

JUMBLE SALE

14 March, 2016

On Saturday the congregation at All Saints' spun straw into gold. Helen Brooking again put together a fine Spring Jumble Sale of miss-matched, used donated items. Things that were cast off by some were found to be of use and fit the bill of others. Such is the way of Jumble Sales, things get all jumbled up and find their way onto jumble tables, sorted, arranged, priced and ready for the finding.

The doors opened promptly at the advertised hour of 14h00, but this didn't stop people from coming and knocking at the church doors as early as 11h00. But Helen told them they had to wait, not early looks for eager eyes as that would be unfair. At 2:00pm the doors opened and about 45 people rushed in. The first wave of shoppers was quite the cross section of Marseille, people of all diverse communities like to find a bargain! Along with the shoppers came the talkers and the visitors; people simply interested in seeing the All Saints' historic building and

others who wanted to visit with, chat with, and perhaps share some tea with old friends. Most of the volunteer table staff from the congregation were also involved with a visiting, chatting and fellowship ministry.



Eager shoppers looking at the sales tables, set-up inside the church.



Helen and Anne (far right) assist shoppers with their purchases.

It would seem that most of the shopping took place in the first hour as the crowd thinned out between three and four and was then very thin afterwards. But at worship the following morning, Helen was able to inform the congregation that, along with a generous donation, the Jumble Sale had spun the products into nearly 600 euros. These funds will be used to support the ministry that takes place at All Saints and to ensure an Anglican expression of faith in this, France's Second City.



Robin and Arnaud have a quiet conversation as they staff their table.