

# View from the Pew

Janet Oldham

I personally favour the warmer seasons, but spiritually I have to say the huge variety of services and the prospect of our fabulous Christmas Tree Festival really thrills me and keeps me feeling warm.

## STEWARDSHIP

Just a reminder that we look forward to receiving your Talent Forms back, as well as those in support of your giving. Giving can take many forms; simple volunteering with the church maintenance team, weeding the church borders, welcoming at the many services/events are all great ways the church can benefit from your time and talents!

All Saints' is working hard to find ways to ensure that the day to day costs of the church continue to be covered. At the same time we want to increase our commitment to mission work. Please do review your giving to support these areas - it would make a considerable and tangible difference to the church. In terms of giving, it is much easier for us all to do so by Standing Order, where possible. Please contact Malcolm and Judith Oughton to arrange this.

## REMEMBRANCE

November as ever is was a bedrock remembrance; for all of those brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may know peace and freedom; for the moving tribute by dear Stan Mansfield at the War Memorial, poignantly reminding everyone of those who will NEVER grow old and lastly to the services in All Saints where we remembered our own loved ones.

## MESSY CHURCH

Last month 31 children of Messy Church and their parents enjoyed two sessions starting with fun filled activities followed by a splendid firework display, ably supervised by Graham and Nick. Both sessions ended with a scrumptious tea made our invaluable helper Linda Dye - there are only ever a few crumbs left over!

## ACTIVE CHURCH

The Church flower beds are once again in need of the diligence of Percy Thrower; I will be leading a full on assault on Wednesday 11

December no matter what maelstrom may be that day.....I have a full range of the latest biscuits and Yorkshire tea to bribe any willing volunteers! Please, let me know if you can come and give a hand so that we not only have a tidy church, but lay the foundations for some beautiful flower beds for next year.

## CREATIVE CHURCH

Two opportunities for you to find your inner creative genius this month:

- **Christmas Wreath/Ring** - come along to the Meeting Room on Monday 2 December to take part in this exciting event where you can make your own Christmas Wreath. Please contact Ann Stephens Jones to participate. The finished wreaths will be put on display at the Christmas Tree Festival for everyone to enjoy and for you to proudly show off your creations to friends and family.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** - Full details overleaf

Please make this a charity festival to remember and support, either to enjoy viewing the trees, and to see all the wonderful stalls set up for your delight, as well as the delicious refreshments, including lunches throughout the 3 days. Alternatively we are always looking for volunteers who can offer an hour or two to help give the stall holders a break, meet new people and make new friends.

Throughout the Festival there will be an array of musical delights. Particular highlights promise to be the Saturday evening Soiree and the singing of parlour songs after the morning Service on Sunday, together with the Prize Draw.

## SPIRITUAL CHURCH

As we reach the end of the calendar year we once again reach an exciting Christian time with the start of our preparation for Advent which Jo will guide and lead us through; this culminates in a glorious celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. There is a wide variety of services throughout this period, all of which can be found in the diary. I look forward to seeing you all during this exciting and important time.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.  
Love, Janet O