

## **Autumn Newsletter 2009**

### **Christmas Fair - Sat 14th Nov 2009, 10am – 1pm**

There will be an excellent selection of craft stalls. The Friends will be running a gift stall & cake & produce stall. If you would like to donate any items for the gift stall please bring them to the Church on the morning of the sale before 9.30am or contact Eileen Jackson. For cakes, preserves or any other homemade goodies contact Andrea Kirkby. The Fair is a great opportunity to purchase some lovely Christmas gifts. Please try & support us & bring along your friends. We are also holding a Children's Art Competition "Decorate a Christmas Tree". Completed entries should then be brought to the Christmas Fair before 11.00am. Judging will be at 12.00pm in 3 age groups - under 5, 6-8 and 9-11. The winner in each group will receive a prize. The competition has been kindly sponsored by Burgess Stores.

After requests last year we are also holding an Adults Competition, so get out your colouring pens, glue & glitter & get creative! Should anyone like to enter who has not already received a sheet (these will be available from the Church on the Bread Tomb) please contact Barbara Payne. We look forward to receiving your entries.

### **Patron for the Friends**

The Friends committee are delighted to announce that Derrick Head has agreed to be the new patron of The Friends of St. Mary's.

### **Art Exhibition**

We had yet another highly successful Art Exhibition raising the staggering sum of £2500. We would like to thank Richard Morgan who kindly donated a collection of the late Toni Morgan's paintings. Thank you very much to all those who helped and supported this event, should anyone be able to help with next year's Exhibition, in any way possible, please contact Barbara Payne for further details.

### **Carol Parties**

Thank you very much to those involved. We raised £801 in 2008. The Carol Parties are one of our major fund raising activities. If you are interested in hosting a Carol Party this year (see Diary Dates) please let us know by the end of October.

### **Projects supported 08 – 09**

Insectucutors (installed to kill death watch beetles) £1575, Vacuum Cleaner £160, Extending Ladder £200.

### **Diary Dates 2009**

**Carol Parties** Thursday 10 th & 17 th December

### **Diary Dates 2010**

**AGM** – Saturday 24 th April

**25th Art Exhibition** - Date to be confirmed

**Christmas Fair 2010** - Date to be confirmed

**Email**

Do you have an email address? If so it would help with postage costs if we could contact you with details of events etc. We promise to keep these to a minimum. Please email your details to [admin@fsmg.org.uk](mailto:admin@fsmg.org.uk) . You can also keep in touch with us via our website.

**Committee Members**

Chairman – Ian Torry

Vice Chairman – Barbara Payne

Secretary – Andrea Kirkby

Treasurer - Bryan Mason

Members – Eileen Jackson, Pam Stubbs, Jeff Jeffrey, Paul Thomson, Judith Farnfield, Wendy Russell, Tom Leathart, David Nichol

*Many thanks once again for all your kind support.*