

St Mary's Church 2018 AGM Events committee report

Membership summary

Phil and Amanda continue to co-chair the committee. Regretfully, Amanda Stephenson tendered her resignation in January 2018 and we had no new joiners, nor any other leavers. We would like to publicly thank Amanda for her hard work and energy over the last few years. In particular, Amanda was instrumental in running the Estate Agent board sponsorship scheme, which has brought in well-needed funds.

As a result, the current committee membership is as follows:

- Phil Simmance (co-chair)
- Amanda Simmance (co-chair)
- Liz Hannibal (minutes secretary)
- John Fry
- Joy Simmance
- Carole Fenton
- Karen Obeney
- Jacqui Abbott
- Fiona Sagoo
- Caroline Carroll
- Sarah Eaton

Past events

We held the following events over the last year:

- **Table Top Sale** on 22nd April 2017 raised around £360 and went well, as always. Special thanks go to Joy Simmance for arranging this event.
- **Plant Sale** on 20th May 2017 raised £646 and went well, as always. Special thanks go to Joy Simmance for arranging this event.
- **"Celebrations of Life" Flower Festival** over the weekend of 26th-29th May 2017. The profit made was around £3,600 and provided great outreach to the wider community. This is less than most previous years, but should be considered a great result by most measures! Still, some lessons were taken away for the next one.
- **Donkey Derby** on Sunday 9th July 2017– we ran the Bottle Hoopla which was a very busy day and made an amazing profit of £800.
- **Safari Supper** on 14th October 2017 was a very successful evening, raising around £500 and encouraging fellowship amongst the congregation.
- **Curry night** in September 2017 at the Indian Ocean restaurant. The event went really well and made a profit of £750. Special thanks go to

Amanda Stephenson for arranging this event, and to the Indian Ocean for their generosity.

- **Christmas Fair** on 25th November 2017 was a successful event and raised £950 profit. We had several outside stalls and these along with the advertising boards helped towards the profit and, in the case of the boards, added publicity for the event. Special thanks to Amanda Stephenson for arranging the publicity boards.

Upcoming events

We have another exciting year planned which we hope will cater for all tastes. Some of the upcoming events are:

- **Plant sale** from 9.30am – 12pm on Saturday 19th May 2018 at the Church Hall. Further details available from Joy Simmance.
- **May Fayre** on Monday 28th May 2018. All offers of help welcome!
- **Donkey Derby** on 8th July 2018. Volunteers will be needed to help run our stall.
- **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 1st December 2018.
- **Other events** being considered include a music quiz.

Please do try to support as many of our events as you possibly can. We hope that everyone's default position is to attend events unless they have a reason not to. Any new ideas for events are always gladly received.

Final thoughts

- We would like to thank all of the committee members for their hard work throughout the last year, as well as all of our church members for their generous support. These events play a crucial part in keeping the fellowship of our church alive, and in contributing to our financial security, raising over £8,000 during the last year.
- Any new members, or ideas for new events, are very welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Phil & Amanda Simmance

Joint chairs of St Mary's Church Events Committee