

All Saints' Events 2025

During the summer last year the 'Events Group' at All Saints got off the ground again and we started with Nerine, Shirley, Alex Janet and myself, and we started planning events for All Saints.

Simon & Alex had arranged a very successful 'Burns Night' and 'St George's Day Supper' both with great quizzes, and our successful Plant Sale in May just sort of happened, with more sales after the Civic Service the following day!

It was decided that we need to plan much more, and discussed Games mornings / afternoons, more coffee mornings, scavenger hunts in the churchyard and an art afternoon and some form of festival at Christmas.

We had an 'Art Afternoon and Scavenger Hunt' in the churchyard in August when the Street Food Heroes was happening too (Another new event for All Saints during 2025 bringing lots of new people to the Churchyard!) There was lots of art and lots of hunting in the churchyard and great fun.

Unfortunately, the 'Vicarage Afternoon Tea & Evensong' was a washout but we met in Church instead. The Bike & Hike event took place on the same day as the Environment Day and was great success raising well over £1000 between us.

We decided to hold the Community Christmas Tree Festival the last week in November up to Advent Sunday. A good time - enabling schools to join in and still enjoy their trees at school afterwards We invited local schools and community groups to bring and decorate a tree at no charge. It worked well as every school in the Parish joined in, and The Sele School too. There was great competition between groups – The 'Art Society' and the 'U3A Exercise Group Ladies' worked really hard.! There were some individuals too and 40 trees arrived. The school trees were delightful with so much work and thought put into them. Wheatcroft School won the People's choice with their 'Bee Tree', 'Soundbites' won the 'Best Dressed Tree' and James Toyn won the 'Most Original' with his 'Ticket to Ride' tree covered in train tickets! The event was open all week and many, many people came to visit, and also at the Christmas Fair on the Saturday. A great event that will be repeated!

The group decided that we must plan more to enable publicity and getting enough help. Green Watch events take place on the 2nd Saturday, St Andrew's have a coffee morning every 1st Saturday, so we decided that we will aim to have event every month. Possibly on the 4th Saturday if not booked for other events. We can only do these events with people assisting and thank you to all those who have assisted, and hopefully we will build on 2025 for an eventful 2026!

All Saints Events Team