

Anna Chaplaincy report St Mark's

2025

The Anna Chaplaincy at St Mark's was established in 2022 and has secured its place within the parish.

The Chaplain Hilary Baldwin regularly attends the Wednesday morning Holy Communion service at St Edmund's Church, which is improving in attendance especially by the more senior members of the Parish, who really enjoy the traditional service and the coffee and chat afterwards. We are often joined by members of the East Medina Plurality.

Once a month this service is moved to a later time and to St Mark's church, and is called a Café Communion service. It is proving very popular with the senior parishioners with a Holy Communion service followed by a lunch offering a great spiritual and social occasion.

The Chaplain attends a regular Bible Discussion group every Thursday which is very popular and really encourages healthy debate.

The Elephant club is also attended by the Chaplain which is held monthly at St Mark's, the group is for people suffering from early signs of dementia and provides a craft session, singing, and games which are very competitive, the afternoon is rounded off with tea and cake.

With other members of the Parish, the Chaplain attends a local nursing home where we hold a short service with readings and hymns which is attended by numerous residents. It is very well received by both resident, their visitors and staff.

The Chaplaincy is developing well and will no doubt expand into the East Medina Plurality in due course.

Hilary Baldwin Anna Chaplain