



**St. Anne's Church, West Heath**  
**Church Wardens' Update August 2023**

This is our fifth update.

We have now found people to lead all our services until the end of the year. The arrangements for August are:

6th August: 10 am A special 'Music Sunday' service led by Chris Clapham, Jackie and the choir.

13th August: 10 am Morning Worship led by Georgina Arnold and Joan Ayre

20th August: 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd. Jayne Crooks

27th August 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd. John Barnett

- Georgina and Janet attended a service at The Ascension Church, Stirchley on 2nd July where they admitted as church wardens for the year.
- We have received a letter from Bishop Anne regarding Oversight Ministry and a certificate officially stating which other churches will be in our oversight area. The letter and certificate are on display on the notice board in the interior corridor.
- Georgina and Janet will be taking part in an Archdeacon's Visitation. This meeting enables Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson to find out a bit more about what is happening at St. Anne's as well as checking that we are 'doing things' correctly. Each year different items are checked. This year she will be checking the register of services, looking at the church terrier (that is records of land and property belonging to the parish), looking at the most recent service record of the church heating system and hearing about the impact of increased fuel costs on the church budget. We will also update her on the current situation with regard to DBS checks and safeguarding training.
- Georgina, Janet and Ian completed an online survey regarding the property and land owned by St. Anne's parish.
- The Leaders Team (people involved with the organisation of church services) met on Tuesday 25th July to discuss our plans for worship in August and to review the services held during July. As numbers have increased at Thursday Morning Worship services the Leaders Team have decided to try to find a minister to lead Holy Communion for at least one service a month. We will keep you updated about this.
- The Pastoral Team led by Janet have started to meet once a month. The first meeting was on Friday 28th July. The team (Janet, Joan, Elaine, Chris and Chrissie) organise services in three local care homes as well as visits and phone calls to members of the congregation who are unwell or who need support. Where necessary they can also organise a visit from a minister.
- There had been ongoing problems with a leak above the front door of church whenever it rains heavily. We have had the lead repaired and the bricks painted with water seal which appears to have cured the problem.
- Janet and Georgina will be meeting with Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson, Area Dean Phelim O'Hare and the two church warden's from St. Laurence on 15th August to have further discussions about sharing a vicar.

- The Diocese have decided to use our vicarage to house the new minister for St. John's Church Longbridge as their current vicar, Rev Colin Corke, will be continuing to live in St. John's vicarage after he leaves his post. James and his family moved in on Tuesday 25th July.
- The Eco event 'Earth Friendly Ways with Food' organised by John Marshall on Saturday 1st July was well attended with over 35 people taking part in the event.
- We would like to thank the choir and recorder group for their wonderful concert on 9th July. At the end of the concert Chris Clapham announced she would be stepping down as leader of the church choir. We would like to thank Chris for all her hard work over many years leading the church choir and are delighted that Jackie Stewart has agreed to take over the role. Chris has agreed to become vice chair of the PCC and also joined the Pastoral Team.
- 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 July 2023