

JUNE NEWSLETTER.

Hello to all friends of St Mary's Church. Welcome to our newsletter where I will tell you about all that has been going on at church and to also inform you of the exciting things we have coming up for you.

Since taking over the role of chairman at the AGM on the 31st March we, as a committee have been working very hard. Many of you will already know about the launch of the organ appeal to raise funds for repairs, which are required for the ongoing use of this stunning instrument. We are raising funds by offering organ pipes for sponsorship. The cost per pipe is just £20, which you may wish to dedicate in memory of a loved one. Names will be added to a book for viewing in church and a certificate will be issued to each sponsor. For those who have already sponsored but not received certificates.....they will be coming very soon. Please, please do sponsor a pipe and help us preserve our organ! Sponsorship forms are available in church, or contact me and I will happily send them to you.

Some of you may not have renewed your membership for this year as yet. Please would you consider doing this as without your support we find it difficult to continue our work, which enables us to keep the building open, used and alive!

So, what have we been doing?

The bells are rung every last Friday of the month, but we had a special quarter peal on the 24th April in memory of Reuben Law, who died 100 years ago in WW1. A small group of people came to the church to listen.

May was a very busy month for me! On 13th May we had Aylesbury Consort of voices come to sing a selection of music to raise funds for the organ fund. Kelvin Turner and his choir did a superb job of filling the church with glorious voices. My committee did a splendid job of the catering, for which they had lots of praise. Thank you team! A total of £380 was raised from ticket sales.

On the 14th May, a first for St Mary's....a Pew-Top sale! Sellers came to sell all kinds of items and make themselves some money. We charged a very minimal £5.00. A total of £158.30 was raised for the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT). We hope to rerun this event again later this year. Please contact me if you like to reserve a Pew-Top space.

On the 21st May, BBC Essex Radio contacted us about taking part in the Essex Quest. Liana and Barry drive around the county of Essex guided by radio listeners solving clues. We were the final destination and they arrived with minutes to spare. I gave a short interview on-air about the church and the work of the CCT. Off-air I gave them a tour of the church.



THE CHURCHES
CONSERVATION TRUST

The church is open and welcoming every day, but in addition on the first Sunday of the month from May till September, someone will be in church from 2-5pm to serve refreshments and give guided tours.

COMING UP!

On the 28th July, 7pm for 7.30pm. MACBETH! I have been working on this event since February. A travelling theatre group are coming to perform a one act play right here in church! Please do try to support this event. Tickets cost £12.50, £10.00 for friends and £5.00 for under 16's.

Tickets available now from Goldings (on Chapel Hill), and also from me. Cheques payable to Sarah Slator. You can also book online at www.thisismytheatre.com or phone 07732253311.

On 29/30th July, 11am - 5pm daily. Tea party weekend. Lots to see and do over the two days. Homemade cakes and jams. Raffles, hook-a-duck, fun and games and musical events. Saturday we have Stansted Mountfitchet Strummers giving a debut performance at 2pm and again at 3pm. Followed by a presentation on roses by Heather Horner. On Sunday we are delighted to bring you 20cvox as our closing act. They will take to the floor from 3-3.45 and again at 4.15-5pm. Bring your best singing voices for this sing-along to the songs we all know and love! It will be a fun weekend and I will do my very best to book the sunshine too!

PLEASE DO SUPPORT ST MARY'S - WE DO NEED YOU!

Thankyou and very best wishes to you all,

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All events on these websites:



St Mary's Church Stansted

www.stmarysstansted.org.uk

www.visitchurches.org.uk

Plus community pages in the Herts & Essex Observer and The Link.