



## FLOWER MINISTRY

This worthwhile ministry has been running in the same format for almost 30 years due to the commitment and generosity of individuals and groups in the Congregation providing flowers for the Sunday services, Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

We now need extra help in a few ways:-

1) There are a number of gaps on the Rota this year so please consider donating by indicating your name on your chosen week and tick the relevant box if you would prefer a member of the Flower Team to arrange on your behalf.

2) Please note that the Flower Fund does depend on donations and should not be confused with the admirable figure shown against the Flower Fund at the AGM as this is a legacy which was left for the provision of flowers on two specific dates only each year. **Any donations would help boost this fund.** Speak to Rosemary or Jane Ross in office.

3) The Flower Team has worked faithfully for years but has obviously reduced in numbers and we are now urgently in need of more people to arrange on behalf of others for the Sunday services..... arranging is not absolutely necessary of course as many people are more than happy for flowers just to be put into vases. Your commitment would be required only a few times a year.

Should there be sufficient interest in arranging flowers Rosemary would be prepared to hold a short course if required.

If you enjoy flowers and think this might be something God is calling you to do at St. Thomas', please contact Rosemary Kemp on 0131 339 5892 or [rosemarykemp1@outlook.com](mailto:rosemarykemp1@outlook.com) or Jane in the Office 0131 316 4292 for more details.

A huge thank you to everyone - friends old and new - who supported, and continue to support, me and my husband John when I suddenly found myself back at St Thomas' after 30 years, due to the sudden illness of my mother, Pamela Snowdon. During this time, I was reunited with the church family that led me to faith as a member of the YF, and truly felt that I was back home due to all your love and care. My mother went to be with the Lord very peacefully on 13th March. Following a private funeral, there will be service of Thanksgiving for the lives of both my parents at St Thomas's on Thursday 12th April at 3pm. My father, Alan Snowdon, sang in St. Thomas' choir at Christmas and special occasions for many years. John and I would like to warmly invite any member of the church family who would like to attend, and also to afternoon tea in the church hall afterwards. If possible, please could you let us know that you plan to join us by Monday 9th April - for catering purposes ([lkwiseman@hotmail.com/077333030406](mailto:lkwiseman@hotmail.com/077333030406)). With love and thanks, Kate and John Wiseman.

### **Pastoral Information**

If you know of any one (including yourself) needing a home or hospital visit from the Pastoral Care Team, please give details on the Pastoral Information Cards which can be found on the back table and at the Connection Point. Please give the card to Jane Ross in the office, or David McCarthy. Confidentiality will be observed if requested. It is important to update the information given.

### **St Thomas' Journal: Journals are still available at back of church.**

We have prepared a journal which can be used to welcome newcomers and by all of us to take notes of what we are learning throughout the year. It contains information about the Church, what is important to us and is filled with great photographs of our community. They are free but if you would like to make a donation, we suggest £5. Please give to Jane Ross or David McCarthy.

