

View from the pew

Janet Oldham

2017 is already moving at a rapid pace and so far we have enjoyed a very special Epiphany Carol Service with lovely uplifting music and, more recently, a Churches Together Service, where it was good to welcome friends from other Churches in Hertford.

At the end of the service a beautiful cake (made by Dorothy Toyn) was presented to Janet Bird, together with a bouquet of flowers, in recognition of her recently awarded British Empire Medal for her work with Christmas Alone and other charitable work. A big thank you also to all the generous people who made a delightful assortment of scrumptious cakes for the occasion – they were much enjoyed.

SPIRITUAL CHURCH

Thank you is due to Jo for all her hard work over the Christmas period, particularly with so many school and local organisations' carol services, as well as presiding over All Saints own moving Christmas Services. The latter were made even more memorable by a lovely mixture of candlelight and uplifting music from our hardworking choir.

Thanks is also due to Helen Durham and family for their generous donation of the magnificent Christmas trees over the last two years and for helping our work party to install them safely in church, for everyone attending services to enjoy.

ACTIVE CHURCH

As always, our sterling Work Party have been busy on our behalf, this time working very hard (for a second time) to clean up the mess in the Annexe caused by vandals. Please note that the Annexe **is now out of bounds to everyone**. The permission of Rev. Canon Jo or the Wardens must be sought before anyone can enter this building in future. A note from Colin Bird on page 5 gives more details.

Some of the recent work undertaken by the Work Party has been to secure the Annexe

properly; find storage for items no longer able to be safely stored there and tidy up a very untidy North Porch.

NORTH PORCH

Can I remind **everyone** that the North Porch is a **fire exit** and **must** be kept clear. Recently it has become very untidy and, as a result, a potential fire hazard, due to the dumping of unwanted items, eg dead tree branches. If you have church related/needed items that have to be stored, would you please speak to the Wardens and we will endeavour to find a suitable storage space.

SOCIAL

At the time of going to Press we are about to enjoy our annual January Jolly with a lovely hot meal, followed by a great mixture of entertainment, guaranteed to lift the spirits and make us forget the current rather chilly temperatures.

Finally, we should receive the report on the Quinquennial Inspection by the end of February.

Love Janet



"To think we grumbled when the Church used unintelligible archaic language!"