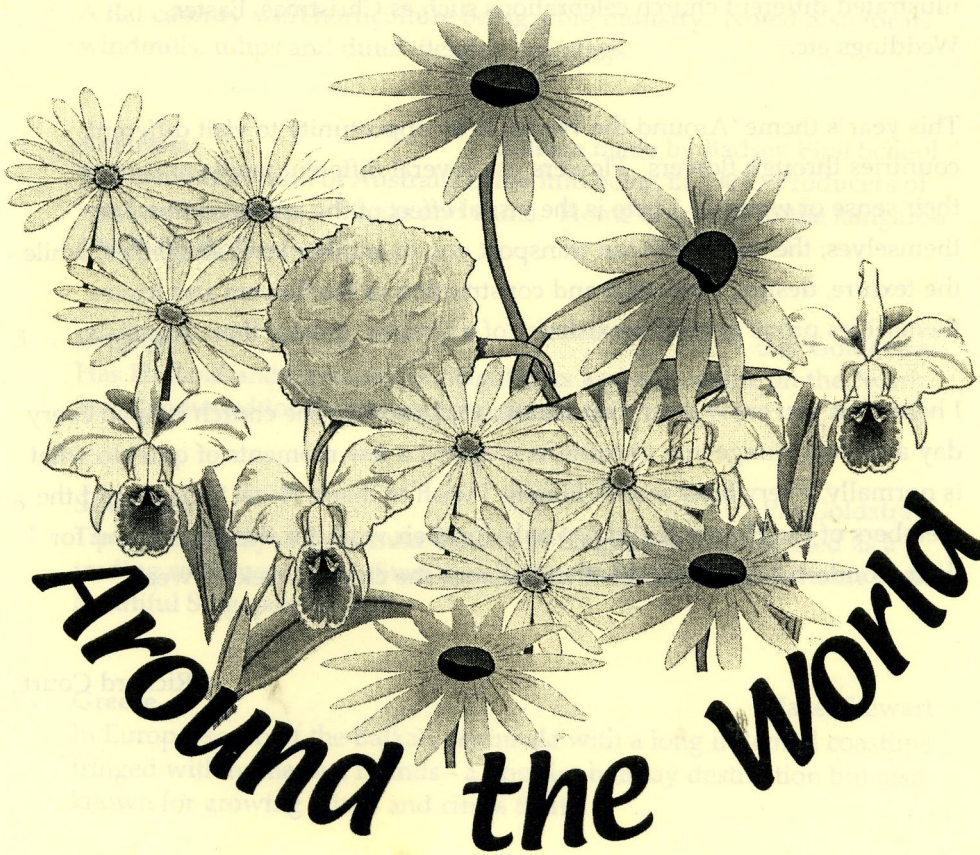


St. James' Church
Badsey with Aldington

Flower Festival

16-17 June 2007



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. James, Badsey with Aldington and please enjoy your time here as you walk round taking time to admire the wonderful arrangements and the marvellous setting in which they are displayed.

I am pleased to have been asked to write a few words of introduction for this programme as although I know that there have been flower festivals held in church before; this is the first since my arriving in the Parish in February 2005. Previous themes have been 'Our Heritage', which celebrated the 700th Anniversary of the Church and included displays depicting the life of the church and village. The last festival took the theme 'Celebration' and illustrated different church celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Weddings etc.

This year's theme 'Around the World' is an opportunity to visit different countries through flowers. Flowers use several different media to convey their sense of wonder. There is the visual effect of the arranged flowers themselves; the scent, that can transport you to another level altogether; while the texture, design, formation and construction of the flowers and leaves themselves prove to me the existence of a Creator greater than ourselves.

I hope that you enjoy your visit and remind you that the church is open every day and I encourage you to come in to spend a few moments of quiet in what is normally a very busy world. Finally, I wish to thank Hazel Stewart and the members of the Flower Guild not only for their work for this festival but for their wonderful arrangements that enhance the church week by week.

Richard Court

Welcome to our Flower Festival

"Around the World"

- 1 **Jersey** Chris Vince
The largest of the Channel Islands, famous for its breed of cattle, fertile soil and the festival of flowers.
- 2 **Guernsey** Chris Vince
Another of the Channel Islands. Known for its market gardening and commercially grown flowers.
- 3 **Holland/Netherlands** Mary Clarke
A flat country with horticulture being a big industry. Noted also for its windmills, tulips and dutch flemish paintings.
- 4 **Australia** Collage made by Badsey First School
The commonwealth of Australia came into being in 1901. Producers of wool, wine, raisins, sultanas and fruits. Home of course to the kangaroo and koala bear.
- 5 **Belgium** Sue Goldstraw
Has Holland and Germany as neighbours and a coastline on the North Sea. Renowned for its lace and chocolates.
- 6 **Singapore** Pat Goldstraw
Tip of the Malayan peninsula the city of Singapore was founded as a trading settlement by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819. Gives its name to the beautiful Singapore orchid.
- 7 **Greece** Hazel Stewart
In Europe, south of the Balkan peninsula with a long indented coastline fringed with numerous Islands - a popular holiday destination but also known for growing olives and citrus fruit.

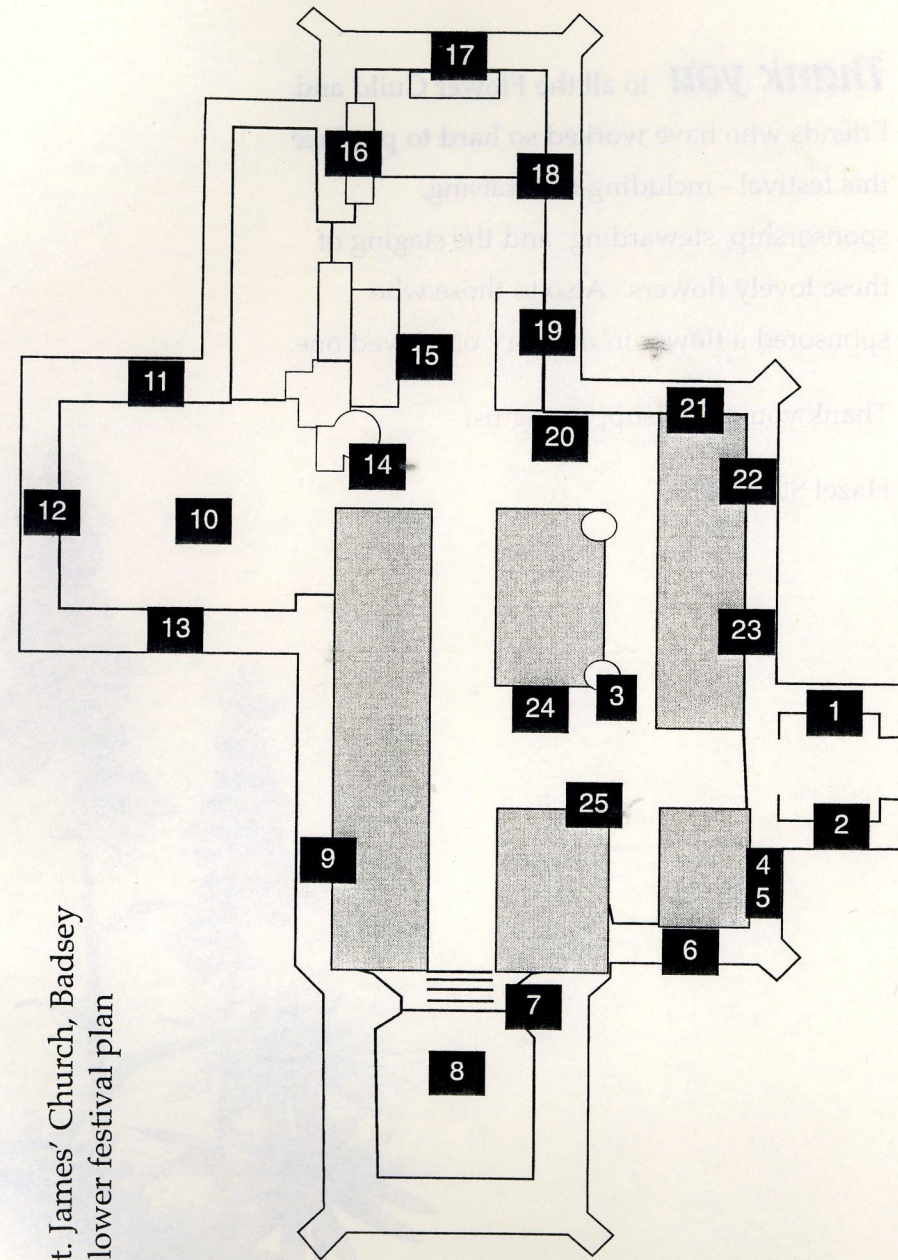


Around the World

- 8 **Portugal** Sheila Taylor
S.W. Europe. Agriculture is important, also fishing, with sardines being exported.
- 9 **Memorial** Colin Cyrill
Exhibit in memory of the servicemen and women who gave their lives in other parts of the world.
- 10 **England** Stephanie Hartley, Avril, Sandra and Maureen
Portrayed here as an English garden. St. George being our patron saint.
- 11 **Scotland** Sandra Sparrow
Northern part of the British Isles with spectacular views of mountains, glens, ancient forests and, of course, the heather. Home of the Highland cattle and Scotch whiskey, where the Scottish clans have their own tartans. Their patron saint is St. Andrew.
- 12 **Wales** Avril Court
West part of the UK where sheep graze on the hillsides and you will find scenic valleys and the male voice choirs. Once a coal mining community, now other industries including slate are making progress. St. David is the patron saint.

- 13 **Ireland** Maureen Davies
In 1922, this Island that is west of the UK, was divided into its two familiar states - North and South. Noted for Irish linen, lush green scenery and their liquid refreshment - Guinness. St. Patrick is their Patron Saint.
- 14 **Memorial for departed loved ones on the pulpit** Pauline Johns
- 15 **Decorated choir stalls** Marg Castle and Eleanor Sams
- 16 **America and Canada** Julie Gardner
Divided by the impressive waterfall on the Niagara river. The falls are 167ft high and 1080ft across on the American side and the Canadian falls are 158 ft high and 8100 ft across. Canada famous for its Rocky mountains and lumber industry, while America has stars and stripes and the golden eagle as their national emblem.
- 17 **France** Julie Gardner
Famous for its wine and food. France has quite a few artists of its own, but has also been home to a lot more, including Vincent Van Gogh, who was the inspiration behind this exhibit.
- 18 **Japan** Marg Castle
Inspired by the Ikebana style of flower arranging - heaven, earth and man and tranquility in its simplicity.
- 19 **Spain** Eleanor Sams
Is an agricultural and fishing country with a vibrant centre including the flamenco dance as portrayed here.
- 20 **India** Hazel Stewart
A contrasting land of Asia of poverty and wealth, produces cotton, tea, spices and rice for export.

- 21 **Egypt** Hazel Stewart
An ancient land with the Nile running through it which is the life blood of the country. Steeped in history, Egypt is home to the pyramids and the pharaohs tombs which inspired this exhibit.
- 22 **Norway** Hazel Smith
Composed of a mountain mass of ancient rock and the long coastline is indented with fjords. Cultivation is limited, but they have valuable forest and mineral resources and also fishing.
- 23 **Venice** Yvonne Haynes
Italian city with canals as the main thoroughfare. In this romantic city you will find the gondolas, masked balls and festivals.
- 24 **Jamaica** Sheila Taylor
Largest island of the West Indies, south of Cuba. Good soil provides sugar, coffee, fruit - with bananas as an important export along with Jamaican rum.
- 25 **Africa** Hazel Stewart
Surrounded by sea this continent has vast deserts. Rich in minerals but poor of water. Crops include cocoa, rubber and cotton.



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Flower festival plan

Thank you to all the Flower Guild and Friends who have worked so hard to produce this festival - including fundraising, sponsorship, stewarding and the staging of these lovely flowers. Also to those who sponsored a flower in memory of a loved one.

Thank you all for supporting us.

Hazel Stewart

