

## A weekend of events in support of Ukraine

The weekend of the 30th June/1st May saw two events organised to raise money to support the people of Ukraine. At Uplyme Church bells rang all day on Saturday in a bell ringing event and then on Sunday Reverend Nicky held an open invitation to cream teas at the Rectory.

The bell ringing event was the idea of Andy Jarvis who teaches bell ringing at Uplyme. Andy organised and invited experienced bell ringing teams to ring for 45 minute slots.

Six ringing teams travelled to Uplyme to take part.

The day was popular with visitors and ringers alike and the church was a hive of activity. Hot drinks and cakes were provided and donations for these were forthcoming. Videos could be viewed at intervals on the church screen which showed how ringing was taught, how the bells in the tower moved when rung and also some of the tunes for 'Method' ringing of church bells. Method is a system of learnt tunes that ringers widely use in larger churches and cathedrals.

Added to this event, Nicky opened the Rectory for afternoon cream teas. Due to the damp weather the event moved from the garden indoors but was still supported by large numbers undeterred by a drop of rain.

The Saturday bell ringing event raised £843. The Sunday cream teas raised nearly £388. The money raised from the bell ringing event will be donated to the Red Cross who are working within Ukraine itself to support people displaced by and sheltering from the war. The money from the cream tea will be donated to supporting families from Ukraine who have come to live with hosts in the local area.

We would like to thank everyone who supported these events by giving their time, donating cakes for sale and coming along and giving generously.

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