

## **Flowers**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have assisted with and donated flowers throughout the last year. The Church has always looked lovely and welcoming and I am most grateful to everyone for their kindness, support and creativity.

Many thanks to Lynda and the young people who have also been involved helping with decorations at Christmas, Harvest Festival and the Easter Garden. It is with much sadness that I am stepping away from being the co-ordinator for the flower rota. I am very grateful to Liz Marten who has kindly agreed to take on the role.

## **Fund Raising and Social Activities**

Unfortunately, Covid made it difficult to hold any indoor fundraising events over the last year. Many thanks to Mahala Smith and Leo Gibb for their assistance in arranging St Mary's side of the Benefice Quiz which raised just over £40.00 for us. Thank you to those of you who attended.

Fortunately, this last year we were able to hold the Annual Pylewell Fete on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and our sincere thanks to Lord Teynhan for allowing the event to go ahead. This was the major fund-raiser for the year and thanks to Pat Mennie for taking the lead, John Graves and Mahala Smith for arranging sponsorship and creating the programme, and to everyone who volunteered and supported what was a fun day for all involved. Save the Date – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Rachel Smith



## **Church Cleaning Report - 2021/22**

St. Mary's church is cared for by a loyal team which includes our monthly cleaner Sarah (who is paid by donation). Liz Vernon continues to lovingly refresh our Altar linen, assisted on occasion by Pamela Hughes when ill-health made things inconvenient for Liz. Ian Doherty fondly and expertly dusts polishes and buffs our church interior on his regular visits. He has generously offered to fund the renewed treatment of our brass plaques, which will save the need to climb on pews to keep the brass polished by hand! Thank you Ian.

Our 'hoovering rota' means that our carpet is regularly cleaned by volunteers. Maureen and a host of others make sure our facilities are welcoming, and so many jobs get done unrecognised. One fairly constant task in the last year has been the setting of traps to deter mice. If humane methods are used, the visitors are back almost immediately! Special thanks to Andy and Maureen for their vigilance. We are so thankful for all the time and energy spent on housekeeping. More offers of help are always gratefully received.

Leo Gibb

