

ALL SAINTS FLOWER CLUB Report 2025 (2026 AGM)

2025 was a good year for the Flower Club using our ever-increasing supply of artificial flowers and fresh ones too. It is amusing to watch people looking at the arrangements and touching them to see if they are real or not!

We kept the Christmas arrangements up until Candlemas and then we did the flowers for a huge wedding in mid-February which was lovely, then we were into Lent. In March several of us spent a lovely sunny morning in Fiona's back garden making the posies for Mothering Sunday.

During Holy week we built an amazing life size Easter Garden in the Memorial Chapel thanks to Fiona and her Woofers. There were some saplings growing in her garden that she wanted removed and they made amazing trees for the garden. We used pots and flowers to make a spectacular garden that we managed to maintain for a few weeks.

We had a lovely display of lilies for Easter thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation who donated in memory of loved ones, and All Saints looked it's best.

We continued to provide flowers throughout the Summer, for other weddings and into autumn and Harvest, then more arrangements for the Graduation Ceremony of Hertford Regional College in late October. It was then Remembrance with the lovely poppy fall from the Pulpit, with other poppy arrangements. A busy few months, and everyone in the Flower Club pulled together brilliantly.

In late November we held our 'Community Christmas Tree Festival' with 40 trees of varying shapes and sizes and had many visitors over the entire week culminating in the Advent Carol Service. A few weeks of just greenery in Advent, with Christmas gradually creeping in for the school's carol services

We continue to work with just 2 teams of 4 but 'mix and match' when we need to and our numbers can be very low, but we manage! Lindsay Davies (Fiona's neighbour) joined Fiona's Team and Tess is a great help too, bringing Fiona and all her greenery to All Saints!

Financially we had a successful year. We had just over £2,280 in income from weddings and donations for festivals and monthly memorial flowers, and expenditure was £2,276 so we made a tiny profit of £4 with reserves of £700.

This year we had to pay £48.75 in Bank Charges for the first time and the cost of the EHDC brown bin is now £59. I did investigate moving the account elsewhere, but most banks now charge for accounts and finding a bank that one can have access to and pay cheques into is not an easy task. Lloyds do not allow paying in cheques via the Post Office anymore, thus requiring a trip to Welwyn or Stevenage.

I would like to thank everyone who assists us for their ongoing support, and those who donate to enable us to continue to fill All Saints with flowers.

Dorothy Toyn - Flower Club Leader