

## Flower Festival 2025

A wonderful week of glorious sunshine meant that visitor numbers were high; over 3000 leaflets were handed out, with often only one given between groups of two or three. The church looked magnificent with amazing, creative, colourful displays which showcased just a few of the many talented Derbyshire people. Our visitors were certainly wowed by it all, making extremely complimentary comments, so well done to everyone involved.

Financially it has been a great success too, meaning that we can once again support our two charities: The Dreamland Mission Eye Clinic in Kenya which was set up by Jane and Simon Daniell from Churchdale, Ashford, to provide eye surgery for those in need; and the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy which provides support practically, financially and spiritually for our local farmers. The remainder will go towards the maintenance of the church building which requires work on the roof and porch. Many thanks too to all who gave up their time to act as stewards, welcoming our visitors and keeping the church safe. It really is a vital job and much appreciated by our visitors. I hope that you enjoyed the experience - at least you were warm this year!

Thank you!

Linda Foster.

### THE DISPLAYS ...

This year's theme was 'Derbyshire Folk' and showcased the many and varied talents of people who were born in or associated with Derbyshire.

Constance Spry, florist





Dame Ellen MacArthur,  
sailor



Samuel Fox, inventor of  
the modern umbrella



Sir Joseph & Sarah Paxton,  
horticulturalists and landscape  
designers



Little John, Hathersage's famous son



Vivienne Westwood, fashion designer



Alison Jane Uttley, writer



The Derbyshire Flag



John Smedley, luxury knitwear manufacturer



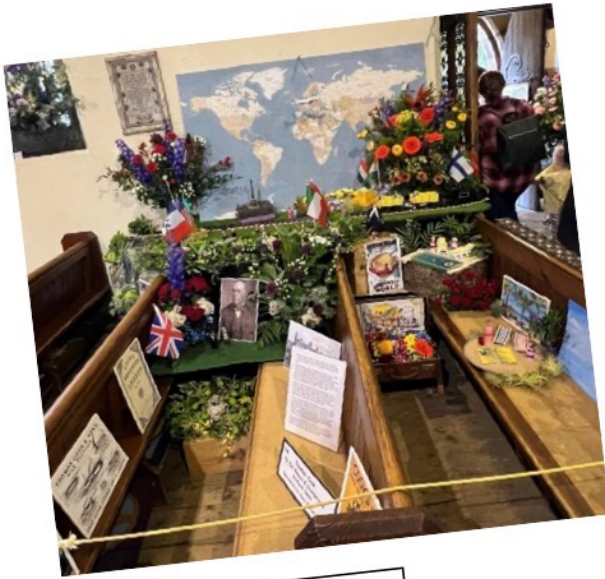
Three Famous Historical Ladies of Hardwick, Haddon and Chatsworth



Alison Hargreaves, mountaineer



Florence Nightingale



Thomas Cook



Sir Richard Arkwright, father of the modern industrial factory system

THANK YOU to all who made this year's festival such a great success! The displays were wonderfully creative and greatly admired. Once again you have surpassed yourselves and given great pleasure to all our visitors.