



## St Anne's Church, West Heath

### Church Warden's Update

July 2024

This is our sixteenth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in July are:

7th July: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Lay Preacher Steve Wright, including J.A.M. Club.

14th July: 10 am Holy Communion Service including an adult baptism service led by Revd Jayne Crooks. There will be J.A.M. Club.

21st July: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd John Nightingale, including J.A.M. Club.

28th July: 10 am Morning Worship service led by Church Warden Georgina Arnold with a sermon preached by Reader Joan Ayre, including J.A.M. Club.

- Revd. Jayne Crooks will lead a Holy Communion service on Thursday 11th July at 10:30 am in St Francis Chapel.
- I have booked vicars, lay preachers and readers to lead our services for the rest of the year.
- Unfortunately only one person applied for the position of Rector of St Laurence, vicar of St Anne's and oversight minister for this area. As there was an issue regarding 'right to work' the Diocese decided not to interview the candidate. Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson said the job would be re-advertised later in the summer.
- Kevin and Max visited the church on Friday 28th June and assembled the desk for all the audio visual equipment at the rear of the church. They will be returning on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July to install all the equipment. The PCC would like to thank the people who have donated money towards the cost of this. So far £459.06 has been donated. There is still time for you to make a donation if you are able to. Please could you put any money in an envelope clearly labelled 'Sound System donation' and either give the envelope to me or place it on the collection plate. Any donations no matter how small would be greatly appreciated.
- The PCC have decided to change where we assemble in the case of a fire. As from now if the buildings need to be evacuated because of a fire, gas leak etc. we would like people to go to the main church car park at the rear of the church. I will be updating all the signs in the buildings during the week.
- The church grounds. A few people have said that the grounds are looking overgrown and untidy. As we are keen to be an eco-friendly church the decision was made to let the grounds become more nature friendly but we are aware that some people might think we are not looking after the grounds. Therefore the PCC are going to display a sign in the grounds stating our decision to have nature friendly grounds. Elaine and the garden team will ensure that there is a pathway cut through the grass and that paths are kept weed free. At the end of the season the long grass will be cut back and all the bushes pruned.
- You may remember that the PCC had a plan for if we only had one church warden. The idea was that each month the church warden would provide a list of jobs that needed to be accomplished and ask the PCC and congregation if they could help with any of them. Therefore I created a list of jobs that need to be completed during July and shared it with the PCC at the June meeting. The PCC have volunteered to help with most of the tasks but there are a couple that members of the congregation might be able to help with. Please see the next page for details.

We have quite a few items that need to be disposed of so I will be booking a skip for a Saturday in July. If you would be able to help load the skip please let me know so that I can organise a date. We also need to check the church inventory. This involves checking all the items in the church, the chapel and the vestry and completing the necessary forms. If you think you could help with this please let me know.

- 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 am continuing to regularly update the church website.
- 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 30th June 2024