

The design of the Banners in St.Thomas Church Lymington



The banners were made by St.Thomas' Broderers under the direction of Nancy Kimmins between 1998 and 2006. Epiphany and Harvest were made by the children organised by Helen Pocklington.

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The Church Year



ADVENT – A distant Star
Dark colours were chosen and the word Advent painted onto the fabric. At its first showing, one of our retired clergy, Canon Eric Kingsnorth, asked if the star would appear bigger during the month – and so it does! Extra stars were made to be attached week by week, known as “Eric's Stars”.

CHRISTMAS – A Star of Wonder

The background piece of material was 'from stock' and not quite long enough; so we added the decorative stars hanging at the bottom of the banner.



EPIPHANY – Three Kings

This banner was made by Helen Pocklington and the children during a very cheerful workshop at the back of the church.

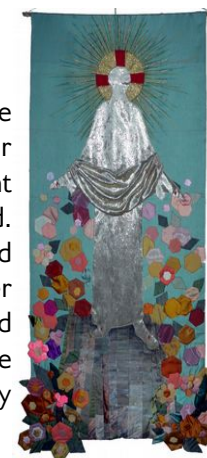


LENT – Praying Angel

The angel was given to us by the niece of a lady who had died – part of an unfinished project. Nancy planned the background out of our 'bit boxes' and one member had the idea of the oblong hexagons being the congregation!

EASTER – The Risen Christ in the Garden

The background material came from stock, though that for Christ's robe was bought specially. The path is painted. Nancy had some raised patchwork flowers left over from a recently designed hanging for Oakhaven Hospice so we added more, and they make the garden.



WHITSUN (Pentecost) – The Dove and Flames of the Holy Spirit

This also grew out of our collection of fabrics; some given by members of the group, and some from the congregation. We never said 'No' when things were offered to us!



The Church Year

Sun and Moon

Children



TRINITY – Three Fishes, an early Christian symbol

A lovely collection of greens and triangles. The fish are made of silver leather from Nancy's store and have sequin eyes.

HARVEST – Fruits, corn and grapes

This was also made at a children's workshop run by Helen Pocklington and hung up for Harvest Festival at Revd Peter Salisbury's first Sunday at St.Thomas.



Revd Julian McDowell suggested we made these to illustrate the Canticles of the Sun by St. Francis of Assisi (paraphrased in the hymn "All creatures of our God and King").



BROTHER SUN – The sun over the outline of Assisi

This is a piece of canvas work applied to the background, and the rays are macramé also stitched in place. The outline of Assisi was taken from a guide book, the shape applied and stitched. The words and reflections are painted.

SISTER MOON – The moon and stars over St.Thomas' Church

The moon shines above our church, silver leather, the shadows made with grey chiffon. The stars were great fun to do. The church is applied, and the cupola painted to give the moonlit effect.



BAPTISM – The Dove and water of baptism

Nancy wanted to make this banner and did much of the work herself. Below the Dove, the water of Baptism falls from a scallop shell onto our own font, which is surrounded by the congregation.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Made at the request of Joy Poustie to celebrate their centenary in 1998.



The Broderers 1998-2006

Anne Tighe, Derica Attwater, Doreen Wild, Eilan Jenner, Janet Selby, Julia Roberts, Kirsten Shepard, Marie Fletcher, Mary Bunting, Nancy Kimmins, Phyllis Malley, Ruth Richardson, Sue Sterndale.