

# 150th CELEBRATIONS

## April - July 2009

From April 2009, actually from Easter weekend, we start to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church building on this site, culminating in July. The actual anniversary date is Sunday 19th July.

Over the past months many have been contemplating, discussing and organising how the celebrations will run.

We have now come to the time to let all know what is the programme of events, and also it is time to involve the wider church membership, so all are part of these celebrations.

There are various aspects, as you will see from the programme overleaf. Many of the events will want your input either beforehand in preparation and/or taking part such as in the play. Some will just require you and your family and friends to attend such as the concerts arranged and, of course, the exhibitions. Inevitably, we also need to involve you in fund-raising, so we can cover costs involved in arranging all this - although some will bring in an income, such as the concerts.

Many of you have provided photographs, but overleaf there are other ways we need to think about help now, not in 4/5 months time! For example, Norman Voake has written a play depicting the history of 'High Street' Church, so players, scene-makers and costume-makers are needed; similarly for other events as well, such as 'stewarding' the exhibitions and flower festival when the church is open.

It is for all to take part in some way or other for the wider community.

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>
Ready for 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 G
Sat. 6th June	CONCERT by Maesbury Singers	Norman
Thur. 11th June	TEA DANCE 2pm-4.30pm	Dick / Ina
Sun. 14th June tbc	CRICKET MATCH	John Ba
Sat. 20th June	CONCERT by Great Western Choir and Four Lanes Choir	Martin
Sun 21st June	CHURCH FAMILY LUNCH	Kathy, Marj.
Sat. 11th July	PLAY of Church History	Norman
Mon 13th - Wed 15th	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 Br
Sun. 19th July	MORNING WORSHIP Followed by BBQ and games in school field + Epilogue.	Worship Committee Carole / Marilyn Kathy / Helen G

This is the expected programme of events however small adjustments may be made as the months move on. On the other pages are details of how you can help and in what area of the events. If you feel you have a talent that could be used in a specific area please speak to the contact person(s) .

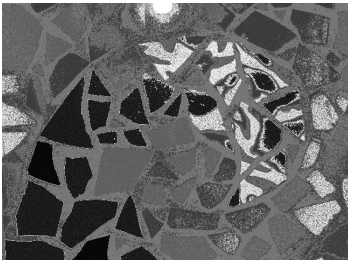
# MOSAIC MADNESS !!

Ever fancied yourself as a bit of an artist?  
Got lots of leftover tiles in the garage from your DIY days?

**This could be the answer!**

I, because I am clearly a mosaic expert (ha ha), have been asked to organise a series of workshops with the aim of producing a large mosaic to go on the diagonal corner wall that faces you as you leave the church to go through the Link, as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

The workshops will be taking place some time after Easter 2009, but for now, I'm begging for raw materials!



We will need lots of plain-ish coloured wall tiles that we can break up and use to build up the design (a bit like crazy paving). If you have any, please could you leave them in reception for me. (Not white ones, please, I've already got loads of those!) If

you could donate or lend 'tile nibblers' to shape the tile pieces, that would also be fantastic.

Also, artists among you, could you start sketching?! I will formally ask for design ideas at a later date and issue squared paper to draw them on, but for now, get doodling! We will probably have either two tall panels side by side or four square panels in the space, which could have one design spread across them or separate designs on each, linked by using the same colours. The theme? Something appropriate to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Watch this space for more Mosaic News!!**

*Julie*

# FLOWER FESTIVAL - July 2009

**Our Aim** - To recollect the past, celebrate the present and glimpse the future.

**Our Themes** - To explore aspects of Church life:  
Worship, Prayer, Teaching and Learning  
Pastoral Care, Mission & Service,.  
including: Music & Preaching, Sunday School and  
Youth Church, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals  
+ all aspects of Mission.

**Our Ideas** - A large central display focussing on our faith, possibly representing the Trinity; or Jesus as healer & teacher, Light of the world, Good Shepherd (yet to be decided).

**Our Thoughts** - on finance! To raise money to buy the flowers, we would like to invite donations (any amount!) in memory of a loved one/ones (as we have previously done at Easter). The names of those remembered would then be part of the display.  
Donations can be given, or promised, to Elizabeth Bell, Kay Greening, or Dianne Shearn. Any other money-raising ideas will be published in the New Year.

*Dianne.*

A small group is also being formed to oversee the fund-raising, within the church community and outside, together with the costs involved and revenue expected from concerts, exhibitions etc.

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