

ALL SAINTS FLOWER CLUB Report 2021 (2022 AGM)

2021 was a rather poor year for the Flower Club due to covid restrictions and diminishing numbers to assist with flowers, due to illness and lack of mobility. In December we were very saddened by the passing of Doreen Brown who had helped with the flowers at All Saints for many years. Our number of helpers in 2021 reduced to 12 but with just 8 assisting routinely on 3 monthly rotas

Early 2021 saw the country in lockdown with no flowers in church. During Lent Dorothy Toyn and Fiona Earle worked in the North Porch following the themes of the Easter Cross making a visual display that could be seen by passers-by. Dorothy continued with this through the year up until Advent, when Fiona and Nerine sorted a Christmas display.

As the church opened up, we were able to do more flowers with a couple of people on each monthly team. We did the flowers for a wedding in the summer, and managed decorations for Harvest and Christmas by all pulling together and with some extra help, but each event is becoming harder due to lack of helpers, We used more flowers in vases – partly because they are quicker to do and partly to reduce our use of Oasis which is not biodegradable and has to go to landfill.

Financially the Club is managing well at present and had just on £875 in donations and spent just on £900 so we made a small £25 loss but we have just over £670 in the bank.

We may use some of our reserves to buy more artificial flowers to make life easier for the flower arrangers. If we lose any more members during 2022 without any new folk joining us, the future of providing flowers at All Saints will be in serious jeopardy.

Dorothy Toyn

Flower Club Leader