

## 2013 Finances

We made it, we ended the year without a deficit thanks to your generosity in stewardship, donations and your help and support with our events and in looking after the church. Thank you! Love, Jo

### We're in the Black!

As most of you will know, when I and the Finance Committee reviewed our results for the 9 months to 30 September, it was apparent that we could be heading for a significant deficit in 2013. My best estimate at the time was that we could be facing a deficit similar to that of 2012 which was over £11,000. We could not let this happen as we have finite reserves and so Jo, with our support, launched a plea for everyone to step up to the plate during the last 2 months of the year. It seems that at All Saints, in order to break even we regularly have to be heading for a deficit and then ask everyone to give sacrificially! We last had to do this in 2011 and we had to do it again in 2013. Hopefully we won't have to do it all again in 2014!

Overall you responded magnificently to the Stewardship Campaign and this went a long way to put us in a better position. Giving exceeded our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget by a staggering £8,500. The big effort on events, especially the Christmas Tree Festival, including stalls, refreshments and Grand Draw meant that we exceeded our events budget by nearly £3,000, so between these items we made up the shortfall we were facing at the end of September.

We were also fortunate that the weather in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was relatively mild. Our gas usage was nearly £2,000 less than budgeted and this has dropped to our bottom line, meaning that, with other costs just about netting out we expect to have a surplus for the year of just over £2,500.

This is a terrific result, but took strong leadership and a huge effort by many people. The challenge will be to stay in the black in 2014.

Colin Bird, Treasurer

### Stewardship and Talents campaign

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who responded so generously to our recent campaign. We have so far received an additional £8000 through planned giving and donations with promises of more to come. This equates to approximately £10,000 including gift aid.

We had a number of talent forms returned. The help offered included, welcoming and hospitality, visiting the elderly, working with children, reading lessons and leading prayers, fundraising, catering, cleaning the church and delivering magazines.

Your support through giving and talents will make a difference. It will enable us to invest in new and existing areas of the ministry in All Saints Church and to extend our outreach to the community. Thank you for your continued support which is very much appreciated.

Malcolm and Judy Oughton, Stewardship Officers

