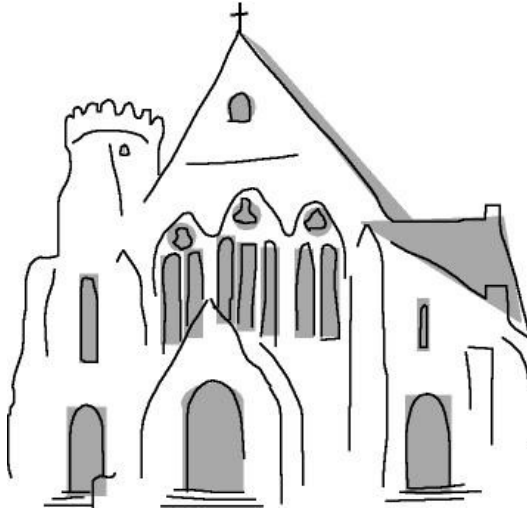


150th CELEBRATIONS

UPDATE (3) April '09



The 150th Anniversary Celebration Logo *Designed by Daniel*

April - July

The celebrations start this month as **The Mosaic is displayed!**

Then, after Easter, we really get going as week by week something seems to be on - the programme on page 2 will give the events. There is something there for everyone, so there is no excuse for not taking part in some of the events.

Some are for 'one night' only such as the concerts, others are spread over several days, such as the exhibitions.

But, before that, there is the fund-raising effort as we hold **AUCTION OF PROMISES on Saturday 18th April 7pm.**

The Celebrations of the **150th Anniversary** of our Church Building will run from Easter 2009 to Friday 24th July 2009.

The 'Events List' is shown below.

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT PERSON
April	MOSAIC	Julie
Sat. 2nd May	CONCERT by Chew Valley Singers	Douglas
Sat. 16th May	VARIETY CONCERT by own church members	Simon
Mon 18th - 24th May	CREATIVITY EXHIBITION Of talents within the church	Helen
Sat. 23rd May	CRICKET MATCH [Note change of date]	John
Sat. 6th June	CONCERT by Maesbury Singers	Norman
Thu. 11th June	TEA DANCE 2pm-4.30pm	Dick/ Ina
Sat. 20th June	CONCERT by Great West- ern and Four Lanes Choirs	Martin
Sun 21st June	CHURCH FAMILY LUNCH	Kathy, Marjorie
Sat. 11th July	PLAY of Church History	Norman
Mon 13th-Wed15th	SETTING UP EXHIBITION	See next row
14th - Mon 20th July 14th - Fri 24th July	FLOWER FESTIVAL and PHOTO EXHIBITION also DVD PowerPoint display	Dianne / Kay / Elizabeth Jack + team
Sat 18th-Fri24th July	'A Year in the Church' PHOTO EXHIBITON in Hall	John
Sun. 19th July	MORNING WORSHIP Followed by BBQ + games in school field + Epilogue.	Worship Committee Carol / Marilyn Kathy / Helen

FLOWER FESTIVAL

15th July onwards

Plans are under way for the Flower Festival and Photographic Exhibition which will depict the past, present and possible future life of the Church. We hope to illustrate many aspects, beginning with the construction of the actual building; the church family; learning and growing together; the worship, teaching and celebrations of the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage and Holy Communion; the outreach to the community both near and far; and visions for the future.

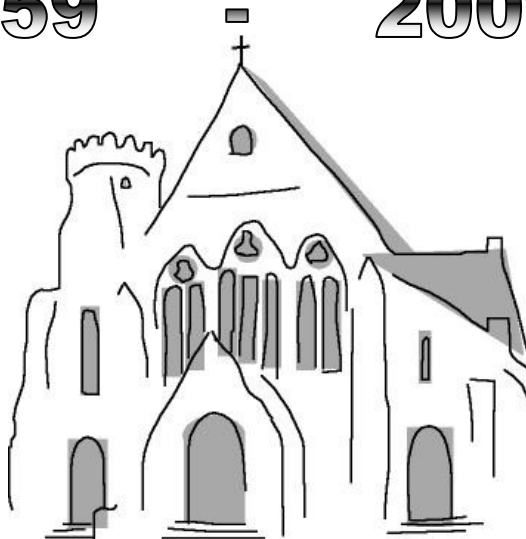
In addition to flower arrangers, we need help in the construction of the arrangements, 'clearers-up' - and fund-raisers. We hope to raise the costs of flowers in advance and would prefer not to call on church funds. To make this possible, we have already suggested that some of us might wish to give a donation in memory of a loved one. It would be helpful if any such pledges could be made by Easter, so we can plan the purchase of flowers and oasis etc. Any other suggestions for money-raising would be most gratefully received!

If you would like to be involved, in any way, please contact on of the below. Thank you;

Dianne, Eunice, Kay, Mary, Jean, Elizabeth.

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Flower Festival 2009

Key to Plan (as at April)

Vestibule (entry point) :-

- A. Celebration of the building(s)
- B. Fund Raising
- C. Remembrance (War Memorial Plaque)

Church (anti – clockwise) :-

- 1. Baptism(s)
- 2. Learning together) The
- 3. Playing together) Church
- 4. Growing together) Family

- 5. Prayer)
- 6. Preaching)
- 7. Holy Communion) Worship
- 8. The Word)
- 9. Praise & Music)

- 10. Weddings
- 11. Composite of : Mission & Service to the Community and the World

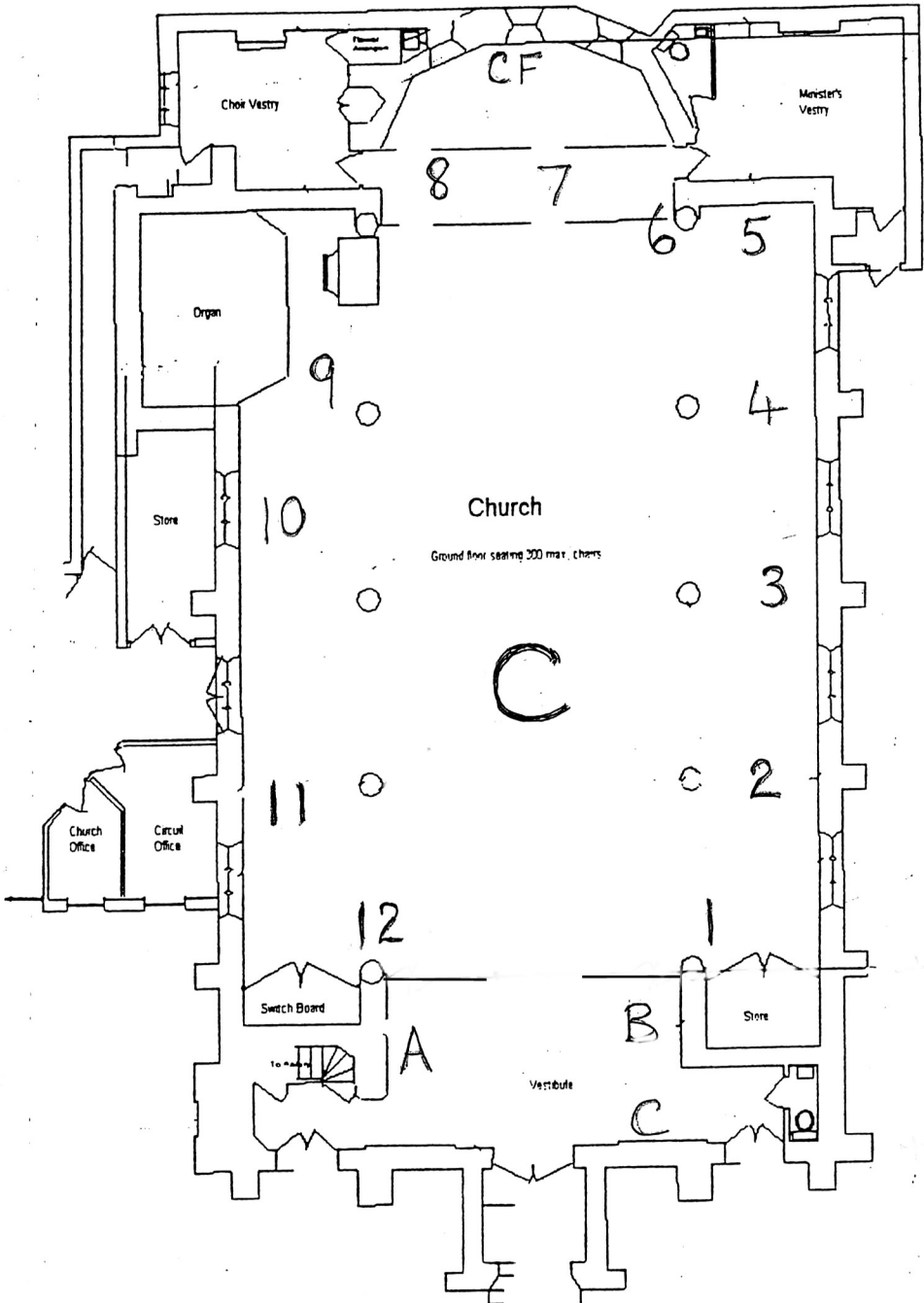
- 12. The Future

C. Our centre: Jesus, the Light of the World

CF. (Centre Front) : Resurrection / Funerals

Possibly also Balcony: Growth / Tree of Life

+ Pillars & Window Boxes

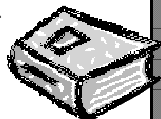


STILL WANTED

There is still an area of items we need to display. It has occurred to us that over the years the look of books has dramatically changed.



So, have you any old hymn books, bibles of various translations that could be loaned for the exhibition.



Similarly, old M N church newsletters - any dated in the 1960s or before the 1950s.

Please contact Martin or Cathy if you anything considered suitable before bringing it as we already have some items. *Thank you.*

FUND-RAISER

AUCTION of PROMISES or GOODS

in the Church Centre on

Saturday 18th April 7pm

An auction you promise to do something in return, for payment, in this instance, to the costs of the celebrations.

This might be providing a meal at home, cutting the grass, doing some washing-up, cleaning windows, taking folk out for a trip, anything that you can do for someone else.

There may be some items provided that can be sold.

As at any auction, a promise or item will go to the highest bidder.

There will be light refreshments.

Please pass your promises to Cathy by Easter.



'A YEAR in the LIFE of THE CHURCH'

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The deadline has passed and still only half of the church's groups have bothered to respond. You can still get your photos in but we must receive these soon or the display in the hall will not include your group and only show part of what is currently happening in the Church Centre NOW. If you have a problem photographing please see John or Martin.

[Traditional photos to John; digital to Martin, please]

FORTHCOMING CONCERT

CHEW VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

An evening of choral music to include:

Faure: Requiem & Cantique de Jean Racine and

Pieces by: Brahms, Mozart, Stravinsky and Palestrina
with soloists and organ

Conductor: David Bednall

Saturday 2nd May 7.30pm

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church

Tickets £8.50 available from Church Centre any morning,
or telephone 01761 413339, or on the door.

COSTS / EXPENSES

Will those who incur costs or have expenses for the 105th Celebrations ensure invoices/receipts are passed to Alfred, who will forward to the Treasurer for payment. For split costs pass a written note to Alfred.

THE WORLD in 1859

At home:

Queen Victoria has been on the throne for 22 years. (Prince Albert died 1861).

The bell Big Ben is first activated and becomes operational in the Victoria Tower in the Houses of Parliament.

Darwin's *Origin of the Species* is published.

Lord Palmerston is Prime Minister of England.

National Portrait Gallery, London opens to public.

District Nursing begins in Liverpool, England, when philanthropist William Rathbone employs Mary Robinson to nurse the sick poor in their own homes in the city.

Vauxhall Gardens, London, ('Open air gardens/ entertainment/art complex' opened in 1669) closed.

Further Afield:

Hanging of the slavery abolitionist John Brown (Some attribute this man with starting the American Civil war. Slavery was only abolished in the United States of America in 1865 (Britain abolished slavery in 1833).

First oil well sunk in America, petroleum!

The ground is broken for the Suez Canal.

The British Crown Colony of Queensland is created in Australia.

Charles Blondin crosses the Niagara Falls on a tightrope for the first time.

The *Codex Sinaiticus* (one of the most important hand-written ancient copies of the Greek Bible. It was written in the 4th century,) is found by Constantin von Tischendorf on his third visit to Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai.

A balloon covers a record 809 miles over St. Louis America.

The first trapeze act (by Jules Leotard) is performed.

Two dozen rabbits are introduced to Australia for the sport of shooting.

Births and Deaths:

Birth of Kaiser Wilhelm II (later to abdicate in 1918) is born.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (author of The Sherlock Holmes stories) is born.

Jerome K Jerome (author of Three Men in a Boat) is born.

Pierre Curie (husband of Marie discoverers of radioactivity) is born.

A E Houseman (poet) is born.

Kenneth Graham (author of *The Wind in the Willows*) is born.

Billy the Kid (American outlaw) is born.

Wilhelm Grimm (one of the brothers of Fairytale collecting fame) dies.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel dies.

Pull out this section and keep handy for reference of what's happening