

Report for All Saints Art for 2020-2021

The periods of lockdown have made a very different year for All Saints Art. We have been very pleased how we have kept going when we could no longer meet in church.

Each week Nick Hoyle or myself have sent out an email with a topic idea for the group to paint at home. Work completed was photographed and sent to Nick. To date Nick has made sixteen Galleries. Each of these contains about ten art works. One is attached to this report. Extra people joined on to the email list for the first lockdown and some extras still get the email.

In the summer we managed to get out to paint as usual in the churchyard, Castle area, Waterford Heath and members' gardens. We were limited to six but that was not a problem. We are planning to start outside again soon.

For Christmas some of us joined in the decorating of the churchyard. We decorated a tree – mostly using the varnished clay decorations which we had made the previous year. I made a giant Advent calendar, opening the doors each day. Fiona and Mihaela helped with the Nativity scene in the porch and Sandra with the remembrance labels.

During this last lockdown we have been using the letters of the alphabet as our topic for each week. We reached as far as L by our Easter break.

We have also decorated a tree in the churchyard for 'Lent is Love'. Five of us contributed hearts to this tree: Brett, Diane, Helen, Reg and myself. Diane and I also contributed pictures and photographs for the posters round the churchyard. Mihaela has helped with the Easter story in the porch.

It has been a very different year. We know the group has been helpful and appreciated by our members during the lockdowns. We also believe that our group has made a positive contribution to the life of the church in these difficult days.

We hope we can return to meetings in church from September. I am extremely grateful to Nick Hoyle for helping to keep it all going.

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Decorated churchyard tree – Advent / Christmas



Decorated churchyard tree – Lent is Love