

St Leonard's Church flower report March 2026

We have had a successful year incorporating sustainable ideas into our flower arrangements. Last year we set out to use biodegradable oasis in place of ordinary oasis.

We totally achieved this on a number of occasions including Christmas. All arrangements were either silk, biodegradable oasis or moss rings covered in wool with greenery. Christmas had an angel theme at the request of Kim. A few emails and WhatsApp messages led to a working party making angels. The group included members of the community choir, church members, and church flower rota volunteers. The final count for an afternoon's work was 250 angels adorning the church. Angels could be found hanging from pillars, lectern, pulpit, church gates, and any available space. The church looked truly magical and created a wonderful atmosphere for our community, worshipers, and visitors. Thank you to those involved in our St Leonard's angel working party.

I would like to thank our rota team of volunteers and in particular Liz Coyle who throughout the year checks the arrangements on our behalf watering or deadheading in all weather conditions.

As flowers become more expensive, we encourage the use of greenery/flowers from the garden and silk flowers. Flowers are often arranged in memory of loved ones or members of our community we wish to remember. We are forever grateful for the skills, talents and time given by the arrangers' to make the church a welcoming space for all who enter and those who worship.

The church of England flower arrangers' prayer

O Lord the creator of all things of beauty, grant to those who serve you with their gifts of floral art, a sense of your majesty and a desire to heighten the worship of the Holy Church by the dedicated use of their gifts. This we ask in the name of Him who with the Father is the Creator and Sustainer of all good things Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Louise McMichael