All Saints Alive 4

## Christmas Tree Festival and more

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Now that the excitement of Christmas is behind us, and the charity donations have all been added up I would like to thank everyone who put so much effort into making the Christmas Tree Festival such a huge success – Wendell for design and publicity, those sponsoring and decorating trees, those making cakes, jam, Christmas wreaths and the numerous other things contributed, those who donated gifts, draw and raffle prizes, those organising stalls, manning the stalls, making music and everybody who helped in any way including those who spent lots and lots of money!

The final total raised - including the money going to the various charities, is £6,500+ which is really fabulous. I had hoped the festival would make around £4,000 so to make what we did is an amazing result - thanks to **ALL** of you.

It was a great weekend of welcome and fellowship for friends and newcomers to All Saints, and lets hope some of those newcomers become friends.

It would be good to repeat the event in a couple of years so start planning for 2015!

Love, Dorothy

## JULY 12-13 2014 – Book the date!



Next July we are planning a festival of small floral posies, donated in memory of loved ones, or to celebrate anniversaries, which will be placed around the church – on the pew ends, in the Choir, along the front of the pews etc.



The pictures are from a similar festival in Tenby, South Wales where the combination of so many small arrangements was stunning.

It coincides, within a week or two, with the centenary of the commencement of the First World War and there will be a special section in memory of those lost in that conflict near our War Memorial (which we hope to clean in the near future).



We hope it will be a peaceful weekend of music and tranquility, with refreshments, and hopefully stalls on the Saturday, and the Church BBQ on the Sunday.

Watch this space, and please contact me if you would like to assist with this project to open our doors again to the public.

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