



St Marys & St Johns



Whitchurch & Whitchurch Hill

“SAVE OUR CHURCHES”

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Meeting & Garden Drinks

4th September 2011

We need to spend over **£3,500** every month just on the upkeep of our beautiful churches. We rely heavily on the regular support of those who live in our villages to help us maintain our churches with their grounds and graveyards. In fact over 70% of the money we raise to keep our churches active comes from the committed donations of the residents of our villages. (By donating through Stewardship the churches are able to reclaim basic rate income tax which is significant to our income).

We are meeting on **September 4th 2011** to discuss the nature of the financial challenge ahead of us. We plan to meet at St Marys at 10.45 am after our Sunday service. The Church Wardens and Treasurer will provide some background on our Churches and our financial position and will invite your participation in a discussion about our predicament.

We will then adjourn to the gardens of St Marys House Gardens for light refreshments. It will be a great opportunity both to celebrate the arrival of **Rev Claire Alcock** and to thank our past, present and (we hope) future Stewardship contributors.

Whether you are a regular or an occasional church goer or if you simply wish to hear just how critical and important keeping our churches open is.

ALL ARE INVITED!

WHITCHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL