



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Warden's Update

September 2025

This is the twenty ninth update.

The arrangements for church services in September are:

Thursday 4th September: 10:30 am Morning Prayer in St Francis Chapel.

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

Thursday 11th September: 10:30 am Holy Communion in St Francis Chapel.

Sunday 14th September: 10 am Morning Worship led by Church Warden Georgina Arnold, sermon given by Eileen Tudor Reader Emeritus, including J.A.M. Club.

Thursday 18th September: 10:30 am Morning Prayer in St Francis Chapel.

Sunday 21st September: 10 am Harvest Festival led by our Eco Warriors, including J.A.M. Club.

Thursday 25th September: 10:30 am Morning Prayer in St Francis Chapel.

Sunday 28th September: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev. John Barnett, including J.A.M. Club.

- August was spent preparing for the 50th birthday celebrations of the new church building. It will also be 125 years since people started to worship on this site in the original mission church which was later named St. Anne's Church.
- The church leaders team met on Friday 22nd August and finalised our plans for the birthday celebrations.
- The cleaning team have been busy doing extra bits of cleaning and maintenance so that the church will look its best.
- We will need to do some tidying of the church grounds in the coming weeks. If you would be willing to help with grass cutting, weeding or pruning please speak to Elaine Sparey who organises our gardening team. She would appreciate any help you are able to give.
- I would like to thank the people who have signed up to help when we hold our Church Open Day on Saturday 4th October between 10 am and 2 pm. We still need a few volunteers.
- Voting for our favourite hymns has closed and the most popular hymns will be sung during the birthday service on Sunday 5th October. I would like to thank Jackie, our choir leader who has created a chart to show when all the hymns that received votes will be sung during services. The list will be on display at the rear of the church so you will be able to see when your favourites will be sung.
- I started sending out invitations to the celebrations during the week and by the end of this coming week all invitations should have been sent.
- When we know the number of people attending the birthday celebration lunch we will ask members of the congregation to volunteer to bring some of the food on the list.
- A group of PCC members met on Thursday 28th August and updated the Health and Safety Policy and also the risk assessments we need.
- 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 August 2025