



St Anne's Church, West Heath

Church Wardens' Update

April 2024

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Easter

This is our thirteenth update.

The arrangements for Sunday services in April are:

7th April: 10 am Holy Communion Service led by Revd Guy Donegan-Cross, including J.A.M. Club

14th April: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by Reader Fay Fearon, including J.A.M. Club

21st April: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by the church wardens, including J.A.M. Club.

28th April: 10 am Morning Worship Service led by the church wardens including our APCM. There will be no J.A.M. Club but an activity will be provided.

- Revd. Jayne Crooks will lead a Holy Communion service on Thursday 18th March at 10:30 am in St Francis Chapel.
- Georgina has now booked vicars, or readers to lead our services until the end of July.
- Malcolm is still trying to sort out the problem with the sound when services are recorded.
- We are still waiting for the annual service of the church boiler as when the other boilers were serviced this could not be accessed due to the flood and the finding of asbestos in the boiler room. Mark from SMS heating has informed Georgina that the boiler is over 25 years old and may be coming to the end of its life so we are hoping that its annual service goes well.
- One of the heaters in the main church hall has been condemned and the PCC are in the process of organising for it to be replaced.
- Following the flood of the boiler room the loss adjustor from our insurance company visited the site. The boiler room needs to be sanitised and we will need a new door: both costs will be covered by our insurance.
- When the equipment for sanitising the boiler room was delivered they found that we did not have any electrical sockets in the boiler room so we had to wait for an electrician to fit them. This cost was covered by our insurance.
- The loss adjustor advised us to have the drain by the boiler room cleaned. This was carried out on Friday 22nd March.
- When the loss adjustor visited the site he noticed that one of the gas pipes under the church hall was corroding and needed to be replaced. The PCC have approved a quote for £2,100 + VAT from SMS heating to have the pipe work replaced.
- Due to the many issues with the buildings Georgina met with John Templeman from the Diocese on Wednesday 6th March to discuss how they could be resolved, companies we could use etc. She is still waiting for a lot of the information to be provided. It will then be discussed with the PCC.
- A survey of the exposed asbestos was carried out and it was then removed on Thursday 14th March.
- The padlock on the gas cupboard had rusted and could not be opened. Rod Price managed to cut it off using bolt cutters and a new padlock has been purchased and put in place.
- Little Stars reported that they could smell gas. When we had this investigated it wasn't a gas leak but a leak of fumes from one of the heaters in the main church hall and the problem was mended.
- We had a second electric smart meter fitted on Friday 15th March.

- We have renewed the contract for the photocopier and as part of the new contract a new photocopier was delivered on 27th March at no extra cost.
- 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.
- Georgina is continuing to update the church website.
- Our APCM will take place during the 10 am service on 28th April. Details regarding the electoral roll, application forms for the PCC and to become church warden will be displayed in the entrance. The PCC has written and approved the annual report which will be available the week before the meeting. The finance report which has been approved by the PCC will be available on the day. There will be no J.A.M. Club during that service as the leaders want to be present for the APCM. An activity will be provided for J.A.M. Club members.
- Chrissie and Joan are taking a service into Austin Rose Care Home on Tuesday 23rd April to help them celebrate St. George's Day. We are hoping that some members of the congregation will go along and join in. After the service there will be refreshments provided.
- 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 30th March 2024