

St Andrew's Church
Annual General Meeting 2017

Thomas Bagnall Centre Report

It has been a difficult year for the Bagnall centre due in the main to being unsure of the future. Owing to health problems and the uncertainty, some members of the committee resigned so we were particularly pleased when Bishop Nolan said St Mary's would not be for sale in the near future. This allowed us to rebuild the committee and look forward again. Thanks go to Lynn Otty, Berni Jeavons, Paddy Murphy, Frank Farrell who have given much time to St Mary's and The Thomas Bagnall Centre over the past years.

Our new committee consists of Francis Maxwell, Maire Crawford, Marguerite Cawood, Fiona McCartney, Susan Leask and Jo Kemp.

This year bookings are more promising than last year and we hope to have a return visit from Fr Tony Furlong, Rosminian, at the beginning of September to give us a day of recollection and Mass. There was a lovely wedding last year in September and another is booked for Saturday 2nd September. Fr Jim has suggested that we advertise St Mary's as a wedding venue and we think this an excellent idea.

Groups of army veterans have come to recuperate and keep in contact with each other We also hope to develop plans to use the field as a camping area for church (or scout) groups of young people with use of the church and house. A visiting minister felt that we had a lot to offer such groups.

We do have someone to clean and make the beds for us which is a great help. We'd like to remind the parish that it is all AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS to book too! Thank you for your support.

We do need to replace the oil tank so need to find approximately £2,000. Fund raising will be next on the agenda!