

St Leonards Flower report March 2024.

St Leonards Church was delighted to be included in the village Coronation Group organising committee preparing for the celebrations of 6th May. The success of our Jubilee flower displays provided a seed bed for our church Coronation project.

Our own volunteers expressed a wish to be involved in displaying their expertise. A beautiful arrangement by one of our longest serving flower arrangers provided a perfect backdrop at the High Altar. A full purple robed king with Crown and floral display stood outside the High Altar along with the King's coach and horses in the Lady Chapel. Every church window and available space was proudly decorated with red, white, and blue floral arrangements. The mother's union provided a lovely display at the font and the W.I initiated knitting and crochet groups making red, white and blue rosettes for the church pews.

Once again, we had many visitors and messages congratulating us on the displays.

Our volunteers continue to provide arrangements weekly along with special dates including Harvest, Patronal festival, Remembrance, Easter, and Christmas.

Christmas

We continued the success of last year by using troughs filled with seasonal greenery and candles in each of the windows. A working party to decorate the church took place and was a great success enabling us to decorate windows and pillars with beautiful hand tied arrangements of conifer and cones along with our window displays we also had arrangements in memory of some long-standing members of our church.

The arrangements lasted well and enabled those who look after them to take a well-earned break.

Sustainability

We continue to use Bio Oasis when available. Several of our arrangers also use traditional mechanics for flower arranging.

Flowers are often arranged in memory of loved ones. We are indebted to all our flower arrangers who give their time freely, provide their own flowers and volunteer on our rota; some people do not attend our church but have a long relationship with the church. We welcome their expertise and friendship and acknowledge them as part of our family.

I would like to thank all our volunteers. We have a great team of people who are willing to support the rota organiser. They are available to support at the drop of a hat and pop into church to see the flowers are looking good for our worshipers and visitors.

Louise McMichael

St Leonard's flower rota organiser.

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