

## St Marys Guild report April 2017 to April 2018

Good Evening, I'm Val Swallow Joint Leader of St Mary's Guild, along with Veronica Plowman

We meet about 10 times a year in members houses and in the summer time in the church

The Guild continues to support all activities in the church and supporting St Marys PCC including the annual Safari Supper, which this year is on June 9<sup>th</sup>

Our main events in the past year were:

The two Jumble sales during the year were again very successful making a profit of approx £900 we all say it is hard work, but on the whole very profitable. We get people from all over Suffolk

The "Christmas Fair," which always attracts the village was again very profitable, this year we tried offering Afternoon teas as well.

We held the popular Burns "Supper" (which was held at lunch time) on the actual day - 25<sup>th</sup> January. We've done this now for two years and it has worked well holding it in the middle of the day.

Also, a very pleasant summer afternoon with our local Harpist and cream teas held at the Church and finally our Supper Quiz. Basically we have lots of event with food!

The EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospices) boxes are supported by many Guild members, organised by Jill Westrup who by collects and counts I pleased to report a very good total was raised - over £900

The harvest festival was well supported by the school and by selling the produce profits continue to be sent to Mattew Ruslkie home in Zimbawe

Our Bi-annual event last year, which was the flower festival on the theme of "Colours of The Rainbow" raised over £1400, **this year it is open gardens and we are awaiting for your call to open your garden on July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

We try to arrange an annual outing and last year we went to the end of the pier Show at Cromer, the same evening that they shut down Cromer! It made the National news – but we had just left!

This year we are going to Ely cathedral flower festival in June.

The Ladies of the Guild always decorate the church for altar flowers and for main festivals, i.e. Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We also give the Posies for the Mothering Sunday service which this year was held at the Community Centre.

We are also often requested to do teas at Funerals (unfortunately there have been two already year)

So many a repeat, but our good work continues.