

## ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT TO THE ST MARY'S CHURCH CONGREGATION AGM MARCH 2018

This report is my annual opportunity to thank all the members of this hard working team. Particular thanks go to Keith Burgess for single handedly managing the budgets and the books so expertly, for providing prompt reports to the DCC and for agreeing our St Mary's budgets with the Parish Treasurer. This year has seen a great deal of extra work and budget balancing after the departure of St Mark's. Keith will present the St Mary's Financial accounts separately. Thank you to Linda Emery for masterminding the 2018 Stewardship campaign, the first in three years. We are grateful to Paul Kirkbride for his unstinting oversight of the Church Centre during 2017. Last, but by no means least, a big thank you goes to Alison Carré, and the extensive team of office assistants, for ensuring that all the administration of St Mary's runs smoothly.

St Mary's continues to take an active interest in the Horsham Churches Together Night Shelter, providing a large team of helpers to assist with the project at London Road Methodist church and other churches in the project.

The Barn has this year been equipped with a wi-fi unit with considerable help from Teach Beyond and the technical expertise of Simon Gale.

The Office telephone system has been replaced with a modern, user friendly set up and our thanks go to Elite Systems for installing and setting this up for us.

There are so many administrative tasks being completed each and every day within St Mary's. It is impossible to list them all but my thanks go out to anyone who helps keep our church running smoothly.

Steve Benson