



Easter 2023 Westminster Abbey

- Blooming Marvellous

Denise Jones & Jill Hallett of Weymouth Floral Design Group were invited to create the two large floral pedestal displays to frame the High Alter for the Easter Service on behalf of Dorset & Guernsey Area.

Very proudly and quickly they blossomed into this role and excitedly entered the Abbey early morning of Easter Saturday, it seems the code word was "NAFAS" and ID wasn't their driving license but their snips and a bag of foliage each.

They were each provided with 80 stems of mixed yellow and white flowers i.e. Longiflorum Lilies (Easter Lilies), Roses, Chrysanthemum blooms, Carnations, Eremurus, and Lisianthus, as well as various bold foliage - it was a little bit like an imposed competition class, followed

by "off you go you've got about 2 hours"



"Let the Arranging Begin"

Denise & Jill stood arranging on the steps just inches away, right next to the Cosmati Pavement. This amazing famous mosaic flooring installed in 1200C is where previous Coronation's and Royal Weddings have taken place. Just think King Charles III's Coronation will be happening right here in May - very exciting!



In the beginning an outline of Foliage

TEAMWORK was key.

Due to the sheer size of the pedestals and they were to echo each other as a frame either side of the high altar, they needed to complement each other. Denise & Jill regularly checked in and supported each other re: plant material, scale and proportion and their key placements.

They were asked to create traditional "spaced flowers and no modern blocking", thus resulting in a more starburst shaped designs being created.



Work in Progress



Almost there - in with the flowers



Final Stages - Checking in



Finished Pedestal Displays

***“A Big thank you NAFAS and D & G
Area Chair Sylvia Preston for this
amazing opportunity.***

We had a magical time and the most
honourable and treasured
experience; it is definitely one for
the memory wall and we felt very
privileged.”

Denise & Jill (WFDG) xx