



Welcome to St Anne's Monthly News for August.

I really hope that the summer months have given you an opportunity to take things a little bit slower and get a break from whatever is your normal routine.

Perhaps like me you have been caught up in watching some of the Women's Euros. The nail-biting finishes of some of the games have kept us on the edge of our seats... and in the end, after many penalties and periods of extra time... The Lionesses did it! Congratulations to them and Well Done!



You may already know that there is a Chasetown link to the Lionesses win ... Hannah Hampton the goalkeeper who bravely saved penalties in the final was a student at Erasmus Darmin Academy before going

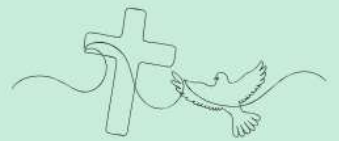
on to follow a career in football. She suffers from an eye condition which affects her ability to sense distances. She was told it would probably prevent her from being a professional footballer... But it was her passion and her dream to play football, and she persisted. Perhaps there is a lesson there for us all – that we should persist and press on when we can to follow our dreams and our calling.

That leads me to think about God's dreams for us and the kind of people we are becoming. For all of us there will be setbacks and

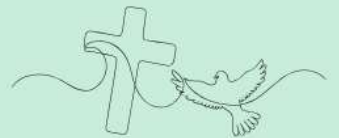
Celebrating 160 Years of St Anne's

It's very nearly 160 years since St Anne's Church was built and the Church Council are planning a Season of Celebration this Autumn. Please **Save the Date** of two important events...

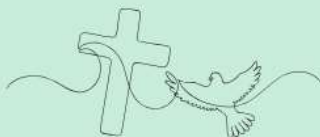
**Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration on
Sunday 14th September at 10.15am**



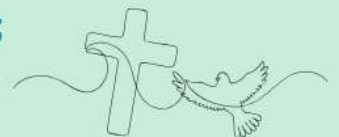
160TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025
10.15AM**



**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
PSALM 106:1**



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Remembering Pat Woodward – Save the Date – Sat 16 August

Many people at St Anne's will remember Pat Woodward with fondness and affection. In acknowledging that it is a year since Pat died, her husband Roy is inviting all who would want to remember and celebrate her life to come along to a relaxed and informal celebration of Pat's life on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 2pm-5pm in St Anne's Church. There will be a buffet and drinks available and a good opportunity to share time together and remember Pat. If you would like to come please give your details to Laura, our Parish Administrator before 11 August – or use the sign up sheet in the church welcome area.

Nailed It

Once upon a time there was a boy with a bad temper. The boy's father wanted to teach him a lesson, so he gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he should hammer a nail into a piece of fence.

On the first day of this lesson, the boy had hammered 37 nails. He was really crazy!

Over the next few weeks, the boy began to control his temper, so the number of nails hammered into the fence decreased dramatically. It wasn't long before the boy discovered that it was easier to stay calm than to hammer those nails into the wood.

Then, finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper even once, and he became so proud of himself that he couldn't wait to tell his father.

Satisfied, his father suggested that he take out a nail for every day he could stay calm.

Several weeks passed and finally the day came when the boy could tell his father that all the nails were gone.

Very gently, the father took his son by the hand and led him to the piece of wood where he had hammered the nails.

Whales sing lovely songs that people have recorded and shared around the world. They're strong, respected, and protected — unless they run into trouble with humans.

And mermaids? They're made up.

If they were real, they'd probably be stressed out, talking to therapists — I mean, being half fish and half human can't be easy.

They don't have love lives because stories say they drag men underwater. And really — how would they even... well, you get the idea.

No kids, no real life. Plus, they'd probably smell like fish.

P.S. The world may love skinny bodies, but I'd rather enjoy ice cream with my kids, a warm dinner with someone who makes me smile, and chocolate with my friends.

As we get older, we don't just gain weight — we gain wisdom, joy, and memories. When your heart is full, sometimes your body shows it too. So no, we're not just "heavy." We're full of life, laughter, and love.



Some things to pray for each day in August

1st The NHS workers and Medical Researchers. Residents of Anglesey CIs Elmhurst Drv and Elunda Grv. Burntwood Be a Friend. Residents of Blackthorne Ave, Brantwood Ave, and Bridge Cross Rd.

2nd Mission Aviation Fellowship. Residents of Henley CIs, Highfields Rd and High St.

3rd Springhill Primary School teachers, pupils, parents, and governors. Residents of Hill St, Hillside CIs, James Hutchen Court.

4th Residents of Moor CIs, Mossbank Ave, Mount Rd, New Rd and New St, Residents of Merton Ct, Meadway St and Miners Way. Those in the deanery area who are in training for the local ministry. Christian Aid.

5th Pray for Laura the Parish Administrator as she works at St. Annes. Burntwood Be a Friend, Spark, MHA (Formally B'wood live at home scheme). Residents of Summerfield Rd, Sycamore Pl and Franklin Dr), our Flower Team, our Cleaners. The Wolgarston Link for Life Team.

24th Residents of Lawnswood Ave, Leafenden Ave and Lilac Grv, Ferndale Cls, Foxhills Cls and Franklin Dv. Our Film Night.

25th Rev'd Steve Morgan and his family. Residents of Springhill Rd and St. Anne's Cls.

26th St. Joseph's primary school teachers, pupils, parents & governors. Residents of Hawthorne Cres and Hazelmere Dr.

27th Our Global Mission Links. Residents of Thistledown Av and Travellers Cl. The Local Methodist church and their ministers. Residents of Ivy Close. Chestnut Close and Oak Vale.

28th Our Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

29th Residents of Queen's Drv and Ring Rd. Those who are ill from Covid 19. Sandy McMeekin and Beacon Church. Residents of Glenmore Ave and Grange Ave. Residents of Grange Rd.

30th The Work and Mission of the Church. Residents of Juniper Cls, Church Walk and Keepers Cls.

31st Our Community Garden Team. Grocery Store Workers and Delivery People.

August Prayer

If you are able to, please pray for the following people who have asked for our prayers...

Terry and Angela Smith
Joy and Keith Gillion
Shirley Povey
Anthony Warwood
Yvonne Warwood
Julie Hall
Adrian Tucker

Matthew Westwood
Magaret Powis
Jean Burns
Angela Slater
Phyllis Turner
Pete Shelley
Margaret Oldham

Please also pray for the families of those who have died recently...

Beryl Broadfield
Brian Smith
Malcolm Westwood

Samantha Bullivant
Terry Grundy
Christine Sale

Please use our intercession book to add the names of people needing prayer in our services each Sunday. (The intercessions book is normally in the welcome area)

Services and Events in August 2025 at St Anne's

Sunday 3rd August

10.15 am All Age Service

6pm Holy Communion

Thursday 7th August

9.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August

10.15am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

6pm Evening Worship (simpler service)

Thursday 14th August

9.45am Morning Worship

Sunday 17th August

10.15am Café Church

Thursday 21st August

9.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August

10.15am Holy Communion

6pm Memorial Service

Thursday 28th August

9.45am Holy Communion

Please note there is NO Film Night in August

Sunday 31st August

10.15am Holy Communion

6pm Songs of Praise