



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Wardens' Update

November 2023

This is our eighth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in November are:

5th November: 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd. John Barnett

12th November: 10:45 am Remembrance Sunday Service led by Ian Bradley

19th November: 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd. Andy Delmerge

26th November: 10 am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson

- Georgina and Janet met with Phelim O'Hare, Area Dean, for the Archdeacon's Visitation on Monday 16th October. The meeting went well.
- The Leaders Team (people involved with the organisation of church services) met on Friday 27th October to discuss our plans for worship in November and to review the services held during October. The response to last month's Healing Service was very positive so the Church Leaders Team have decided to organise two each year. The next one will be on Sunday 3rd March 2024. The team also planned the format of all the December services. Georgina has finished booking vicars and readers to lead our services until the end of April 2024. We are delighted that Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson has agreed to lead our service on Easter Day.
- The Pastoral Team led by Janet met on Friday 13th October. 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. If you know of anyone in the congregation who needs support please speak to Janet or one of the team.
- The PCC have decided to replace the gas central heating system in the George Goodger Hall with electric heating. They have been given a quote from Trust Electric Heating and are now liaising with the Diocese to obtain permission to install electric radiators. We are hoping for a positive response as we are trying to be more eco-friendly.
- Westside Forestry visited the site on Tuesday 24th October to cut back trees and shrubs around the church. Several local people as well as members of the congregation have commented on how much better the grounds now look. A huge thank you to Elaine who did a final tidy up when they had finished work.
- The PCC have purchased a camcorder to use for live streaming. Georgina and Malcolm are meeting during the week to work on getting everything ready to resume live streaming.
- The PCC have decided that as so many young families are struggling financially that Little Stars should be run as 'A place of Warm Welcome' from November until the end of April which means that parents / carers will not be charged for attending although they may give a donation for refreshments if they would like to. We hope that this will be helpful to our local families.
- Georgina is continuing to update the church website.
- 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
4th November 2023

December Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 3rd December

11 am Holy Communion service led by Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson, including J.A.M. Club. Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

2 pm Christmas Concert led by the choir and recorder group. Please tell your family and friends.

Thursday 7th December

10:30 am service of Holy Communion led by Revd. Jayne Crooks in the St Francis Chapel.

Saturday 9th December

10 am—12 noon Christmas Fayre in the church hall. Please tell your family and friends.

Sunday 10th December

10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. John Barnett

Tuesday 12th December

2 pm—4 pm Mothers' Union Christmas Party in the George Goodger Hall.

Sunday 17th December

10 am Nativity Service

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve

10 am Carol Service led by Janet.

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day

10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd Phelim O'Hare, Area Dean.

