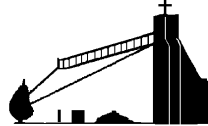


St Anne's Church, West Heath



Church Wardens' Report for 2023

2023 was another busy year for S. Anne's. Father Paul and his family moved to St David's Church, Shenley Green at the end of February 2023 and we entered a period of interregnum (a time without our own vicar). This meant that the workload and responsibilities of the church wardens increased and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us during the year.

To make sure everyone was kept well informed about what was happening at St Anne's we wrote a monthly 'Church Warden's Update' which was distributed at church as well as being put on the website.

Janet continued to lead the Pastoral team and introduced monthly team meetings to ensure that we continued to offer support to vulnerable members of the congregation throughout the year. We have continued to develop our links with three local care homes and continued to hold monthly Communion services in each Care Home although some visits were cancelled due to Covid.

Church Leaders' meetings were held once a month to plan and review church services and Georgina took on the responsibility of booking vicars, lay preachers and readers to lead our services. Thursday morning services in St. Francis Chapel became mainly morning prayer services however we tried to organise a Thursday morning holy communion service once a month.

Georgina took on a lot of the administration work part of which involved her developing the skills needed to update the church website!

St Anne's became part of an Oversight Ministry group with St Laurence's, St John's, St David's and St Bartholomew's and the church wardens have been involved in meetings connected with developing this initiative.

During 2023 we attended meeting at the John Cadbury house in town with Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson, Area Dean Phelim O'Hare and the church wardens from St Laurence's, Northfield where we were informed that we were going to share a vicar with St. Laurence's Church, Northfield. We then wrote a profile for St. Anne's to be included in the advertisement. This was approved by the PCC. We also attended several meetings with the Area Dean, Phelim O'Hare and the church wardens from St Laurence to discuss this process. At the November PCC meeting it was agreed that Georgina Arnold and Ian Bradley would be our representatives on the interview day.

The Church Wardens would like to thank everyone who volunteered in whatever capacity during 2023 as your help is really appreciated and enables St Anne's to run effectively.

Janet Bradley and Georgina Arnold