



NOTICES FOR 26th JULY & 2nd AUGUST

CRICH PARISH WELL DRESSING 2026

What an amazing team of Well Dressers St. Mary's has! We all had a wonderful time in bringing together Sue's design for our offering this year. The theme was Gardens, and so I thought of the Garden of Eden, but in particular the Tree of Life that stood in the Garden at the beginning of time, and which still stands at the end of time when Jesus returns, as a symbol of the relationship between mankind and God – the breakdown of that relationship, and, through Jesus, the fulfilment of God's love and the healing of that relationship.

Thank you to everyone who participated in whatever way. I especially thank Serena for decorating the church with wonderful vases full of flowers and greenery so kindly donated to us which were left over. Everyone played their part, and everything came together as we worked – even to the clearing up afterwards.

We do hope you managed to see the dressing before this heat began to take its toll, and that you were happy with our efforts. Rev Jo completed the afternoon with a lovely service followed by refreshments.

I'm stepping down this year from taking responsibility for the future, but I'm sure someone from the wonderful group will take it on, and I'm happy to tag along because I love it so much.

It's so good to be part of a community effort to begin a new tradition in this lovely village of ours, and the Church and the Lord it represents should be at the heart of it all as give thanks to God for water.

Sylvia

POPPIES

We must have about 300 poppies now! And people are still knitting, and I'm still hoping that we shall have enough for a fall from the pulpit, plus one to represent each person from our village who perished in the Wars. I should therefore love for people to keep on knitting.

However, I have seen on FaceBook that the Crich Stand is asking for volunteers to knit/crochet poppies (4,000 needed, apparently) so that they can do a fall from the top of the Stand. I quite understand that people will want to support that too, (I shall) but I'm hoping that both efforts will be rewarded so that those who gave the final sacrifice may be honoured.

So please keep knitting!

Sylvia

COMPASSION

The latest letter from our Compassion child, Dayou is posted up at the back of the Church. Please pray for her as it is her birthday this week.