



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Wardens' Update December 2023



This is our ninth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in December are:

3rd December: 11 am Holy Communion led by Arch Deacon Jenny Tomlinson

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

17th December: 10 am Nativity Service led by J.A.M. Club

24th December: 10 am Carol Service

25th December: 10 am Holy Communion led by Revd Phelim O'Hare, Area Dean

31st December: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. John Nightingale

- The Leaders Team (people involved with the organisation of church services) met on Friday 24th November to discuss our plans for worship in December and to review the services held during November. On Thursday 30th November there was a Holy Communion Service in the chapel which was well attended. Georgina is now trying to book vicars for some of the Thursday morning services so that we can have a communion service at least once a month.
- The Pastoral Team led by Janet met on Friday 17th November. The team consists of Janet, Joan, Elaine, Chris C and Chrissie. If you know of anyone in the congregation who needs support please speak to Janet or one of the team. Recent services in the care homes have been well attended and Joan thanked members of the choir who had also attended to help boost the singing. There are Christmas services planned for each of the three care homes that we visit.
- Georgina has been in contact with the Diocese about replacing the heating in the George Goodger Hall. She is now waiting to be told what we need to do to gain permission to go ahead with our plans. We have been offered a very kind donation of £2000 towards the cost of installing new heating which means that the church will only have to pay £2,240. We will keep you updated about progress on this.
- Georgina and Malcolm are going to record the service on Sunday 3rd December. If it goes well the recording will be put on the church website so that people can watch it.
- Following the PCC's decision that they would support Little Stars so that parents / carers could attend for free during the winter, numbers attending have increased with many families saying they really appreciate having somewhere warm to go to during the week where their child can play with other children and they can chat to other adults. The PCC have also received a kind donation of £250 to help support the work of Little Stars.
- Georgina is continuing to update the church website.
- Thank you to Joy, Ron and Chrissie who helped Georgina in the freezing cold get the church hall ready for the shared lunch, set up the Christmas tree so that the choir could put on the tinsel and baubles and delivered posters about the Fayre. Your help was greatly appreciated.
- 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 2nd December 2023