

JANUARY NEWS



St Anne's Church

A church building sanctuary for everyone

WEEKLY SERVICES

Eucharist: Sundays at 10am In the church and on Zoom Godly Play for the children during the service.

Said Eucharist: Wednesdays at 10am In the church and on Zoom tea and coffee and a chat afterwards.

Evening Prayer Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm on Zoom

Wednesday 6pm in the church and on Zoom

We welcome everyone back to the church for services as we continue to maintain safe practices to prevent the spread of Covid. As some people may prefer not to attend in person we will continue to have a Zoom link to these services. This can be requested by email or found on the website calendar.

OTHER EVENTS and SERVICES

Singing Practice at 2.30pm on the 8th and 22nd. Everyone is welcome to join the singing group.

Taizé Service: at 7.45pm on the 2nd

Community Gathering: at 3.30pm. on the 16th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25th January

Holocaust memorial service at 10am on the 26th

Prayer for Easton: at 7.30pm on the 27th. Venue to be confirmed.

Stewardship Recorder. **This position is currently vacant, and volunteers are welcome!** This would be someone who recorded the giving of each person who gives to the church with Gift Aid, through the Parish Giving scheme or by weekly envelopes, and sends out annual acknowledgements to everyone involved. They would also be around to encourage people to give regularly, if appropriate; and to answer questions about how it all works. **Speak to Carla or John**

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created, that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

Booklets with prayers and reflections will be available at Church.

One Day is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2022.

Holocaust Memorial Day is One Day that we put aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, in the hope that there may be One Day in the future with no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future.

- The Eucharist on Wednesday the 26th will be marking this day.
- The UK Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 will be streamed online Thursday 27 January at 7pm. Register on the website to watch the Ceremony online.
- **Light a candle and put it in your window at 8pm on 27 January 2022**

What is Godly Play?

Godly play was developed by Jerome Berryman, based on the Montessori education methods.

Godly play trusts that the child (and the adult) have a capacity for spiritual experience and exploration, and creates an environment in which the 'value of sacred space and play are recognised as keys to spiritual engagement.'

The stories and the wondering introduce the bible, the liturgy of the church and Christian language, in a way that allows the child and adult to engage with the meaning of them in their life. The response/work time allows for the children to do the work that they choose and are engaged with. There are craft resources, books and games as well as the story materials.

At St Anne's we aim to have a Godly Play group twice a month during the Sunday Service. When we don't have a group we will usually have a story at the beginning of the service and response/work resources will be available at the back of the church.

Adults and children are welcome to use the resources.

<https://www.godlyplay.uk/>



Community Gatherings

Gatherings are a place of community for local people, young and old, to connect with themselves, each other and God.

We meet monthly for a brief circle including song, prayer and a story, followed by whatever anyone wants to bring: chat, play, eating, crafting, gardening...

Our next gatherings will be on the 16th January 3.30-5pm

community wildlife garden

There are opportunities to get involved in the care of the garden.
Email anneswildgarden@gmail.com for more information .

St Anne's Church information



Please keep the ministry team updated with any news from you or others in the congregation.

- John and Rachel 0117 9446153
- Melissa 07599536950
- Carla 0117 9354389

Check out our Facebook page: St Anne's Church

We have a website with a calendar that is kept up to date.

www.stanneschurchbristol.org.uk

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please leave a message on 0117 9514745 or Email: stanneseastville@gmail.com