



## St Anne's Church, West Heath

### Church Warden's Update

March 2026

This is the thirty fourth update.

The arrangements for church services during March are:

**Sunday 1st March: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Steve Wright, Lay Preacher, including J.A.M. Club.**

**Thursday 5th March: 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service led by Steve Wright in St Francis Chapel.**

**Sunday 8th March: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Steve Wright, Lay Preacher, including J.A.M. Club.**

**Thursday 12th March: 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service led by Steve Wright in St Francis Chapel.**

**Sunday 15th March: 10 am Mothering Sunday Service led by Mothers' Union, including JAM Club.**

**Thursday 19th March: 10:30 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. Theresa Morton in St Francis Chapel.**

**Sunday 22nd March: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Rev John Nightingale, including J.A.M. Club.**

**Thursday 26th March: 10:30 am Morning Prayer Service led by Sylvia Fox, (a Reader from St Nicolas Church) in St Francis Chapel.**

**Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele, including J.A.M. Club.**

- February was a busy month with the highlights being the Eco Service and the Healing Service. Thank you to everyone who helped with these services.
- I met with the Ven. Gordon Steele on Sunday 22nd February to discuss the Easter Services at St Anne's. We are very fortunate as Gordon has agreed to lead all of our Easter Services.
- As we enter Lent the PCC and I would like to thank Janet for planning our Lent Prayer Course. I hope you will find time to talk to each other about how you have used the material she has provided.
- During the winter several issues have arisen with the buildings: the church guttering has become broken which has led to water pouring down the inside wall whenever there is heavy rain; thieves have stolen the lead above the front door which meant that the doors became swollen and would not open easily; the Chapel roof needs to be replaced; some slates have slipped on the church hall roof; an electrical socket needs replacing and the lights have fused in the vestry and the electrician needs to investigate why this happened. All of this adds up to a sizeable bill for all the problems to be dealt with. I would like to thank everyone who has donated money so far. If you haven't given any money but are able to give some then please do. As Tesco says, 'Every little helps'.
- I have spoken to Jenny Tomlinson, Archdeacon of Birmingham regarding the process of appointing a new vicar and slow progress is being made, so please keep praying, hopefully there will be some good news soon.
- PCC met on 26th February. At the meeting they discussed the End of Year Financial Statement which will now be sent to the accountants to be checked. The PCC also spent time discussing all the work that needs to be done on the buildings and agreeing the way forward.
- The PCC has also been busy planning for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on Sunday 26th April during the service. The APCM provides the congregation with an opportunity to

stand to be elected as a member of the PCC (Parish Church Council). The PCC meets on the last Thursday of the month except for December. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and last no longer than 2 hours. You don't have to have any specialist knowledge. If you want to know the sort of things which are discussed please read the latest copy of the minutes on display on the notice board in the entrance. I would like to thank the people who have already expressed an interest in standing for election to the PCC.

- The APCM is also the time when the congregation elects the church wardens. If you would like to know more about this role please speak to me. Information about what this role entails will be displayed on a notice board during March.
- This year we also need to elect 2 representatives for the Deanery Synod. Information about this will be put on the notice boards during March.
- The PCC, 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 February 2026

## **Easter Services**

**Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday**

**10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven Gordon Steele, including J.A.M. Club**

**Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday**

**7 pm Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele**

**Friday 3rd April: Good Friday**

**2 pm Service of reflection led by Ven. Gordon Steele**

**Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday**

**10 am Holy Communion Service led by Ven. Gordon Steele.**