FLOWER FESTIVAL

Another very successful event with several thousands of visitors looking round the church; “Wow” being the reaction from many of them! The arrangements were stunning and it is amazing how our arrangers produce such creative displays year on year. The weather wasn’t the best, although the cooler temperatures did help the flowers, and numbers were down on last year, but it was still financially successful and will allow us to support Ashgate Hospice and help with the repairs to the church roof and porch. Our stewards did a tremendous job welcoming our visitors into the church, showing them round and chatting about the theme and the church in general. People wrote in the visitor’s book what a warm welcome they had received, so a very big ‘Thank you’ to them and to everyone who helped in any way and of course to our wonderful arrangers. I already have in mind a theme for next year’s festival which coincides with the school’s half-term holiday, so hopefully there will be plenty of visitors! Linda.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO LINDA FOSTER FOR HER HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AS ORGANISER OF THE FLOWER FESTIVAL. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

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THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS 'FOR ALL THE SAINTS …'

The Saints by Gill Harris

St Luke, Patron Saint of Doctors by Kate Furness

St Peter by Hilary Bartlett

St Nicholas by Sarah and John Winkworth-Smith

St Valentine by Rosie Short

St Columba by Ann Ashcroft and Karen Templeman

St Mary, Mother of God by Janet Kerr

St Bede, Patron Saint of Scholars and Writers by Margaret Mellon

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Carpenters by Hannah Gregory-Campeau

The Saints of the United Kingdom by Catherine Treves and Iris Holt

St Fiacre, Patron Saint of Gardeners by Jane Daniell

St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music by Barbara Baxter

St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology by Jan Gibson and Charlotte Swift

Pillars: St Michael and All Angels by Linda Foster and Vivien Lee