

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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| Amount raised before | 1052 |
| Amount raised on day | <u>1692</u> |
| Total | 2744 |
| (Last year | 2615) |

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way towards this excellent result. I am very conscious that it is only possible through many people working very hard and offering their time and talents as well as their money! The very successful 'Flog It' Evening and donations, helped to raise £1052 before the day, giving the Fair itself a great start. The Parish Hall was transformed on the day, and congratulations to all the stallholders for the attractive presentation of the stalls. Special thanks for the Grotto with its theme of Winter Wonderland, and to our Rose Queen, Megan Gibson, for officiating in such a cheerful and gracious way. All the stalls were a great success, and each contributed something special to the whole event.

The really good news is that we are now able to send cheques of £914 to each of our three charities. Internationally, The Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund helps support families in great need in different parts of the World. Nationally, The Huntington's Disease Association supports people suffering from this debilitating disease, and their families, in distressing situations. Locally, Save the Family are appealing for financial help to launch their new Family Centre at Cotton Hall Farm to bring hope to families needing a home. The posters etc giving information about these charities, are still on display in Church, so if you missed them at the Fair it is not too late to find out more.

So thank you, not only for all the hard work, time and talent that went into raising so much money, but also for enabling us, as a Church, to play a significant part in helping the work of this year's three charities, as an integral part of our Christian outreach and mission.

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