



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 17th September 2026

Services

Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

St Michaels 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th September

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 6pm Holy communion

Thursday 1st October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 4th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

Thursday 8th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 11th October 19th 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

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, 1st October, 15th October, 29th 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. Tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre while the family go to the crematorium for a short committal and a sandwich buffet will be served on their return. If you will be attending the buffet, can you let Diane Horton know so that the family have numbers for the catering.

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

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

Watering Whole

The next Watering Whole is on Sunday 4th October 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.

Autumn Concert

Katie will be joining with her brother John and friend Janna to give a concert at 2.30pm on Sunday 1st November in St Andrew's Church. The programme will be a wide variety of music from classical to musical theatre - organ solos, vocal solos, duets and trios. The concert will last for about an hour, and there will be hot drinks and cake afterwards. No tickets needed - but all donations will go to the church roof fund. Bring someone else with you who isn't a church member! Suggested donations of £7 per person, but feel free to give whatever you can!

Collation

The Collation of the Revd Sheri Gidney as Priest-in-Charge of Immanuel Highters Heath is on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm, at Immanuel Church, Highters Heath Lane, Highters Heath, Birmingham B14 47B. RSVP by 22nd September to Rosemary Rivett, PCC Secretary

Quiz Night

Come and enjoy a quiz night at Our Lady's Church Hall, Leach Green Lane, B45 8NQ, on Saturday 3rd October at 7pm. Entry is £4 per person and teams are up to 6 (Don't have a team, join one on the night.). There will be a raffle, please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

St Chad's Rubery A twentieth-century gem!

Heritage open day, Saturday 19th September 10am to 3pm. Come and discover the history and architecture of St Chad's Church in Rubery. Designed by Richard Twentyman and awarded a Grade 2 listing in 2025, the beauty of this 1959 Church both delights and surprises. 10-3 Children's craft activities, refreshments, self-guided tours, local history display. 11-12 The architecture of Richard Twentyman- a talk by Aiden Ridyard. 1.30-2 The history of St Chad's – a talk by Rev Claire Turner. St Chad's Church New Road Rubery B45 9JA,

Barnt Green Macular Society Support Group

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 25 September in the Parish Centre starting at 2pm, but it is better to arrive earlier. Jen Stone's talk is called "I can't dance anymore".

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

Every Little Beauty Helps

Thank you for all the stamps left in the shoe box in St Andrews in the last month. The stamps are sold on by weight not by number or value. Therefore leaving a 1cm margin around the stamp is ideal. Even better if the stamp is attached to a piece of post card. The margin can be increased to maintain the integrity of a postmark. A light, neat and perfectly centred 'Circular Date Stamp' that leaves the stamp design visible adds aesthetic and therefore collector value.

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 4th October 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

Food Bank

Thank you for the contributions to the back-to-school bags, stationery etc. our visitors were very grateful. We are in need of baked beans, cereals, UHT milk, packet mash and shower gel or shampoo please. As always we are extremely grateful for all the help and support that you give us.

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 26th September, 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.

Climate Crisis Action

Set up water butts in your garden. If you've got the space, then this is a fantastic time to start harvesting the rainwater in your garden. There are even slimline water butts available if you've just got a small amount of space. Attach a water butt to the drainpipes on the outside of your house so that excess water runs right into your storage, ready for you to use on drier days.

Not only will this reduce your water bills, but you're saving that water from going to waste and potentially causing flooding issues elsewhere. It's also beneficial to your plants, as rainwater hasn't been filtered and treated in the same way as tap water, and it's at a better temperature for them, helping your garden to thrive.

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.

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