

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

2014/15



Dear friends and parishioners,

I'm writing this at a very exciting time for St Peter's as the PCC (Parochial Church Council) are working hard to plan the reordering of the Church. But more of that later, first of all I would like to thank you for supporting us in a variety of ways over the past year.

As you know, The Friends was formed to raise money to conserve and improve our historic Church so we are very grateful to those of you who have pledged money either by standing order, or a one-off donation. Donations that have been gift-added are additionally valuable as this increases the amount by a substantial 25%.

We're always looking for new Friends - you can join us for as little as £1.00 a month - and if you are already involved please stay with us and encourage others with a connection to the village to become a Friend as well.

We also raise money through a number of fundraising events throughout the year and the income from these, together with our donations, has brought the Friends bank balance to a healthy £4,741.91. This is a valuable sum but we need to raise a lot more because...

...over the next couple of years the Church is going to see some impressive changes of value to the whole community. I mentioned at the beginning of my letter the reordering of St Peter's, which sounds a bit unnerving but isn't, other than to the members of the PCC who are going to have to do all the preliminary work. Quite simply, a couple of areas inside the Church are going to be modified to make it a *more* people friendly place. Of course it is already, but not if you or your child are desperate to spend a penny, or you want to gather together with your friends at a social gathering.

The initial ideas are twofold:

- ❖ To install a loo and greatly improve the kitchen area at the base of the tower. This is no mean feat as there isn't any plumbing in the church!
- ❖ To remove the pews from the Bindon Aisle and replace them with chairs so the area can be easily used by the community and the children at the school. Again, no easy matter as the floor will need to be raised and a multitude of other problems overcome.

The results will be of great benefit to all in the village but it will be very expensive. Grants are available but funds raised by the Friends will play an important part in making this all happen. *We really need your help.*

Income:	£
Standing orders and sundry donations	932.01
HMRC gift aid repayment	221.50
Jam Jar Army	187.23
Ice creams at fete	25.10
Songs that Won the War	250.00
<i>plus £250 to British Legion</i>	
Christmas Tree Lighting	36.01
Christmas Quiz 2013	53.00
	<u>2,164.83</u>
Less expenses:	459.98
	<u>1,704.85</u>
Plus balance b/fwd	3,037.01
Bank balance	<u><u>4,741.91</u></u>

So, what have we done in 2014?

Here you can see the value of **Friends Membership** and donations, together with the effect of Gift Aid.

The Jam Jar Army has raised £737.53 to date - please continue collecting. Empty jam jars available in the Church for collection.

Ice Creams at the Village Fete were soon gobbled up on a very hot day.

Songs that Won the War, a concert commemorating the people of the Parish who served in WW1, was well supported raising £500, half of which we donated to the British Legion.

The 5th Christmas Tree Lighting up Ceremony was on 6th December in the grounds of the Church. Many children, families and friends gathered together and Lorna Grinter and Esther Colmar judged the competition for a hand written original Christmas poem. The winners were:

5 + under - Samia Childs; 8 + under - Amber Southall; 11+ under - Molly Lane

Many thanks to Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm for donation of the tree.

Management & Preservation of Church Heritage

West Somerset N.A.D.F.A.S (National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts) Church Recording Group are nearing the end of their painstaking work recording/researching all aspects of the Church building and its artefacts. They will soon formally hand over the copy of their findings to the Church.

Note from the Chairman

As you may know the committee consists of villagers, not all churchgoers, but who share the vision of preserving the church for future generations. My personal thanks to them for all their time and commitment and their very generous financial support when staging the various events. Thanks also to everyone who assists us in so many kinds of **'friendly'** ways.

Marjorie Stockley – Chairman, January 2015

The Committee: Sarah Nutt & Lyn Wyatt – PCC representatives;
Saranne Cessford – membership secretary, Sandra Lawrence, Marilyn Lilley, Lynne Moore.

Membership Application Form

Yes, I would like to become a Friend of St Peter's, Langford Budville and understand that membership is open to anyone prepared to pay a minimum subscription of £12.00 per annum.

Please complete BOTH SIDES of the form in BLOCK CAPITALS and send it to:

Saranne Cessford, Membership Secretary, FSPLB
Sunnyview, Langford Budville, Wellington, TA21 0RE

Payment by standing order or payment to the Friends' bank account greatly helps administration but if you prefer to give a one-off donation, please make your cheque payable to **Langford Budville PCC Friends Account** and send it with the completed form to the Membership Secretary at the address above.

I would like to donate an annual sum:

Please tick appropriate box

£12 £24 £36 £60 Other *Please specify amount*

Title First Name Surname

Address

..... Post code

Tel No Email address

I enclose my cheque for £.....

I have completed standing order instructions overleaf

I have made a direct payment to the Friends' bank account overleaf

I would/would not like my name to appear on any published list of Friends of St Peter's. *Please delete as appropriate.*

Signature Date.....

If you would like to increase the value of your donation by **25%** at no extra cost **please Gift Aid** it by completing this section of the form:

I am a UK taxpayer and pay sufficient tax to cover all my charitable donations and Friends of SPLB may treat all donations I make as Gift Aid donations unless I notify otherwise. *Please tick above and sign below.*

Signature Date.....

Standing Order Payment

Please complete both sides of this form in BLOCK CAPITALS.

1. Name of Bank or Building Society

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Branch

Address

..... Post code

2. Account number

3. Account name to be debited

4. Branch sort code

Instruction to Bank or Building Society:

Please pay Lloyds TSB, Wellington, Somerset
Account No 41033068 for the credit of
Langford Budville PCC Friends Account
Branch sort code 30 98 45

The sum of:

Please tick appropriate box

£12 £24 £36 £60 Other £ *please specify amount*

Please write amount in words

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Commencing on day/month/year
and thereafter on 1st April each year until you receive further notice in writing.

Signature Date.....

Data Protection Act 1998:

The information you provide will not be passed to any other organisation.