

The ORDER OF ST RICHARD is an annual award for lay people within the Diocese of Chichester who have made exceptional contributions to a parish, local community and the Diocese. The award was initiated by Bishop Martin, and this year he invited our own Marion Lott to Chichester Cathedral to be invested into the Order at a very beautiful service of Choral Evensong led by the Bishop of Horsham

Here are some of the words from my proposal of Marion, and her 'seconded', David Lamb:

For very many years, Marion has worked extremely hard as PCC Secretary, Chair of the Martindale (Church Hall) Committee, and was a long-standing Chair of Governors at St Giles (CEVA) School. She is dedicated, efficient, hardworking, friendly and always in the forefront when anything, including parish social occasions, is to be done. Her knowledge of the church and community is extensive and she effectively liaises between the two.

She has always been an indefatigable servant of the church, church school and village community, and is an ever-present stalwart of all things St Giles.

Marion's list of practical achievements and duties fulfilled for St Giles over the years is extraordinary, including leading Sunday Club, organising a the fund-raising village bonfire night and organising a Christmas Charity Market. Her energies remain undiminished and currently she produces PCC and Martindale meeting minutes, weekly service sheets and church duty rotas. For many years she has cooked for the HK village lunch and organised fund-raising and catering for any church and Martindale event. She has organised house collections for St Catherine's Hospice over many years. She also co-ordinates the Link Christmas Shoebox appeal for Eastern European families. During covid restrictions, she communicated weekly with our congregation. She bears the chalice and organises and regularly presents intercessions.

If anyone needs to know, they usually ask Marion.

Fr David/David Lamb