

View from the pew

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This season of Lent is a good time to reflect on our personal walk of faith. We may have decided to “give something up”.

However, it can be rewarding to “take something on” such as choosing a suitable book to read, or take advantage of one of the many Lent reflections on offer. One simple way of doing this is to subscribe to the very short reflections from the diocese via livethechallenge.co.uk. For those in a hurry, these are excellent.

Highlights this year

(so far) have been the January Jolly when we enjoyed a relaxed evening. Many thanks to the catering team and for good entertainment with Nick Hoyle's quiz and various delights from the Oates family and Doug Loveridge.

The following Saturday was a great occasion with the St. Alban's choir providing wonderful music. Rumour has it that the choir would love to return in order to enjoy Janet Bird's home cooking. A big thank you to Martin Penny, Ann Stephens-Jones, the caterers and all who helped make the evening run smoothly. £1,000 was raised for church funds.

Future events

include the Coffee Morning on **Saturday 5 March** from 10 – 12. The **Easter Journey** which four of our local primary schools will be attending runs from **Monday 21 – Thursday morning 24 March**. Morning sessions are from 9.30-11, afternoons from 1.15 – 2.45. If you can help in any way with this valuable outreach please contact Andrew Povey-Richards. This is a good way for our church to be in use during Holy Week by bringing the Easter story alive for our local children.

All Saints' **APCM** will be held on **Sunday 10 April** after the morning service. Please make

a note of this important annual meeting in the life of our church.

Maintenance of the Church.

Many thanks to our Work Party, and to all who helped with the annual deep clean of the church on Saturday 20 February. The church looks much more cared for as a result.

It is our aim to clear everything from the back pews in the north aisle so there is ample seating for any large gathering. Please do not put anything else there as the seating will be needed.

Our new architect has very recently identified a major problem with our vestry roof, which means it will need extensive and expensive repairs. We hope to receive some financial help as we apply for a grant towards the cost of these repairs.

Finally,

May God be with us on our Lenten journey, may Jesus guide us in his love, and may the Lord gift us through each other and renew us.

Love, Helen

