

## **Anna Chaplaincy Report**

The Anna Chaplaincy is progressing well and is developing into an integral part of the life of both St Mark's and St Edmunds, it is a person-centred ministry for older people of all faiths.

The Chaplain is Hilary Baldwin who attends the Holy Communion service held at St Edmund's every Wednesday morning although this is a small congregation it is well attended by the senior members of the parish.

The Chaplain also plays an active part in the Café Communion service held at St Mark's on the first Wednesday of every month, this has become a very popular service with the senior parishioners and numbers of attendees is increasing and it also attracts parishioners from the parish of Whippingham, which can only be good for future relations.

The Chaplain also attends the Elephant Club which meets monthly and offers a two-hour session, aimed at providing stimulating activities for people suffering from the effects of early onset dementia, and offers the opportunity for senior members of the parish to socialise together.

The Chaplain also attends services held for residents at local nursing homes with other members of the parish.

The Chaplain visits senior members of the parish who are in hospital and makes follow up calls on their return home.

The future of this ministry is still developing and will without doubt provide the support and care that this Chaplaincy was created to provide for our senior parishioners.

Hilary Baldwin

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