Harvest concert hits the right note

St Ann’s Church was well filled on the Sunday of Harvest for a fundraising concert which raised in excess of €2,500 for church funds. Thank you to those who took part - The Brook Singers and the RDS Jazz Singers and to all who helped organise the event.

We also express thanks to our sponsors Specsavers and No. 37.

The Text This Week continues to meet in the Church to discuss the upcoming Sunday’s Bible readings in an informal and relaxed setting. The fortnightly sessions, which begin with an opening prayer, the reading of the Epistle and/or The Gospel for the following Sunday (Holy Communion) and informal discussion, conclude with a short version of Evening Prayer. Please note the following dates if interested: November 13, 27th and December 11th.

We aim to be finished each evening by 9.00 pm.

It’s very nearly Black Santa time

The 2018 ‘Black Santa’ Appeal will be launched by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson and The Lord Mayor on December 13 and will run up until Christmas Eve.

2018 will be the 18th year that the appeal has been held in Dublin and in that time well over €600,000 has been raised for local good causes. All the charities supported by Black Santa do invaluable work and every cent donated to the appeal is divided among them.

There are no administration charges and all the collectors are volunteers.

Local choirs join ‘Black Santa’ every day in the run up to Christmas Eve spreading some festive cheer in Dawson Street. Among the charities to benefit from the appeal are Trust, The Salvation Army, The Simon Community and the Peter McVerry Trust all of which work with the homeless. Other charities supported include Protestant Aid, Barnardos, St Vincent De Paul, the Laura Lynn Foundation and Solas Project. Every February the charities receive their cheques at a special service in St Ann’s which celebrates the work of volunteers.

If you can help with this year’s appeal, either by collecting or helping to cater for visiting choirs, please speak with The Vicar or Kristin in the office.

Special service

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The Kids’ Club will meet on November 11 and the Family Service will be on November 18 when the speaker will be Alistair Doyle, our placement student. There will be a Planning Meeting for the Nativity Play on November 25th.

Happy birthday Arthur

St Ann’s parishioner, Arthur Vincent has celebrated his 80th birthday. At the recent Harvest Lunch, he was presented with a birthday cake which was enjoyed by all present. Many happy returns, Arthur!

Walk of Light

The annual Ecumenical ‘Walk of Light’ which takes place in Dublin every November will begin from St Ann’s Church, Dawson Street at 4pm on Sunday 25th November. There will be a brief opening service before the walk moves off, carrying lanterns, to its next Church.