

**Enjoy sustainable floral designs set to music at two special events in Bristol**

**‘An English Country Garden’ on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June,**

**‘Summer Flowers and Music’ on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Both at All Saints’ Church, Clifton, Bristol from 3.30 pm to 6 pm**

Come and enjoy watching talented floral designers at work whilst listening to a selection of English classical music played in the beautiful church of All Saints, Clifton in Bristol. Then learn how these designers have embraced sustainability by using locally grown seasonal English blooms and eco-friendly alternatives to traditional foam and mechanics to create their stunning arrangements.

At the 17<sup>th</sup> June event, celebrated floral designer **Pam Lewis** will be working with **Lucy Ellis** to create seasonal designs to the sound of an evocative selection of English music played by All Saints’ Director of Music **John Davenport** on piano, accompanied by flute. The church, renowned for its music and stunning John Piper windows, provides an ideal setting to sit and watch this ‘Flowers and Music’ event organised jointly by All Saints and Bristol’s Henleaze and District Flower Club.



***Pam Lewis, NAFAS National Associate of Honour, well-known for her dramatic designs is one of three floral designers you can see at work at the ‘Flowers and Music’ event in Clifton, Bristol on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.***



***John Davenport, All Saints’ Director of Music will be playing English music on the piano to accompany the floral designers at work.***

At the 12<sup>th</sup> August 'Summer Flowers and Music' event Kathryn Delve, Master Florist and Area Demonstrator, will be working with Area Demonstrators Carolyn Cooper and Lesley Hunt.

Both 'Flowers and Music' events will be using blooms grown by community enterprise Elm Tree Farm in Stapleton, Bristol. **Elm Tree Farm** is part of Bristol-based charity Brandon, and provides opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism to gain work skills and access vocational training. All the profits from the day will go to Elm Tree Farm to support their work. Their market garden cultivates a range of seasonal fruit and vegetables using organic methods and unsold stock is used to make their own chutneys and jams. The nursery grows a range of herbs and potted plants which are raised from seed. They also grow popular cut flowers throughout the summer season. Elm Tree Farm produce is sold at their farm shop in Stapleton and at St Nicholas Farmers' Market on Wednesdays.



***Local, seasonal, organically grown blooms will be provided by Elm Tree Farm, a community enterprise.***



***All the profits from the day will go to Elm Tree Farm, part of the charity Brandon which enables children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism to live life in the way they choose.***

The demonstration will last from 4 pm to 5 pm. After the performance you will have the opportunity to meet the designers and musicians over drinks and nibbles and learn more about Elm Tree Farm.

There will also be stalls to browse both before and after the demonstration. If the weather is good, visitors will also be able to explore All Saints' delightful secret garden.

## Going 'foam-free'

"Our 'foam-free' journey began last November when Michael Bowyer ran a hugely popular teaching demonstration and workshop with eco-friendly alternatives to traditional flower arranging practice" explains Jenny York, Chair of Bristol's Henleaze and District Flower Club and Director of Flowers at All Saints.

"Michael, NAFAS Past President and Salisbury Cathedral Creative Director of Flowers, is one of the country's leading foam-free designers. His demonstration and workshop attracted over 70 people from around the region. Since then, it's been a very interesting and exciting learning curve, with the church abandoning the use of foam in all its arrangements.

"We are also planning **an autumn event to take place on Saturday 11 November** to tie in with Remembrance Day, at which Michael Bowyer has kindly agreed to showcase some more of his designs."

### Programme for 'Flowers and Music' events

**3.30 pm Doors open** - an opportunity to explore All Saints Church, Clifton, Bristol and admire the fascinating John Piper windows

**4.00 pm 'Flowers and Music' demonstration** of sustainable floral designs with music by **John Davenport** and friends

**5.00 pm Opportunity to meet the artists** – floral designers and musicians – over drinks and nibbles and learn more about the sustainable flower arranging and the work of Elm Tree Farm and the Brandon charitable foundation  
**Visit the stalls and the secret garden** (weather permitting) and learn about future events

**6.00 pm Event closes**



Ro York, Events Director at Bristol's Henleaze and District Flower Club, says "We are enormously grateful to the floral designers and musicians who are giving their time to support our charitable events, as well as the volunteers from the partner organisations, All Saints Church, Bristol's Henleaze and District Flower Club, Elm Tree Farm and the Brandon charitable foundation. We hope to spread the message about sustainability, raise money for a good cause and let everyone involved enjoy an afternoon focused on flowers and music."

## Tickets and location details

**Tickets: cost £12.50 and are available in advance online via Eventbrite.**

- For the 17<sup>th</sup> June event, go directly to <https://bit.ly/3L60wsP> or go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search by date on 17<sup>th</sup> June, where you will find *An English Country Garden*
- For the 12<sup>th</sup> August event, go directly to <https://tinyurl.com/IRJS2725> or
- or go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search by date on 12<sup>th</sup> August, where you will find *Summer Flowers and Music*
- *Alternatively, tickets for both events can be bought on the day on the door (cash only)*

**Location: Church of All Saints, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED**

- There are no parking restrictions at weekends, and good transport links by bus and local train.



All Saints  
Clifton Church of England

## Further information

- **For details about the venue and future events see the All Saints Church website at [www.allsaintsclifton.org](http://www.allsaintsclifton.org) or go directly to the calendar at <https://bit.ly/3V6B2QK>**
- **To learn more about Elm Tree Farm see their website [www.elmtreefarm.org](http://www.elmtreefarm.org) and watch the video on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3AulA7m>**

Their farm shop is at Elm Tree Farm, Park Road, Stapleton, Bristol BS16 1AA and is open Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5pm

- **If you have any questions about the event** or would like to be involved, please contact Ro York Secretary of Bristol's Flower Club by email at [ro@royork.com](mailto:ro@royork.com)