



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Warden's Update

October 2026

This is the forty first and final update.

- I am delighted that I can finally say that our new Associate Priest the Revd Julie Heathcote will be licensed on Sunday 27th September after a three and a half year wait for a minister to be appointed.
- Details of services during October will be circulated on Sunday 4th October.
- I would like to thank the Eco Team for leading our Harvest Service and Chris C and Jackie for organising our second Songs of Praise service. Please see the harvest photos overleaf.
- It was wonderful to see extra people at our Thursday morning services in St Francis Chapel at 10:30 am. If you are free on a Thursday morning please join us. The service lasts about 30 minutes and is followed by refreshments and a chat in the George Goodger Hall.
- The shrubs at the front of church have been cut back, rather more than I expected! It would be marvellous if we could get rid of the weeds and get the grass cut before the service. If you could help please speak to Elaine. As Tesco says 'Every Little Helps'.
- All the old kneelers have been disposed of. We will be buying a few fire retardant kneelers and seat cushions in the next few weeks.
- I have been busy sorting our arrangements for Julie's licensing service with the Arch Deacon, Area Dean and Julie. The Worship Team (formerly known as the Leadership Team) met on Friday and discussed the arrangements for this service.

Sunday 27th September

There will be **no** morning service. Julie's Licensing Service will start at 4 pm.

- Parking is limited. I will tell people who have been allocated a place. Other car parking will be available in St John Fisher car park.
- A number of guests have been invited to the service including local clergy; Julie's friends, family and former congregation; people who use our halls; the local care homes and school so church could be quite full. Please be in your seats by 3:55 pm.
- Refreshments will be available in the church hall after the service. Chrissie is organising the refreshments and hopes that other members of the refreshment team will volunteer to help with serving tea and coffee and the washing up.
- I have bought a card to congratulate Julie on becoming our Associate Priest and will present this to her at the birthday service. It is available in church for you to sign.

Sunday 4th October: Church Birthday Celebrations

- The Birthday service will start at **11 am**. This will be Revd Julie's first service so please do try to attend.
- The Birthday Bring and Share Lunch will be at 12:30 pm in the church hall. If you are bringing food to share please leave it in the church hall before the service. Please remember to bring the list of ingredients so that the people with allergies can check that it is OK for them to eat it.
- The Birthday Concert will be at 2 pm in Church. The choir and recorder group will be performing a selection of music. Please try to support them. It is always an enjoyable occasion.

Finally a huge thank you to everyone at St Anne's for your support and help through what has been a very long interregnum and for making St Anne's such a warm, welcoming and loving family to belong to.

Georgina Arnold, Church Warden 19th September 2026

Harvest 2026



Thank you to everyone who donated food for St Anne's Foodbank during the Harvest Service. J.A.M. Club had their own Harvest service in the church hall. Some of the donations arrived early, as can be seen in the photograph below, and were put straight to use in the foodbank. Thank you to the Mothers' Union members who organise and distribute the food and make the visitors to our foodbank feel very welcome.



Christmas Date

I have already been asked for the date of the Christmas Fayre so I thought I had better include it in this update!

Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December 10 am—12 noon



We were delighted to welcome Revd Julie Heathcote to the church service on Sunday 13th September and took a photograph to commemorate the occasion.

