

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2024

News, Events and Progress with projects



Dear Friends,

In the Summer Newsletter, I paid tribute to the work of Peter Lambert. In this edition I have to inform you of another loss to the Committee. After more than two decades of dedicated service, Denise Randall has also left the Committee. As you will all know, Denise's contribution to the work of the Friends has been exceptional. Her dedication, creativity and energy have been a major factor in our success, especially in the organising of our fundraising events. She will be much missed.

Projects

In my last newsletter, I mentioned the imminent work to the North door. As many of you will have seen, this has now been completed. The stonemason has done a wonderful job, as you can see from the before and after photographs below.



Our next big project has already begun: repairs to another section of the graveyard wall (see photo below). This work is being supported by our very good friends at **The Crown**, with their many fundraising events on our behalf.

However, we have now received the **Quinquennial Review**, which has shed light on a few other urgent jobs, including: -



Repairs to the arch of the 'Bellringers' Window', repairs to vandalism on the Crypt windows, re-seating some coping stones on 'Postgate's Folly' and remedial work to the belfry floor. These are all relatively small jobs, so we hope to complete these as soon as possible.

AND, we await a condition report on the roof so, keep your fingers crossed and watch this space

Events

Our next events are the Bear Hunt on Sunday the 29th of September and then **drum roll** the return of Joy to the World!



TEDDY BEAR HUNT!

Sunday 29th
September
2pm to 5pm

FREE ENTRY!

Come up to the Church on the Hill for some Teddy Bear Family Fun. A fun-filled afternoon of crafts and games. Bring your Bear and help find our Teddies who are playing hide and seek. Solve the clues to find our missing bears!

The event is free but donations to the Friends of All Saints Church are always welcome. Tea and Cakes will be for sale in the Church.

JOY TO THE WORLD FIVE

THE CONCERT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH | SHILLINGTON
FRIDAY 18TH | SATURDAY 19TH
OCTOBER 2024 - 7.30PM

TICKETS FOR THIS CHARITY EVENT
£10.00 EACH | AVAILABLE FROM:
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The Bear Hunt will mark the end of another wonderful summer of Sunday afternoon Teas. These social afternoons get more popular every year and we are on target to break all records for money raised this year. Huge thanks to all who baked, served and enjoyed their Sunday afternoons at All Saints’.

Please do also keep your eyes out for the charity events being held on our behalf by the excellent folk down at the Crown. These will be advertised on their and our Facebook pages and on the Friends website: - [Diary of Events - Friends of All Saints' Church \(foas-shillington.org.uk\)](https://foas-shillington.org.uk)

Recruitment

As ever, we are always keen for more people to join our happy little band. If you would like to get involved, please do get in touch. We are on the lookout for: -

- New Committee members,
- People who could help at events and activities,
- ‘Specialists’ who could help out with specific projects, such as publicity, events management, fundraising or IT.

New Logo

Finally, we are grateful to Di Butler for her work creating a new logo for the Friends. We were looking to refresh it with something a little ‘crisper and clearer’ but retaining the essential elements. I hope you agree that she has done a great job.

Best wishes

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