



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 24th September 2026

Services

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

Thursday 15th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 18th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

St Catherines 10am Oversight Service at St Catherines

Parish Centre 3pm Messy Church

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

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

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 27th September 12 noon, everyone welcome. Still not too late to come!

For your Prayers

Wedding - Eleanor Fieldson will be married to Sam Riman on Saturday October 3rd in St Nic's Church in Nottingham. Hillary Brown will be chief bridesmaid, and Dad is just giving her away! Please remember them in your prayers.

Home groups

Why not join a home group. You are invited to join a group which starts next Wednesday September 30th. Meeting at the home of Mike and Julia Powell Kendal End farm. Easy to park. Start at 8 with a drink and a biscuit. Following up the Sunday sermon. Finish by 9.30. Just turn up or contact Mike if you'd like to come.

There are other home groups meeting on different days if a Wednesday evening doesn't work for you. Contact Doug Simkiss for information.

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 – Thursdays 24th September, 22nd October and 14th January - 10:00 to 13:00
- St. Andrews – Thursday 12th November - 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

Do you need any help or odd jobs done?

Joel (18) is off to Tanzania in January with the Christian charity <https://gomakeadifference.co.uk/> to work on various development projects. As well as his fundraising activities, he is looking for work to help fund it. He has good experience tutoring GCSE maths & science as well as guitar, but he's a quick learner and happy to do anything - retail / bar and waitering/ admin / office work / labouring / gardening / childcare or odd jobs. If anyone has, or knows, of anything suitable, please contact him on +44 7517 736260. Thank you.

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!

Act Of Remembrance

God's Heart for Longbridge invites you to join in an Act of Remembrance on Saturday 7th Nov at 10.45am. Outside Longbridge Extra Care Village, 2 Austin Way, Longbridge, Rednal, B31 2FZ. Lest We Forget.

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.

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.

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.

B45 Churches together harvest supper

On Tuesday October 20th, 7-9pm Joint hosted at Our Lady RC Church Hall, Leach Green Lane, Rednal, B45 9BQ. For each group of six people coming, could someone bring an apple pie/fruit crumble pudding and custard or cream. Please could you let Ann, know your church's numbers by 15th October. Ann: , Tel:07946 366326 or 0121 445 1374, thank you. Please sign up if you'd like to come.

Shoeboxes.

Still need your help with items. Now need 300 bags of sweets. Buy a multi bag. Lots around for Halloween. Don't forget the dates for covering shoeboxes. If you can't make those dates take some boxes home and cover them. Starting to collect money to cover transport of boxes. 300 boxes at £3.50. You can do the maths.

Bromsgrove Churches

An invitation to pray for this area. Bromsgrove churches together invite you to the 24-7 prayer week between Sunday September 27th and October 4th. Come and pray for an hour at Bromsgrove Methodist church. You need to sign up for a slot that suits you. Lots of inspiration and helps to prayer. Sign up at Bromsgrove 24-7 prayer week.

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

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

Get sustainable in the garden. It can be really tempting to tidy up the garden ahead of the winter, but leaving parts un-pruned is important for wildlife and biodiversity. Leaving a thin layer of leaves across your lawn and flower beds will nourish your soil, while protecting plants against cold weather. You could rake a larger pile into a corner to provide a great habitat for insects. Likewise, leaving seed heads on flowers that have gone over will provide food for birds over the winter.

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 7097 or contact our Vicar, Rev Andy Hobbs on 0121 445 1269 .