

ST PETER & ST MARY'S SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING GROUP 2019.

Our Mission Statement

We are an active and enthusiastic group who work with Moira with the aim of strengthening a sense of community - by bringing people, whether members of St Peter & St Mary's congregation or not, together on a regular basis outside of the services.

Our events are a chance to get to know each other better, and to include & embrace the wider Fishbourne community as well as raise funds for the Church itself & the charities it supports.

We meet every couple of months or so to plan events & are open to new ideas, so please get in touch if you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in any way.

Members of our group are Moira, Sue Lewis, Pauline Young, Ken Strudwick, Karen Dower and Jennie Christie. Part way through the year we were joined by Vicky Cox and Amanda Stapleton.

During 2018 a variety of events were arranged - Big Nige Music Night, Quiz, Garden of Memories Engraved Brick Sales, Eight Sunday Cream Teas, Jumble Sale, Songs & Supper, Bring & Share Harvest Lunch, Advent Tea, Additional Big Nige Music Night (to support funding for a defibrillator). We also raised funds through the sale of our Church Christmas cards and pens.

The Church helps run the Annual Summer Fete jointly with Fishbourne C E School. The profits raised by it are then shared equally between School & Church.

The third Fishbourne Literary Festival was organised and profits raised split equally between Church & the chosen Charity which this time was The Apuldram Centre.

On November 11th 2018 we marked the centenary of the end of WW1.

A packed Church joined in a special Remembrance Service which was enhanced by the use of thirteen 'There But Not There' soldier silhouettes - one for each parishioner who perished in WW1. Ten of these were donated by 'There But Not There' after a successful application and three were purchased by the PCC. Pupils from Fishbourne C E School took part in the service.

Following the Church Service a special event was held in St Peter's Place. This took the form of a Bring & Share Lunch, presentations by a number of people from the local community (as far afield as Emsworth) with stories to tell of WW1, an exhibition of memorabilia, and poetry readings, culminating in a sing-a-long of songs from the era.

The flower ladies had beautifully decorated the Church and St Peter's Place for the Remembrance Service and the subsequent event.

A photographic record was produced to commemorate the day which is on the table at the back.

In total during 2108 the Social & Fundraising Group raised £13,706 with your generous support and enthusiasm.

A copy of a spreadsheet detailing monies raised for other Charities as well as for our Church in 2018 is also available on the table at back.

Jennie Christie,
On behalf of the S F G.

