

SACRISTANS REPORT FOR 2019

Firstly I would like to thank the Assistants and Servers for regularly preparing for services and carrying out their duties. Howard Cherry resigned in December after many years of serving – thank you Howard. Steve McCann continues to have the difficult job of preparing the rotas.

All our altar linen is washed and pressed by Pam Ames and Jackie McCann keeps our altar clean – thank you both. The flowers in the sanctuary and church have been as wonderful as ever thanks to Margaret Coppard and Jackie McCann.

Nothing in this changing world is permanent and it was sad when the Christian Book Shop in Pratts Bottom closed in December. They have been very helpful supplying all our sanctuary consumables and books for many years.

Lastly the most important change for me and St Martins is the fact that Ann Blatcher gave up driving during the year and sold her car. Ann was often known as the “Lady of the Church” for her it was a full time job. She made the service books, kept the vestments and the altar frontals in the correct seasonal colour and many other things. The Easter Garden and Christmas Tree decorations were her artistic expertise. It is hoped that she can have an important consultative role with visits to the church and advice over the phone

John Squirrell
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