



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Warden's Update

October 2024

This is the nineteenth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in October are:

6th October: **11 am** Holy Communion Service led by Revd. Jayne Crooks. J.A.M. Club will stay in church for the service.

13th October: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. John Barnett, including J.A.M. Club.

20th October: 10 am Healing Service, including J.A.M. Club. Service led by Church Warden Georgina Arnold and Pastoral Team Leader Janet Bradley supported by reader Emeritus Ian Bradley and retired readers Joan Ayre and Eileen Tudor.

27th October: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. John Barnett, including J.A.M. Club.

- Revd. Jayne Crooks will lead a Holy Communion service on Thursday 17th October at 10:30 am in St Francis Chapel.
- Revd. Louise Beasley will lead a Holy Communion service on Thursday 24th October at 10:30 am in St Francis Chapel.
- Thank you to the Eco Warriors who led our Harvest Service. Please see the photographs overleaf.
- Although nobody applied to be our new vicar, Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson is very busy looking for someone in the Diocese who might be suitable and the job will be re-advertised in the futures.
- Last week there were several occasions when rain water got into the church. On Sunday 22nd September the gutters at the front of the church were over whelmed by the amount of rain water and water poured into the entrance. Fortunately several people were still in the building tidying up after the service and setting the church hall up for Little Stars. This meant we were able to deal with the problem as it was happening! Peter Baker went onto the flat roof and swept water and debris off the roof and out of the gutters, I tried unblocking the drains and Chrissie was sorting out buckets and mopping up the deluge. On Thursday night one of the toilets was flooded and water got into the church. Two of the church walls also got very wet as the gutters once again struggled to cope. I have spent two morning removing gravel, moss and weeds from the front drives so that when the drains have been unblocked they will hopefully remain clear. There is still some more work to do but hopefully I will be able to finish the clearing during the dry days this coming week.
- There is just a bit more tidying up to do around the site before we order a skip to dispose of all our rubbish. (Currently some of the rubbish is stored by the George Goodger Hall).
- A new hearing loop system was installed in the church on Wednesday morning.
- Amy Greaves Dance School are now using the church hall on Thursday evenings during term time.
- The choir and recorder group have been very busy rehearsing the Birthday Concert so please join us on Sunday 6th October and bring your friends.
- The Church Leaders Team, the Pastoral Team and the Standing Committee continue to meet once a month. These meetings help us ensure that we are well organised during the interregnum.
- I hope that the combination of weekly notice sheets, PCC minutes and Warden Updates are keeping everyone well informed about what is happening at St Anne's.
- If you have any questions, ideas or concerns about the interregnum please speak to me.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Georgina Arnold 29th September 2024

Harvest Sunday at St Anne's Church

