

# St Botolph's Church Saxilby

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting - May 2024

### **FUNDING COMMITTEE** Report for 2023

Funding Activities got back to normal in 2023. The Funding Committee met six times during the year to plan the events - (17<sup>th</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> October).

The first fundraising event of the year was the Book Sale in the Church Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. We were grateful to John Davidson, David Clay and Jack Hansley for taking the lead, organising the books, and gathering a very hardworking group of volunteers to run the event. £656.65 was raised on the day; together with further sales of books throughout the year, the grand total came to £788.65 for Church Funds. Unsold books were donated to the YMCA.

In March, there was the Big Breakfast in the village hall. Always a very popular event, it was well supported once again, with around 100 breakfasts being served. We were extremely grateful to Tracey Prescott and friends for preparing the delicious food once more, to the band of volunteers who served the food and drinks, and to the hardworking washing up team. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mike Brown and Dylis to the team for the first time. The event raised £339.50 for Church Funds. Another one was held in November, raising a further £351.00; we welcomed Vicki Wilkinson to the team of helpers.

In April we started Film Shows once again, for the first time since the pandemic. This proved very popular with a full house of 63 people, raising £315.00 for Church funds (less £110.26 to 'Filmbankmedia' for the screening licence). Two more were held during 2023; 42 attending the one in June, raising £105.40 nett, and 27 plus 6 children attending the one in the August holidays, raising £42.60 nett.

We welcomed a steady stream of visitors during the West Lindsey Churches Festival Weekend in May; donations in church and takings from the refreshments in the Church Hall brought in a total of £280.22 for Church Funds.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June we held our second annual Teddy Bear Parachute Jump and Family Picnic since the pandemic; an enjoyable family occasion, raising £324.10 for Church Funds. In July we had our Strawberry Tea Party. This was well attended once again, with a room full of people thoroughly enjoying the strawberries and 'Pimm's'. £257.20 raised for Church Funds.

We took part in the parish Christmas Lighting parade on 25<sup>th</sup> November by providing hot dogs and mushy peas in the church hall at the beginning of the event, raising £131.00 for Church Funds.

Our big event, the annual church Christmas Fair in the village hall on 9<sup>th</sup> December, went very well once again, thanks to all the hard work by the army of volunteers who ran the stalls, provided the refreshments, and helped generally as well as setting up and clearing away. A big thankyou also to the many people who donated items and to the local businesses who generously donated the Raffle Prizes. In total, £2,257.05 was raised for Church Funds.

We ended the year with a delightful Christmas Concert by the Foss Ladies Choir in church on 16<sup>th</sup> December, raising £357.20 for Church Funds.

**St Botolph's was also very busy fundraising for charities in 2023.** Thanks to Jenny Ross and her monthly Coffee Morning team, over £1,700.00 was raised during the year. The charities included Lincolnshire Blood Bikes, The Stroke Association, the RNLI, Christian Aid, Bishop of Lincoln's Return to School Fund, Lincolnshire Rural Support Network, Medical Detection Dogs, Nomad Trust, Age UK(Silverline), and BRIC. Also, for and a local family and their children's battle with MLD (Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) a very rare and life-altering and life-limiting genetic condition. A big thank you to all involved and to the parishioners who came in support.

***David Turner (Funding Committee Chair)***