

Notices

- We are having an Ascension Day service on Thursday at 7 pm led by Revd. Jayne Crooks. We will also have an organist for the service. Please try to attend if you can.
- A date for your diary: On Sunday 19th May (Pentecost Sunday) the church service will be at **11 am**. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at approximately 12:30 pm in the church hall and a Choir and Recorder concert at 2 pm in the church.
- Christian Aid collection envelopes will be given out on Sunday 5th May. Christian Aid week begins Sunday 12th May. Envelopes can be returned to church on Sunday 19th May or Sunday 26th May.
- If you have any concerns please contact the church wardens Georgina Arnold on 0121 458 1590 or Elsie Worrall on 07971874357

In the case of a fire

If there is a fire, please leave the building by the nearest exit, and assemble on the grass verge beyond the church wall. People attending J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) will be taken to the assembly point by their leaders, so please meet them there.

Safeguarding

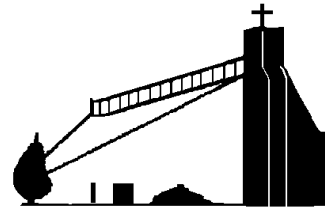
If there are any safeguarding concerns in and out of the church, please speak to Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Chrissie Price: chrissie.price@blueyonder.co.uk or

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St Anne's Church

West Heath

Notice Sheet

Sunday 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Anne's Church where we strive to be a home to invite everyone into.

To use the induction loop, hearing aids need to be turned to the 'T' position.

Please ensure mobile phones are turned off or are on silent mode.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.

Collect for Sunday

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for today:

Acts 10 44-end
1 John 5 1-6
John 15 9-17

Readings for Thurs:

Acts 1 1-11
Ephesians 1 15-end
Luke 24 44-end

Readings for next week:

Acts 1 15-17, 21-end
1 John 5 9-13
John 17 6-19

Calendar

Sunday 5th May	10 am	Morning Worship Service led by Lay Preacher Steve Wright, including J.A.M Club.
Monday 6th May	3pm	There is no Prayer Group today because it is a Bank Holiday.
Tuesday 7th May	9:15 am – 11:15 am 7 pm	Little Stars Stay and Play Group meets in the church hall. Choir rehearsal in church
Wednesday 8th May	1:30 pm – 4 pm	Sing-a-long and dance group meet in the Church Hall.
Thursday 9th May	9:15 am – 11:15 am 10:30 am 11:15 – 11:45 am 7 pm	Little Stars Stay and Play Group meets in the church hall. There is no Morning Prayer service. The Foodbank is open in the George Goodger Hall and refreshments are available. Ascension Day Service led by Revd Jayne Crooks .
Friday 10th May	9 am–12	Church buildings being cleaned.
Saturday 11th May	11:15 – 11:45 am	The Foodbank is open in the George Goodger Hall and refreshments are available.
Sunday 12th April	10:00am	Morning Worship including J.A.M. Club, led by Church Warden Georgina Arnold with Reader Joan Ayre preaching the sermon.

Thought for Ascension Day: The Message for Today by Ian Bradley.

1. Jesus is alive. He left the earth, not passively, as a confined corpse, but in the full strength of resurrection life.
2. He is with God. He had come from God, and returned to God; and today we have no reason to believe he is anywhere other than with God.
3. He is in heaven. Each time we pray 'his' prayer, we affirm that God is in heaven. Since wherever God is, Jesus is, he is there, too.
4. He has promised to return, as he left. And he will come; for God is faithful to what he has promised.

Prayers

Interregnum Prayer: Almighty Father, who in your love has drawn us together as members of your Church in our parish of St. Anne; during this interregnum especially deepen our love for you and strengthen our fellowship one with another. Hear the prayers of your people and send to us the person who shall faithfully and wisely exercise their role as vicar in our parish, to the good of your Church and the glory of your name; though Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Other Prayers

Please pray for those who are not well especially for Amy, Malcolm, Bebe, Vivien, Ruth, Gillian E, Jess, Emma, Chris M, Navid and Fatima, John Hicks and Barbara (Dean's wife).

Please prayer for the family and friends of David (Sally's brother in law) and Frederick (Dahlia's husband) who have died recently.

Please pray for His Majesty King Charles III and all the members of the Royal family.

If you have a prayer request please speak to Janet Bradley or email her: janet22bradley@gmail.com, or complete a form and put it in the prayer request box in the entrance to the church.

Thought for the Week: Christ's Body, The Church by Ian Bradley

The Church of Christ, with its divisions and tensions, its varying observances and the so-called obstacles against unity, still comprises people whom Christ has 'chosen'.

We do great work, by the wonderful grace of God; but how much greater work could we do, if we had unity in this vast body of Christ! Unity between east and west, Catholic and Protestant, Evangelical and Charismatic!

As chosen individuals, we should pray fervently for guidance from God as to how we, each in his own vocation and ministry, can help to achieve that unity for which Christ prayed (John 17:11).