



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Warden's Update

April 2026

This is the thirty fifth update.

The arrangements for church services during April are:

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele, including J.A.M. Club.

Thursday 9th April: There is no 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service.

Sunday 12th April: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Georgina Arnold, Church Warden, including J.A.M. Club.

Thursday 16th April: 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service led by Sylvia Fox, Reader, in St Francis Chapel.

Sunday 19th April: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev. John Nightingale, including JAM Club.

Thursday 23rd April: 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service led by Ian Bradley in St Francis Chapel.

Sunday 26th April: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Georgina Arnold, Church Warden. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place during this service. There will be no J.A.M. Club but an activity will be provided.

Thursday 30th April: I am still trying to find someone to lead the 10:30 am Service.

- Reminder regarding sharing the Peace during services at St Anne's Church. Our policy for sharing the Peace; a liturgical greeting which marks the beginning of the Eucharistic part of the service; is that we stand in our place and wave at other members of the congregation. **Please respect this policy.**
- March was another busy month with the highlight being the Mothering Sunday Service. Thank you to the members of Mothers' Union who organised this service.
- The repairs needed on various roofs on the site have been completed. We also have a brand new roof on the St Francis Chapel. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards the cost of this work.
- New LED lights will be installed in church and in the corridors after Easter. A few electrical problems will also be dealt with.
- West Heath Primary School visited St Anne's for their Easter Services on Monday 23rd March. It was lovely to see the church full of children and to hear their enthusiastic singing. I would like to thank Chrissie Price, Children's Worker, for organising this.
- The Annual Statistics for Mission document has been submitted to the Diocese. For the second year running our numbers have continued to grow.
- The PCC met on 26th March. Rev. Mark Bennett, Area Dean, joined the meeting and provided an update on the process of appointing a new vicar for St Anne's and St Laurence. St Anne's PCC agreed to appoint a self supporting part time assistant curate known locally as an associate vicar. This person would focus on St Anne's. Ian and I have met a candidate for this position and an interview will take place after Easter with the successful candidate starting the role at the beginning of August. They are still searching for a person to be the vicar of both churches.
- The PCC has also been busy planning for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on Sunday 26th April during the service. They agreed the Annual Report which will be available the week before the APCM.

- If you would like to stand for election as a member of the PCC please sign the form in the entrance. You will need someone to nominate you and someone to second the nomination.
- The APCM is also the time when the congregation elects the church wardens. If you would like to know more about this role please speak to me.
- This year we also need to elect 2 representatives for the Deanery Synod. The nomination form is on the church notice board.
- The PCC, 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.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns about the interregnum please speak to me.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Georgina Arnold 28th March 2026

Easter Services

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday

10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven Gordon Steele, including J.A.M. Club

Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday

7 pm Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

2 pm Service of reflection led by Ven. Gordon Steele

Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday

10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele.

