



St Mary's Church Stansted AGM  
Friday 15th March 2019

Apologies  
Audrey Rodgers  
Keith Turner

## **1. Chairman's report**

Welcome to our 2019 AGM. This is now the seventh annual meeting of The Friends of St Mary's church.

Last year we held many events in church to raise funds both for the Friends group but also for the CCT. These included:

- our Commonwealth lunch,
- many visits from 'thisismytheatre',
- a WW1 commemorative afternoon and the award of Tommy figures from the armed forces covenant fund,
- school concerts,
- Stansted Mountfitchet U3A Strummers,
- Blue Skies Big Band
- and of course our annual Christmas tree festival and Carols for all.

The events are always well attended and the organizations never ceases to impress with their stunning exhibits. Thank you to Keith Ayres for his amazing lighting too.

And of course... I must mention the Champing! We were a very popular venue with fantastic feedback and happy Champers. We look forward to inviting new groups of Champers to enjoy St Mary's as we enter our second season. Special mention to Steve who helps with Champing setups and toilet duty..... My superstar!!!

We have already started to fill our church diary for the coming year and to start us off Keith Turner is presenting an exhibition of photographs and music recorded during the many visits to Cathedrals and venues far and wide. Please support this event to be held on 27th/28th April between 2.30-5.30 each day. This is to raise funds for restoration of the splendid church organ. He has been working on this project for sometime now so please do support him.

Theatre returns again this year and I have managed to book five visits from this fantastic group of people:

- 3rd May Macbeth
- 20th June Romeo and Juliet
- 16th August The Importance of Being Earnest
- 16th August The Wind in the Willows[afternoon]
- 6th December Snow Queen

These are just a few of the events booked in. Details of more events in due course.

Open Sundays are to start again in May and we will be open and the church will be manned between 2-5pm on the first Sunday of the month until October. Tours and refreshments available and a warm welcome to all.

Scores on the doors. Footfall as always is very good and for the first time in a few years the donations in the box have increased. However.... donations are always very welcome as are signatures in the book so please do sign in.

Our area volunteer... she is the lady who comes to check on the building and log any issues we have and visits four times a year. Helen is her name and I am pleased to tell you that she won volunteer of the year for South East region. Congratulations to her.

CCT news.

It is the 50th birthday anniversary year for CCT and many changes are about to occur. The roll-out date is 1st April so I have little I can share right now but the logo will change and there will be some staffing changes too. Hopefully all will be smooth and the idea is for us to have Controlled Fun!!!!

We have lost a few of our St Mary's friends over the past year who are sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers go to their loved ones.

Special thank you to all the committee who give their time and energy for free.....we are all volunteers!!!

Lynda Dale

*Chairman St Mary's Friends Committee*

## **2. Treasurer's report**

## **3. Election of Officers**

Chairman. Lynda Dale

Treasurer .John Wrentmore

Secretary .Tony Graver

Committee members have all agreed to stand another year

## **4. AOB.**

## **5. Close**