

Dear Volunteers,

As 2024 draws to a close and we look back over the last 12 months it has indeed been a busy time. We started with the Draw St Mary's event in spring, several primary school visits in early summer, senior schools in the last couple of weeks, triptych weekend in July, heritage weekends and the annual Ride and Stride event and the October churchyard clear up. December is upon us now with the usual flurry of Advent, Carol and Christmas services for schools, visitors and the regular congregation so it is with deep gratitude that we say a huge thank you to all who have enabled the above events and much more to take place.



I'll send out details of visitor numbers for 2024 in early January but a quick glance of the visitor book reflects healthy use of the building and an appreciation for all we do



in St Mary's. It is just up to me now to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous New Year for 2025.

Photographs include the Jesse Tree (above) and the Nativity Scene completed by children from the

congregation with thoughts by year 7 students from Lydiard Park Academy. Please have a look if you're in church over the next few weeks.

Message from Mat

*'Some documents lent by Mat on John Audrey's topological collections, or Beauties of England have gone missing. If you have them, please could they be returned at the earliest opportunity. Many Thanks'*

Best Wishes,

Ann

Education and Volunteer Coordinator