

'An exceptional Christian and loving friend'

WHO is our unsung hero this month? David Lougher, who has been PCC treasurer and churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth, and currently manages the church's parish hall.

Who has nominated him?

The Rev Rosemary Donald, priest-in-charge of Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth.

Why is he a hero?

David had been a bank manager and used his skills with money to be PCC treasurer for 10 years. Then when a previous churchwarden became a Reader, he stepped into that role and did it for 10 years.

He also ran an arts and music festival at the church for three years.

Now he manages bookings at the busy parish hall, which involves him cleaning floors and doing minor maintenance jobs to keep it looking pristine.

Rosemary said: "David is an exceptional Christian who really loves God and works out his Christian service in very genuine and unassuming practical ways.

"He is a very faithful servant of the church in many different ways, and a stalwart and loving friend and knowledgeable adviser

unsung hero

We're highlighting those unsung heroes in our congregations, who volunteer to do the behind-the-scenes jobs in our churches, like cooking, cleaning and tidying. Do you know someone in your church who you could nominate to be featured on this page?

to many."

Why does he do it? David said: "I do enjoy it, and I love being part of Holy Trinity Church. Because I had been a bank manager, I felt I should offer those skills to the church when I retired at the age of 53.

"After 10 years it felt right to stand down, but I remained part of the PCC. I was co-opted to become a churchwarden and did that until the new recommendations came in that said you shouldn't do it for longer than six years.

"Now I enjoy the fact that the parish hall is used by a wide range of community groups. There is something happening there every night of the week, and even on Sunday mornings it was used by the Methodist Church.

"Ensuring there is somewhere

for them to meet is very rewarding.

"As I'm now 75, I've been involved in the running of things in church for 22 years now, but I do get a lot out of it, especially the social side.

"And of course I couldn't have done any of this without the support of my wife Jo."

• Is there someone in your church who works hard behind the scenes, but rarely gets any public thanks?

Why not nominate them as an unsung hero in the Pompey Chimes?

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David Lougher with his wife Jo

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 as my **unsung hero**. This is why: _____

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