



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Wardens' Update

March 2024

This is our twelfth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services and Easter services in March are:

3rd March: Healing Service, including J.A.M. Club

10th March: 10 am Mothering Sunday Service, including J.A.M. Club, led by St Anne's Mothers Union.

17th March: 10 am Morning Worship, including J.A.M. Club, led by Reader Fay Fearon

24th March, Palm Sunday: 10 am Holy Communion, including J.A.M. Club led by Revd. Jayne Crooks.

28th March: 7 pm Maundy Thursday service led by Revd. Jayne Crooks.

29th March: 2 pm Good Friday Vigil led by Revd. Jayne Crooks.

31st March: Easter Sunday 10 am Holy Communion Service, including J.A.M. Club led by Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson.

- Revd. Jayne Crooks will lead a Holy Communion service on Thursday 14th March at 10:30 am in St Francis Chapel.
- Georgina has now booked vicars, or readers to lead our services until the end of July.
- Georgina and Malcolm recorded the church service on Sunday 25th February and have put the recording onto the home page of the church website. Georgina is hoping to record the service each Sunday and put it onto the website during Sunday afternoon. Malcolm will be helping Georgina with the recording for the next couple of weeks but then will be stepping back so Georgina would be grateful if anyone feels able to help with the video camera maybe as part of a rota system. Georgina and Janet would like to thank Malcolm for all his hard work and the enormous number of hours he has spent in ensuring that we reached the point where we could resume videoing services for those members of the congregation who can no longer attend church on a regular basis.
- The 'Statistics for Mission' form for 2023 has been submitted.
- Georgina is still waiting for an update from the Diocese about what we need to do to gain permission to go ahead with our plans for installing a new heating system in the George Goodger Hall.
- Georgina is still working on the maintenance document which will be presented at the March PCC meeting.
- The annual service of the gas boilers has been carried out.
- During the last fortnight of February several premises issues arose: the roof above the front door leaked, the boiler room flooded (which meant one of the boilers could not be serviced), the source of the damp problem in the church hall was revealed, and gas pipes under the hall floor which are showing signs of wear and tear may need to be replaced. Georgina is going to meet with John Templeman from the Diocese on Wednesday 6th March to discuss the many issues we have with our buildings.
- Exposed asbestos was identified in the boiler room on Thursday 29th February. Georgina informed the Diocese who gave her the contact details for a firm who will carry out a survey and decide what needs to be done. Georgina has contacted them.
- 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.

- Emma Sargeant, Growing Younger Advisor for Birmingham Diocese, has informed us that Chrissie Price has been accepted onto the Commissioned Children's Training Pathway—Catalyst. Birmingham Diocese is taking part in this pilot programme this year, created by Ridley College Cambridge and funded through the Church of England programme to help grow the number of children and young people becoming lifelong friends of Jesus in our churches through training and resourcing their leaders. The course runs from February to September. At the end of the course, all the participants will be commissioned to do children's work and mission in their parish. Emma said that all the participants will need the support of their church wardens and congregation. There will be a central commissioning service in late October or early November, but there will also be an opportunity to celebrate in the participant's parish with their leaders, families and children.
- Georgina is continuing to update the church website.
- Janet is going to step down as Church Warden at our APCM on Sunday 28th April. We are therefore looking for a new church warden. We are very aware that it is a large job with much responsibility and can be very time consuming. If no-one feels able to take on the role of Church Warden then we do have a plan B! We have thought we could list the jobs that we need to cover and ask people if they would volunteer to do a job on the list thus spreading the workload. If you would like to be a church warden or would be willing to cover one of the jobs the role entails please speak to Janet or Georgina.
- We 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 Georgina or Janet.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Georgina Arnold and Janet Bradley 29th February 2024