abbey until Thursday 27th August. It returns again to Lichfield Cathedral from Sat 10th October until Monday 23rd November.

Further information at jacqui-textile.com

Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 28 August in the Parish Centre starting at 2pm, but it is better to arrive earlier. We are welcoming back Dr Richard Churchley who will talk about Local Place Names in Worcestershire and Warwickshire – this will be fascinating.

New members and visitors are always welcome. Cost £3 per person. For more information, ring Wendy on 0121 445 1585.

For your Prayers

Please pray for the family of Pam Turner who passed away on 28th July. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 2.30pm at St Michaels Church, followed by a service at 3.30pm at Wasley Crematorium for family only. A reception will be held at Brockencote Hall Hotel, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, DY10 4PY at 4.30pm. Please RSVP by Monday 17 August to Pam's nephew, Mr Paul Smart, who can be contacted by mobile 07850779679.

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

Open Garden

The event was very well attended. Thank you to everyone for support - cakes - and donations. We have so far raised £750 for Leicester Paediatric Intensive care unit. Thank you, Pauline J.

Shoe box appeal.

A big thank you to everyone who donated money to buy footballs. With money I received last Sunday the total cost of the footballs for each school head who came to the skill share in Malawi was covered. Lucy thanks everyone who helped. The second skill share finished on Friday. Pray for implementation of all they learnt into school and a time of refreshment before school starts again.

Shoebboxes Please remember to come and help us next week. Can you count, sort, put up tables or empty high level cupboards then we need your help next Sunday to see what we have and what we need to hopefully fill 300 shoebboxes to send to Eastern Europe in November.

First Class Effort

A really big thank you for all the used stamps that have been left in the Parish Centre or in the shoe box in St Andrews in recent weeks. They will all help raise some cash for Birmingham City Mission. Speaking of making money, from today Royal Mail's latest special stamps are available- 5 first class and 5 second class stamps featuring different pets. They should prove very collectible as it is estimated that over 60% of British households own at least one family pet. Alternatively and especially if you receive the second class 'fancy rats' stamp - you know what to do with it!

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 6th September 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.

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. Michaels – Thursday 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

Birmingham City Mission

Like many charities, Birmingham City Mission is having a tough time getting donations at the moment. This is both for furniture and food, and is limiting their ability to help their clients. If you are thinking of disposing of anything, please consider contacting Birmingham City Mission – 0121 766 6603 – and they can arrange collection. Thank you, Mike Powell

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 August 22nd, 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

At the pantry we are going to try and help our visitors with the cost of children returning to school in September. They have told us that bags and stationery are things they would appreciate help with as we have a swap shop in Rubery which helps them with uniform. If any of the congregation would like to help out then that would be really appreciated.

Other than that, we are always in need of semi skimmed UHT milk, cereals, pasta and rice (not whole wheat please) pasta sauce and tinned veg especially tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas and sweetcorn.

As always we are extremely grateful for all the help and support that you give us.

Climate Crisis Action

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: arocha.org.uk/looking-afterwildlife-in-the-heat/.

Newsletter

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

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.

Barnt Green Friends Meeting House Films for 2026

Come and join us at Friends Cinema for its free film shows on: Saturday 22nd August at 7pm. The Royal Ballet perform Tchaikovsky's famous ballet involving swans.

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 .