

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2024

News, Events and Progress with projects



Dear Friends,

It is a pleasant task, as we head to the end of the year, to be able to report on some very positive news on **fundraising**.

Firstly, Sunday Teas. It has been a record-breaking year with a total of £4,382 raised. This terrific achievement is a testament to the dedication and skill of the many bakers and the enthusiasm and warm welcome supplied by the team of servers. The addition of occasional music and events certainly boosted the numbers, and it is always a gratifying site to see the church full on Sunday afternoons. We plan to try to add further activities next year, watch this space

The final profit from the Joy to the World concerts was £2,835. Both nights were very successful and involved a huge number of people including corporate sponsors, bar staff and stewards and, of course, the wonderfully talented performers. The visuals supplied by Phil Dickson-Earle provided a charming extra dimension. None of this would have been possible, however, without the energy and vision of Joy Robertson (with much support from Jim, of course)



And the village choir which Joy has led was not finished yet. Here they are at the Charity Carol Singing at the Crown on the 17th of December.

This was the last event of a year in which Vicki, Phillip and the team at the Crown have done a huge amount of fundraising on our behalf. Quiz Nights, Coffee Mornings, Breakfasts, a Dog Walk and a Dog Show have all proven very successful.

The raffle at the Carolling event raised £310 and, although I don't have a final figure yet, I confidently expect the sum from all of these events will exceed £3,000. HUGE thanks to Vicki and Phil and their team and to the many of you who went along to support these activities.

All this will, of course, help us to carry out even more **projects** at All Saints' in 2025 and we are already arranging for a further section of the churchyard wall to be repaired.

Earlier in the year we received the report on the Quinquennial Inspection. There is much to do! To help prioritise tasks, a new sub-committee, comprising 3 members of the PCC and 3 of the Friends' Committee will be meeting to plan out the work for the year (and in to the future). Revd. Jenna Dearden will be part of the committee and it will be great to have her ideas and enthusiasm.

Our next two **events** will be the 80s Vinyl Disco on Saturday 22nd of February in the Village Hall and the AGM on Thursday the 24th of April.

Details of these, and all future events, can be found on the Friends website: - <https://foas-shillington.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/diary-of-events/>

Also, in the planning stage are: -

Another 24hr music event: - 7/8th June

Shillingfest 25: - 28th June

Flying Teddies: - 13th July

Bike & Hike: - September, date TBC

The Shillington Cup Horse Racing – Autumn, date TBC



80s Vinyl Disco

with DJ Mark Johnson

Saturday 22nd February – 7.30pm
Shillington Village Hall

Tickets just £10 from: -

Jackie Fletcher 07485617556 or Andy Gibbs 07922017051

Entry price includes pizza and nibbles. Licensed Bar

It looks like there is no chance of a white Christmas this year, so I will sign off with this picture of All Saints looking majestic in the snow in January 2021.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2025.

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