

## FLOWER CLUB REPORT 2019 (2020 AGM)

2018 was another challenging year for the Flower Club, mainly on the 'manpower' front. Financially we managed well, thanks to some weddings, and made a profit of £94.08 having given a donation of £100 to the PCC.

The Flower Club continues to manage to have a Team on each month, except in December. This works well as we just have greenery in Advent. We also have a few more 'ad hoc helpers', who are available to assist at Festival times to help ease the workload of everyone. While our Teams remain stable although small in number, the age and health of those who assist us does not, and those who do assist also have other commitments so are not always available. I am afraid that we will have to reconsider how we do flowers at All Saints' in the future as we no longer have the manpower to cope as we have, with just one new helper offering in several years, and others unwell and reliable one ad hoc helpers have moved away.

However, we have providing flowers or greenery for the church throughout the year, and tried to be creative using plants and artificial flowers on occasions, and we have all worked together to decorate All Saints' for the major Festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas so a huge thank you to everyone involved in these events. Everyone pulls together for these major events and also for the several weddings in August and I must thank everyone involved. Thank you to those who assist in clearing away afterwards also, which is always more work than decorating originally and can get easily forgotten!

Income and expenditure has been broken down to give detail of both. Easter and Harvest donations were up with general donations down but that is swings and roundabouts. We had £885 income from weddings and also £330 for baptisms and funerals. While the income was well up on last year, expenditure remained well controlled by prudent spending by the Team Leaders and sourcing some flowers directly from the Nurseries, despite the challenges weather now brings! We end the year on a sound footing with savings, and hope to continue to pay our own way at All Saints. We already had a couple of weddings booked for 2020 but that has not turned out to be a normal year...!!! Thank you to everyone who has assisted with donations which we will continue to need in the future and we do appreciate the PCC's offer of financial help, but we hope to pay our way where we can.

Anyone interested in arranging flowers is welcome to join us – no experience required, and we are a happy and relaxed group and we *would* like to continue to put flowers into All Saints for as long as we can.... Sincere thanks to all in the Flower Club who work so hard to make All Saints look so lovely, and comments that come back to us show that all the effort is well and truly appreciated.

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