

Anna Chaplaincy Report

2026

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 Wednesday morning Holy Communion services at St Edmund's Church. This service is increasing in numbers 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 other parishes in the East Medina Plurality.

Once a month also on Wednesday is the Café Communion service at St Mark's. This service is very popular with senior parishioners and members of the St Mildred's and St James' congregations. Holy Communion is followed by lunch, offering a great spiritual and social occasion.

The Chaplain also attends Elephant club 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.

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

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 residents, visitors and staff. The Chaplain also makes home visits and hospital visits to those parishioners in need or those who just need some company.

The Chaplaincy is developing well and is beginning to expand across the East Medina Plurality.

Hilary Baldwin Anna Chaplain