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St John the Evangelist Milford

Friends Newsletter

Easter 2017



Dear Friends,

It was this time last year that we launched our endeavour to encourage a wider participation in support of our village church and we are delighted with the response that you all have made, "Thank you". We now have 28 individuals and 5 couples registered as Friends and it is my task to keep you all informed. To those of you for whom this is your first Friends Letter, welcome and I hope that you will find this interesting. I will send out a Letter three times a year and it will be accompanied by the "In View Extra" that is prepared at Easter, Summer and Christmas for everyone involved with St John's.



Colleagues around the village have commented on how pretty it has been looking around the Church this year. This is due to a combination of the work of Witley Parish Council and our own "garden" volunteers. The burial ground is now full and the heavy work is done by WPC but our volunteers tend the war memorial and the flowers and bushes around the church. Some hedge clearance has been made recently at the rear of the church so we intend to refurbish the small Garden of Remembrance there.

Our recent accounts showed a small surplus for the year to December and an improved fabric fund, thank you all. Basic improvements have been made to the entrance to the Centre to prevent rain damage. The Centre is used for church functions and regularly by the U3A, Pilates classes, Counselling and Parties, a village resource. It can be booked by anyone, please enquire.

As part of our Mission we make small donations to a range of charities, The Chandler School, Skillway Workshop in Godalming, The Samson Centre and the Children's Society. The Chandler is our church school that for over 100 years was located in what is now Church Close. It was founded in 1855 and moved to Middlemarch in 1974, it is the Junior School for Milford children.

The Annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall was a great success and thank you to those of you who helped and shopped.

In the summer we will have our Stalls at the Milford Village Fete on the Jubilee Field on June 10th. It is always a special village function, whatever the weather, so please join us and all the village associations. I will let you know of any other social functions we plan and you will be welcome to join us.

You may know that the three churches in the village share a Parish Magazine, "Milford Cross Roads" for village news, if you do not receive it but wish to do so please let me know.

I wish you all a Very Happy Easter

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