

Christmas Fair 2015

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with and supported the Christmas Fair on 28th November. It was a really happy occasion and there have been so many comments about how much the event was enjoyed.

We were very grateful to the children and staff of Marshside School for coming along to sing for us at the opening. They were lovely and got us off to a wonderful start. Thank you so much to Sam Owen who kept the Christmas atmosphere going by playing carols on his violin. It must have taken quite a bit of courage to stand there on his own serenading us so beautifully but with talent like that, he can afford to be confident!

A special thanks must go to 'the man in red' who came out of retirement at the last minute to help us out. We were so grateful to you George. Hopefully next year you can go back into retirement. You were certainly kept busy this year though. Lovely to see so many families with children waiting to pay you a visit.

Many thanks to all who came along on Friday evening to set up. It was a brilliant turnout. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the day, on the stalls, in the kitchen or behind the scenes to make the event such a success and thank you to all who stayed behind to clear up afterwards. Thank you especially to stall holders who took responsibility for taking away left over items meaning the store room did not become filled up again.

The incredible amount raised was as follows:-

Cash taken on the day (including the quiz)	£1175.57
Donation from Thought for the Day	£450.00
Anonymous donation	£624.21
Extra donation	£5.00
Proceeds from the Brunch (14th November)	£126.26
Total	£2381.04
Less Champion Advert	£18.00
Nett total	£2363.04

NB All other expenses deducted before cash being recorded.

Thank you to everyone on behalf of the church.

Joyce Smith & Dorothy Simpkin

Next Issue

The next edition of **The Link** will be published on the **Sunday the 31st of January 2016**. Therefore, items for inclusion in the next edition need to reach me by **Sunday the 24th of January**. Thanks, Mike (MikeOwen10@aol.com)

It's a cracker.

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor? Because he had a low "elf" esteem!

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

How did Scrooge win the football game? The ghost of Christmas passed!

Who is Santa's favorite singer? Elf-is Presley!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What did Santa say to the smoker? Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!