



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 27th August 2026

Services

Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

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

Thursday 17th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

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

5-8's Lego Club – Weekly on Mondays 3.30 to 4.45 (Term time) contact hobbsrev@gmail.com

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

For your Prayers

It is with great sadness we have to announce that our dear friend and faithful member of our congregation, Bill Davis, died in Worcester Royal Hospital on Saturday 22nd August.

Bill had struggled with increasingly poor health in the past year, but even so continued to serve his Lord and to share his faith with courage and grace to the very end. Christine, Diane and other members of his family were at his bedside.

A thanksgiving funeral service will take place in St Andrews church at 11am on 21st September and will be followed by a reception for all in the Parish Centre. The family will join the gathering after attending a private service at Redditch Crematorium.

We give thanks for Bill's life among us and pray for Christine and the family as they come to terms with their loss.

Please pray for the family of Catherine Parchment, who passed away this week following a long battle with cancer. Catherine was a longstanding teacher at St Andrews School. Many former pupils and parents will remember her. If anyone wants to pass a message to her family, please email them to office@st-andrewscofe.worcs.sch.uk.

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

Wedding

Congratulations to Emily Coleman and Thomas Lipscomb who are to be married at St Michaels on Saturday 29th August at 1pm.

Shoebox Appeal for filling pencil cases

Many thanks for all your support so far. The updated (shortened) list for the pencil cases includes a need for biro's and HB pencils for older children and chunky colour pencils and small notebooks for little ones.

Maths sets for the older senior children have been found to be cheaper at a company online which is helpful as we're in need 46 hopefully to set the teenagers up in their senior schools, along with felt tips. Plus, we do have a member of the church who can give more information on best buys on the maths sets if wanted. Thank you all. Pam

Teams4U: Past, Present & Future

Coffee and Cake event presented by Dave and Simon Cooke. Monday 14th September 2pm to 4pm at Evesham Baptist Church, Offenham Road, Evesham, WR11 3DY. Join us for coffee, delicious cake, and inspiring stories of our journey.

RSVP paul.jeanes@teams4u.com 07450 088334

Monday Fellowship is commencing its programme of events again on Monday 14th September at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Our first talk welcomes Peter Hunt from the Canal and River Trust. This will be followed by our usual tea and chat. All are welcome so please join us. Admission is £3 but new visitors are free so come and try it out.

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.

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 last Thursday 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 26th, 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

Shop sustainably for more layers. Are your jumpers wearing out? Have your children or grandchildren suddenly outgrown their winter coats? Are your winter boots leaking? Buying clothes doesn't need to cost a fortune. It's the perfect time to hit the charity shops or to shop online for second hand clothes. And if you want to buy new, make sure the company you're shopping with is truly sustainable, not just greenwashing.

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.

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.