



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 3rd September 2026

Services

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

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

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, 17th September, 1st October, 15th 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 last 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 St Andrews School

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 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.

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 biros 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

Thank You

A big thank you to the small band of helpers who emptied the cupboard, sorted all the shoebox items and bagged them up ready for Super Shoebox Saturday on November 14. No excuse, put the date in your diary.

Plea from Lynn Dewing. 'I need more soap for hygiene bags for shoe boxes. Lidl packs of 4, Morrisons single soaps 34p.' Thank you.

We need skipping ropes, musical instruments, 200+ tennis balls, 60 hats for 3-5 year olds, 30 hats for 6-11 year olds, 10 hats for 12+, scarves, 100 more soft toys. So keep knitting and sorting out toys.

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.

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.

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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 Helps

If you were impressed by the sermon outlining the range of work undertaken by Birmingham City Mission you can support them in a very small way very easily. Receiving a postage stamp in the mail nowadays is as rare as a teetotal England cricketer, but should you receive one, please pop it in the box in St Andrews. When we fill a box we pass it to BCM who combine it with stamps from other supporting parishes to sell on to stamp companies for cash. So ELH BCM - thank you!

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

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

The Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) is dedicated to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life. Join A Rocha UK's Season of Creation prayer and reflection webinar on Wednesday 2 September to start this season with others. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for his provision through the land and the food that it produces. If you are part of a church or community, suggest that a service or gathering has a Season of Creation focus. Prayers, worship, teaching and the offering could focus on creation. Could there be an activity with a creation focus too?

Explore more Season of Creation resources at: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation

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.