

St Mary's Church 2024 APCM **Events committee report**

Membership summary

Phil and Amanda continue to co-chair the committee. During the year, Caroline Carroll stepped down after many years and we would like to formally record our thanks to Caroline for her great support over these years. As a result, the current committee membership is as follows:

- Phil Simmance (co-chair)
- Amanda Simmance (co-chair)
- Liz Hannibal (minutes secretary)
- Karen Obeney
- Jacqui Abbott
- Carole Fenton
- Sarah Eaton

Our Vicar, Rev John Fry usually attends as well.

We desperately need new members! If anyone would like to join our merry gang we would love to hear from you. Just speak to any of the committee, John, or one of the Church Wardens and we can give you further information.

2023 events

Once again, we had some great events during 2023. These were as follows:

- Safari Supper – 25th March. The numbers were disappointingly low but those who came had a great time! Around £400 was raised.
- St George's Day shared lunch in the Church Hall. This was a really nice event, attended by around 50 people of all age groups and from across the joint benefice.
- Working Party and BBQ at the Church Hall - 8th May – as part of the Coronation Big Help Out day. Around 30 people came along to help out and it was very successful with a tremendous amount of work being achieved. A lovely BBQ and a few drinks were shared afterwards and all had a lovely time.
- Open Gardens Day – 18th June. This was hugely successful. An enormous number of cakes were donated, we had lots of helpers and were run off our feet at the end! We raised over £600 and raised our profile in the village.
- Donkey Derby – 9th July. We ran our usual stall (3 shifts of 3 people each) and raised over £600.
- Music and General Knowledge Quiz night – 11th November. This was a successful event and raised around £400. However, the food costs cut in to our profits and creates lots of extra work, so we may not have food again.
- Christmas Fayre – 10th December. A fairly slow event as always but raised over £700 and had a good atmosphere. Aimee (from the coffee van) had arranged for some external stalls which seemed to be successful and brought in £85.

2024 events

We have already had some nice events in 2024 and look forward to many more!

- Leaving Lunch for Carol Newnam was a lovely event which attracted congregants from across the whole benefice and everyone enjoyed.
- Open Gardens Day – 30th June. As last year, we will be serving refreshments in the Church Hall and we will also open the Church. Homemade cakes and help needed please!
- Donkey Derby – 14th July. We will be running 1 or 2 stalls and need a rota of stallholders from 12pm – 5pm.
- Music and General Knowledge Quiz night – 16th November
- Table Top sale – Tentatively scheduled for 19th May
- Christmas wreath-making with Lyn Salmon – Date TBD
- Christmas Fayre – 30th November

Respectfully submitted

Phil & Amanda Simmance
Joint chairs of St Mary's Church Events Committee