

Flower Arranging Demonstration

Considering all the horrible wet weather we've had recently, Wednesday evening was warm, sunny and bright.

26 of us were entertained by Maggie with some gorgeous flower arrangements, some very entertaining stories about various trips that she and Muriel F. had taken (including the many scrapes they got into) and tips on how to care for our flowers.

One of her anecdotes included a trip to the petrol station whilst they were in France recently. Maggie had borrowed her sister's car but needed petrol. They stopped at the petrol station and pulled up to the pump only to discover that the petrol cap was on the other side of the car and the pump wouldn't reach. So they proceeded to turn round and face the right way. Ready to take the cap off they found they had no idea how it came off so had to make an emergency call to Maggie's sister to get instructions. The cap came off eventually but their problems didn't stop there. The hose to the nozzle was very tight and Muriel had to hold it firmly between her legs whilst Maggie held the nozzle in the petrol tank. Picture the scene! The petrol came through very slowly and some twenty minutes later, tired and frustrated they got their petrol!



Once the demonstration was over we all enjoyed our tea/coffee and scones and a chance to mingle and have a natter. People must have spent ages baking the delicious scones and also some very tasty cakes (I refused, of course!) Not being a baker, I'd bought my donation of scones from Sainsbury's but they weren't needed so Brian can have a treat!!!

All the arrangements that Maggie had done were then raffled. We'd each had a numbered ticket on arrival and Maggie drew them and the lucky winners claimed their choice of decoration (Unfortunately one of the winners wasn't me!) I apologise that I didn't make a note of all the winners but I did persuade 3 of them (under duress) to have their photos taken (see next page).



We took £180.00 in ticket money, We gave Maggie £50.00 towards the flowers and so made a profit of £80.00 towards church funds.

But it wasn't about the money. We had a really pleasant evening among friends from church, the village, St Luke's and some from as far away as Belgium!

What a Lovely Surprise!

I just thought I would share this lovely “thank you” card with you all! I sent a “congratulations” card to the Palace, ahead of the Coronation, never thinking twice about getting a response! Imagine my surprise when this landed on the door mat!



Whilst I realise that King Charles and Queen Camilla have not sat down and hand-written these cards themselves, it is nonetheless a lovely token of appreciation that is very much appreciated.

The front design of the card is SO pretty and features the joint cypher of King Charles and Queen Camilla, surrounded by a border of flowers, strawberries, a bee and a ladybird.—a wealth of nature which is well known to be so close to King Charles’s heart.

The photograph inside was taken by the royal photographer, Hugo Barnard, who has long-standing connections with the royal family and actually photographed King Charles and Queen Camilla at their wedding at Windsor in 2005.

Definitely something to treasure!

Esther x

Prayer Corner:

Lord,
let my life be a space
in which you can work in the world.
Clear away my inner rubbish,
and fill me with your Spirit
of healing, delight and peace,
so that everything I do
may be the fruit of your life in me.
Amen.

Muriel

July Services:

30th - Holy Communion with
Rev Patricia Robinson from Endon

August Services:

6th—Family service
13th—Praise and Prayer
20th—Holy Communion
27th—Morning Worship

August dates for your diary

Sunday 6th August—Barbecue

After the family service at the home of Julia and family. More details to follow.

Further to last week's "Hymns for various occupations:"

From the heart of Roger Simpson of St Luke's....



**Off in danger, off in woe
(Vicarless churchwarden)**



Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

Smiles:

"Some of you may be wondering why the organ has been out of action for the last two Sundays," said the vicar. "This is because of work being done to improve the instrument's facilities. When completed, our organist will be able to change his combinations without removing his hands from the keyboards."

The teachers took turns to give the lessons at Sunday school, usually rounding them off with, "Now, children, the moral of this story is...." One day, Miss Brown made the story particularly exciting and did not end it in the usual way. The children were delighted and asked if Miss Brown might not give the lesson more often. "We like her very much," they explained, "because she hasn't any morals."

On reaching home after the children's service, conducted by the vicar, a little girl was asked how she had got on. "Oh," she replied, "when Mr Smith didn't know the anything, he asked us."

Two boys were playing in the street, one a Roman Catholic, the other a High Church Anglican. The Roman Catholic priest came down the street and his young parishioner said "Good morning, Father." A bit later, the Anglican priest came along and the other boy called out, "Good morning, Father." at which the Roman Catholic boy protested, "he's not a Father. He's got a wife and three children!"