



St Michael's & St Andrew's

Parish of Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green



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Weekly Newsletter 8th October 2026 – there will be no newsletter next week.

Services

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

Thursday 22nd October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity

St Andrews 9.30am Morning Worship

St Michaels 4.30pm Holy communion

Thursday 29th October

Parish Centre 9.30am Meditation Service

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

Parish Centre 9am First Church

St Andrews 9.30am Holy Communion

St Andrews 6pm Watering Whole

St Michaels 6pm Memorial Service

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, 15th October, 29th October, 12th November. 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**.

Home Groups - Several small groups regularly meet in people's homes and all welcome new members. They provide mutual support and encouragement, an opportunity to study the Bible and pray. Groups meet on Monday mornings fortnightly, Wednesday evening weekly, Thursday afternoons fortnightly, Friday mornings and two groups meet on Sunday evenings, both fortnightly. We are always keen to develop new groups. If you would like to join a group or start a new group please contact Doug Simkiss on 01214456425, 07534864828

News and information

National Emergency Briefing – October 18th – 2pm – Barnt Green Friends Meeting House

Hosted by Chris Packham CBE, the film brings together leading UK experts in climate science, health, food security, economics, national security and nature. It includes footage from the landmark National Emergency Briefing held in Westminster for MPs and peers, and presents a clear, evidence based overview of the risks facing everyday life in Britain.

Trailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tLUnWHkGG4>

Booking - <https://buytickets.at/barntgreenredditchquakers/2404564>

lcFEM Dinner

Please join us at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre on Saturday 17th October for our Annual lcFEM Dinner in aid of the mission in Kenya. Great menu with an Italian theme and priced at £20pp. Bring your own drinks – glasses provided. Menu and booking details attached or from Judith on 07708799853 Hope to see you there. Judith

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Michael's Church, at 6pm on Sunday 1st November. We will remember especially those from this parish who have died in recent years and pray for families and friends still struggling with feelings of loss and bereavement. As St. Michael's is relatively small, it helps us to have an idea of how many will attend. So please email the Parish Office or ring on 0121 447 7097 to let us know if you can come. There is an answering machine, so leave a message if no one is there, although you are welcome to come to the service even if you have not contacted us.

Prison week of prayer

This Sunday is the beginning of the prison week of prayer. Please use this prayer and particularly pray for the prisons so near to us in Hewell, The staff and the prisoners

The Prisons Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Dates for your diary.

Please come to the Parish Centre on Wednesday November 4th 7.30 – 9.30 Thursday November 12th and Friday November 13th help us cover shoe boxes and set up for Super Shoe box Saturday. A reminder that each box we fill costs £3.50 to send.

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 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 1st November 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.

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. , 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.

Penny Black writes....

A very big thank you to all of you who have left stamps in St Andrews since last Christmas. We have just passed on a second shoebox this year full of stamps from all over the world to Birmingham City Mission. By gum considering the rarity of postage stamps these days that is an extremely good effort! Nonetheless a shoe box remains in the Church foyer throughout the year so please continue to save your used stamps - every little beauty helps.

First Church

Please come and join us on Sunday 1st November 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.

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 24th October 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

Compost Leaves and Garden Waste - Instead of bagging up and throwing away fallen leaves and garden waste, consider starting a compost pile. These materials are fantastic for creating nutrient-rich soil you can garden with.

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 .