



CAROL SINGING



Carol singing outside St Faith's

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for our Carol singing ventures both at St Faith's and The Ship. Altogether we raised about £175 and spread a lot of good cheer among those watching and listening.

It was a fine way to get us all into the Christmas spirit.

FUND RAISING

100 Club

After the Carol singing at St Faith's we drew the 100 Club. Only 70 tickets had been sold so £350 was raised. Half went into HPP funds and the other half went to three prize winners: Mrs Joyce Dempsey , £87:50; Mrs Elaine Wood, £52:50 and Martin McGranaghan, £35. The next draw, for those interested, will take place on Monday 20th March 2017. Those who would like to continue to take part will keep the numbers originally allocated, but need to pay for the next draw by 17th March 2017, if they have not already done so. If anyone would like to purchase more tickets or new people would like to join please contact: lindagstimpson@gmail.com or your church HPP contact.

Spot the Sheep Competition

The draw took place on Monday 12th December and the first prize, a family ticket to go to the Wintershall Nativity, was won by Thomas Vosper from St James school, Emsworth, he not only spotted all the sheep but he named the lost sheep 'Gordon Ramsey' which the judges thought was inspirational! Joint second prizes of a free children's pass to Havant Horizon Sports Centre were won by Faith Marshall of Emsworth Primary school for naming the Lost sheep 'Baaa-bara' and Poppy Thrift of St James' School for naming the lost sheep 'Bleaty-sheepy'. Our third prize winner was George from Daisy Chain nursery school for naming the lost sheep 'Cheeky Chops', he won a Cadburys selection box donated by the Co-op Funeral parlour. Well done to all the children, and adults, who took part and our thanks to the Emsworth shops and offices who took part so wholeheartedly, the names they gave the sheep in their windows were imaginative and wonderful! Our thanks also to the Methodist Church in Emsworth for allowing us to use their premises to sell the competition forms and for housing one of the collection boxes.



1 -'Summer' hiding in the tree in Emsworth Travel Agents



11-'Libby' on top of a bookshelf in the library window



14- 'Sid' Grate Fyres



16- 'Izzy' Co-op funeral parlour!

ADVENT CELEBRATION

The Advent celebration at St Albans Church was both beautiful and touching as we 'clothed' the crib in preparation for the baby Jesus.

Bill Stillwell gave us an inspiring talk about Joseph's part in the whole story, from an angle few of us had considered previously. Thank you Bill for opening our hearts and minds and for giving us something to ponder.

We sang, prayed and listened to Scripture together before finishing with a most welcome cup of tea and biscuits!

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

The group who came together to make the costumes for HPP 2015 still meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons in Havant Methodist Church. They have undertaken a variety of 'sewing jobs' for various churches and more recently have turned their hands to knitting! They are undertaking a 'Knitted Bible' but this was put aside for a knitted angels project which is spreading throughout the country, and further afield! The angels are very easy to knit, most knitters can complete at least one in an evening, the idea is to put them out in the local town just before Christmas with an attached label, *see here*

On Saturday 19th December, four intrepid knitters met up in the car park at 9am to add the finishing touches to the angels before putting them around Havant.

Please take me I'm free!
Peace and Joy at Christmas
www.christmasangel.net
#xmasangels

 Havant
Passion
Play2017
www.havantpassionplays.org.uk
Charity no: 1154040

Over 300 angels were positioned and they were taken in a heartbeat, the people of Havant couldn't get enough of the goodwill of Christmas! We are going to continue with this project in the hope that next Christmas we will have several thousand angels to put out. If you would like to become part of this project either come along to our Tuesday afternoon 'knit and natter' from 2:30-4pm at HMC or contact Mary at: mary.close@live.com



Our intrepid knitters putting the finishing touches!



Pretty little angels, all in a row!



They even adorned Santa's grotto!

FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS

Fundraising is our number one priority at the moment, if we have not raised sufficient funds by the end of March 2017 then HPP 2017 will have to be postponed, something we are loathe to do.

POP-UP SHOP

Negotiations are underway for us to have a 'Pop-up' shop, either in Emsworth or Havant for two weeks early in the New Year, so hang on to those serviceable things that you may consider 'ditching' after Christmas as we would love to have them to sell for our funds. We will be looking for people to 'work' in the shop, sorting, pricing and behind the counter. We can guarantee you will have a fun time as well as meeting lots of interesting people!

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We have booked Emsworth Methodist Church for a flower festival on 10th-11th June 2017. If you, or any organisation you belong to, would like to arrange a floral display or be involved in any other way we will look forward to hearing from you. It is a date to put in your diary. Watch this space for further information as things take shape. If you would like to be part of the Planning Team, please contact Mary Close : mary.close@live.com

HPP RECIPE BOOK

Calling all 'Bake off' and 'Masterchief' fans! Do you or your family have a favourite recipe? It could be for granny's shepherd's pie or auntie's fruit cake, or even your own take on Easter biscuits, if so we'd love to hear from you as we would like to compile a HPP recipe book in time for Easter. It would be a wonderful Easter present to give instead of the traditional chocolate egg and would raise much needed funds for our charity! Please e-mail a 'Word' copy of your recipes to: kaznowskipauline@gmail.com as soon as possible and she will start compiling the book. Do give Pauline any interesting or fascinating facts about your recipes, you are not restricted to sending her just one!