



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

This is our sixth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in September are:

3rd September: 10 am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson

10th September: 10 am Morning Worship led by Janet Bradley with Reader Joan Ayre preaching

17th September: 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd. John Barnett

24th September: 10 am Harvest Festival led by J.A.M. Club

- Georgina and Janet would like to thank Chris Clapham, Jackie Stewart and the choir for organising the Music Sunday Service. All the feedback was extremely positive.
- Georgina would like to thank everyone who has volunteered on Tuesday mornings to help tidy up the church buildings. We are half way through re-organising the kitchen and will be putting labels on all the cupboard doors, drawers and shelves so that everyone can see where things are stored.
- Georgina and Janet are still waiting for a date for the Archdeacon's Visitation.
- The Standing Committee met on Sunday 20th August after the church service. Georgina and Janet informed them about their meeting with the two church wardens from St. Laurence Church, Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson and Area Dean Phelim O'Hare. Georgina and Janet said it had been a very positive meeting and that we now needed to write a 'Church Profile' which will be needed when the Diocese advertise for a Rector for St. Laurence and a vicar for St. Anne. The Standing Committee agreed that the Church Leaders Team should meet to discuss two questions posed by Jenny Tomlinson and to start to draft the 'Church Profile'.
- The Leaders Team (people involved with the organisation of church services) met on Friday 25th August to discuss our plans for worship in September and to review the services held during August. They also discussed the two questions posed by Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson:
  - A) What we are like as a church
  - B) What God is calling us to do at St. Anne

The notes we made in answer to the two questions above are listed overleaf.

We had kept the last Church Profile we wrote so each member of the Church Leaders Team took away a copy to read and make alterations on. It was agreed that Ian and Georgina would then write the first draft of the Profile on the afternoon of Thursday 31st August. This draft will then be shared with the Church Leaders Team and any further alterations made before it is submitted to the PCC at their September meeting.

- The Pastoral Team led by Janet met on Friday 18th August. 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.
- 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  
27th August 2023

**Notes made at the Leaders' Team Meeting (These are just notes and are not in any particular order)**

**What we are like as a church**

- Welcoming with a relaxed atmosphere
- A loving community who cares for all members of our congregation including our home church members
- Cheerful / happy
- Inclusive: we embrace differences
- Promote harmony: we are understanding of each other's characters
- Open minded
- We acknowledge each others strengths and weaknesses and try to be tolerant and patient
- We work as a team for the good of the church
- We are very adaptable regarding circumstances
- Encouraging
- We think outside the box
- We share ideas and allow people to try new ideas (experimental)
- We listen to feedback and are willing to learn from it

**What is God calling us to do?**

- To be welcoming, inclusive and non-judgemental
- To preach the Gospel (share the Good News)
- To reach out, develop and foster links with the community e.g. care homes, schools, local churches
- To reach out to vulnerable people in our parish
- To try to encourage those who are not necessarily interested in church to participate in events
- To continue to develop as an eco church
- To make the best use of all our resources e.g. finances, premises, people, time

This list is just a beginning and there are probably other things we did not think of which could be added. If you can think of anything we have missed out please speak to Georgina.