

## St. Mary's Parochial Church Council

The PCC met on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January and the meeting opened with the reading of Psalm 65.

Mr. Green reported that with regard to the matched funding for the Save Our Steeple Fund, the £2,500 to be raised by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 had been exceeded and the SOS campaign could now be closed (see separate article). However, it would now be necessary to build up the General and Fabric Funds which had been depleted while the work on the roof and steeple had been in progress.

Further research had been made with regard to the proposed Cremation Plot Memorial. The PCC is now awaiting further directions from the Diocesan Advisory Committee which is in the process of reviewing its guidelines on memorials and in particular the use of bronze plaques. This review has been brought about because of the many metal thefts which have occurred in the Chelmsford Diocese over recent months.

Following the successful Craft Day for youngsters in December, there would be a Pentecost Craft Day on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. The Cubs and Brownies will take part at the Family Service on Mothering Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March and the Play Group will take part on Palm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Events: a Variety Evening will take place at the Village Hall on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, and it was agreed that a Christmas Tree Festival be held in St. Mary's over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April following the 10 a.m. service.

A copy of this report can be found on the notice board at the back of the Church and also on the Church website [www.unitedhallingbury.co.uk](http://www.unitedhallingbury.co.uk).

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