

Uplyme Church Flower Arrangers Group Report for 2023

March 2024

The Uplyme Church Flower Arrangers Group (Or "Floweries" as we call ourselves) are pleased to say that our recruitment drive announced last April at the APCM has been extremely successful and we now number thirteen members in total — doubling our membership from 2022! Most of the group are not regular church goers but their love and respect for the church has resulted in a heartwarming enthusiasm for enhancing our much loved place of worship. The new recruits are almost all parents of now adult ex-pupils of Mrs Ethelstons!

In May 2023 we decorated the church in honour of the Kings Coronation and held a Coronation Café on a very wet May Bank Holiday resulting in a packed church and generous donations!

In the Autumn we were approached by the Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society who asked us if we would consider putting on a Flower festival in August 2024 to enhance their Summer Show. This was enthusiastically agreed to and plans are afoot for this exciting event.

We loved decorating the church at Christmas on a theme of Nature/the Holly and the Ivy/Wildlife, it was well received by all who visited the church over the Christmas period. For the main festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas plus extras like the Coronation we all work together but for the rest of the year we work individually on a rota basis.

This year (2024) we are working on being more eco friendly, we won't be buying any more oasis for example and will instead use more sustainable methods to display our arrangements.

The Uplyme Church Flower Arrangers Group

Carole Hodges, Jenny Perham, Sue Wells, Paulene Frost, Jo Clarke, Felicity Langford, Pam Cridge, Tessa Prescott, Sam Neal, Sam Pennington, Jane Souter, Heather Pullinger and Gill Martin