

St Leonard's Flower Volunteers

We are indebted to the volunteers who support the church by supplying beautiful arrangements throughout the year for the benefit of parishioners and visitors.

Being eco-friendly and sustainable is in line with the Church of England's fifth Mark of Mission, which aims to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Two workshops, planned to demonstrate these methods, have been postponed due to Covid 19. We aim to resume these workshops as soon as it is safe to do so.

Having lost some members from the rota we have been obliged to review which areas have displays. These areas now include, on a weekly basis, High Altar and Lady Chapel, with windows, porch and lectern on special occasions.

St Leonard's carried out a full risk assessment in line with Church of England and Public Health England's advice when considering access to the church for flower arranging during the Covid19 period. The results were discussed with the PCC. After discussion with a number of arrangers it was decided that everlasting arrangements be displayed permanently in the High Altar, Lady Chapel and children's corner for the enjoyment of visitors and parishioners until we can resume the rota.

We have informed and updated the arrangers in relation to Covid 19 advice changes throughout the year.

The beautiful flower displays we prepare have been our way of paying tribute to those we love. Volunteers often select dates on the rota to prepare arrangements in memory of loved ones lost. This last year has been difficult for us all. Not preparing flowers in church due to Covid 19 restrictions has meant we have missed anniversaries.



Thank you to all our wonderful flower rota volunteers, and our Risk Assessment Officer Steve Eagle for your support. We look forward to seeing our beautiful displays once again in church in the not too distant future.

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