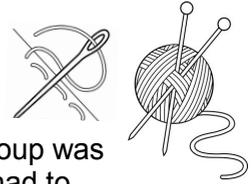


# Craft Group News



It's good to be able to report that St Mary's Craft Group was continuing to flourish until, like everything else, we had to call a halt to our meetings. Members had continued to support the group and it had been very rewarding to gain one or two new members during the course of the year. However, I cannot let this point pass without mentioning the very sad loss of Pat Awbery Maskell, who died towards the end of 2019. Pat was a very-much-treasured member of the craft group who is sadly missed by all of us. A number of members attended her funeral service at St Mary's last December.

A huge amount of the craft items that members make are donated to charity, and we always do our best to respond to requests for specific items. We were approached by the Besom charity which donates 'Baby Bundles' to families in the local area who need an extra bit of help. Its request was for first-size matinee jackets, particularly for boys – apparently, they had a plentiful supply suitable for girls but were short of ones for boys. Needless to say, the craft group members responded in their usual generous way and we were able to hand over to our contact, Becca Herrick, a good supply of first-size jackets for boys. We received a lovely thank-you note, and Becca also called in to one of our meetings to thank the members in person.



The group stall at the Autumn Fair at the end of November 2019 was a very colourful display. This couldn't have been achieved without the generosity and hard work of all the members who donated such a wonderful array of goods for sale – and also, of course, to all the

people who bought so many of the items.

We had received a request to make some new bunting in preparation for St Mary's Summer Fair and a small number of members were beavering away producing yards of bunting. Hopefully, this will come into use when we are next able to hold this event.

An appeal also went out for small knitted cannula covers, which are needed by the Rosie maternity unit, and members are also busy producing these.

I would like to thank all the group for their support, in particular Dorothy Ward, Geraldine Stott and Jane Morley, for stepping in and ensuring that the group was kept going while I was out of action.

I know that a lot of the members are glad to have 'crafting' hobbies to keep them occupied during these days of isolation. I look forward to seeing the results when we can eventually get back to our normal way of life and are able to meet up again.



My new born granddaughter needed a cannula cover in 2016 - Dianne

Tina Casey