

Westerton's Banners

Most Sundays our Sanctuary is adorned by two banners, which reflect the current Christian season - for example Advent, event - Communion or Remembrance Sunday – or illustrate some part of Scripture. They hang in silent splendour, and affect those attending church in different ways, but most must marvel at how they capture any particular moment with such imagination. Altogether over 30 banners have been made over the years, but by whom, and when? How did they begin, who designed them or provided inspiration, and when does each get displayed? Read on to find out more -

The very first banner was created not for the Church at all, but for the Women's Guild, on the suggestion of Nan Paton, then president of the Westerton Branch, with the help of Jean Howatson, Doreen Jackson and Margaret Fraser.

As a result of this first attempt at banner-making, informal discussion then took place in 1992 on setting up **a group** to create banners to "liven up the church".

Having agreed in principle to create the group, and after a comment had been made that the "vestibule looks very bare!" a panel for the vestibule was created, literally overnight, by one member. The result was "**Welcome to Worship**"; however the first "official" banner, worked on by the fledgling group was "**Immanuel**" which appeared one Christmas, a banner in white silk which elicited a mixed reaction - within the Group, at least!

The next "official" banner made by the Group was for Harvest – "**The Earth is the Lord's**" - and was hung in the vestibule. Thereafter, over the years, the group's ideas and inspirations were transformed into spectacular banners for all occasions – Christmas, Easter, Communion, Marriage, and special events - as well as reflecting Scripture and well-known occasions in Christ's ministry.

A number of Banner festivals allowed the public to view all the banners at the same time, to illustrate the range that the group made, as well as allowing visitors to see up close the ladies' handiwork.

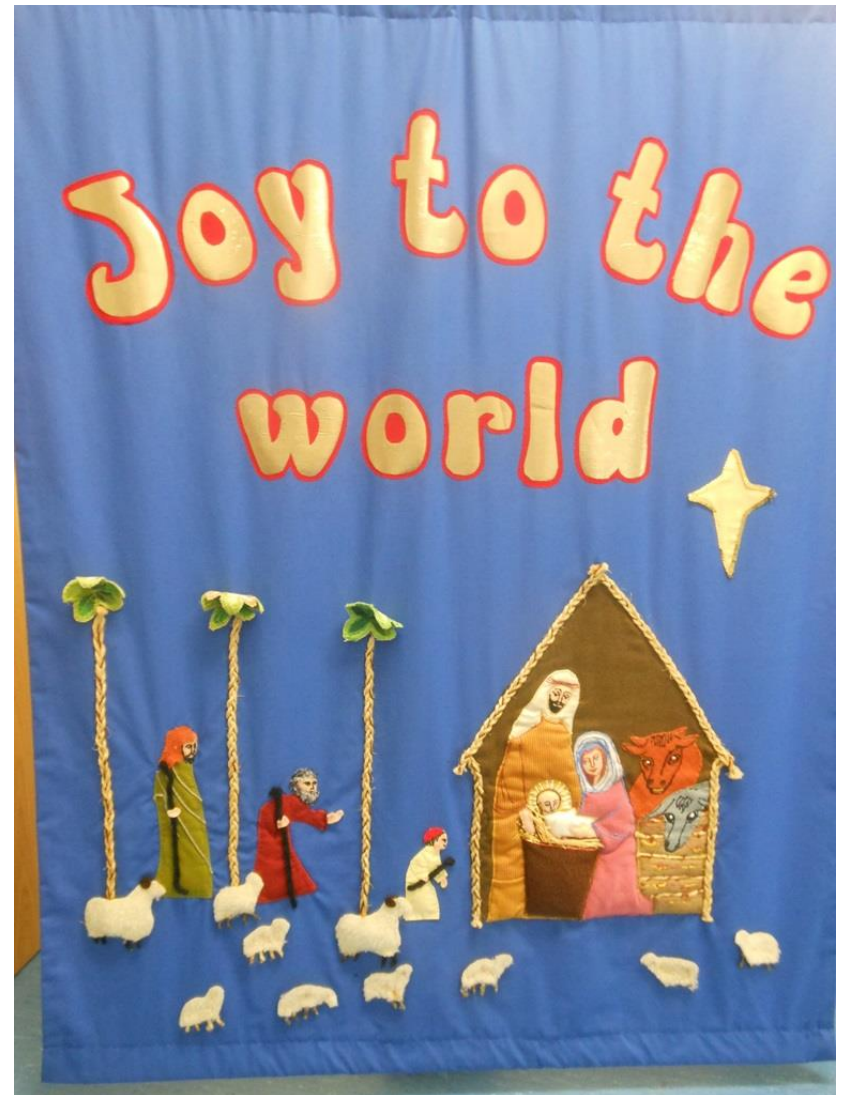
In the banner "**Peace I Leave with you**" each group member made a dove; in "**Follow me**" the fish were made with a particularly fishy-looking material that one member had found; in the "**Cascade of Poppies**" Remembrance banner, the poppies came from the Earl Haig poppy factory; and in the Pentecostal "**Spirit of the Living God**" banner the Cross is made from a woven belt!

But see for yourself, and now enjoy, the banners in all their digital glory!

Advent



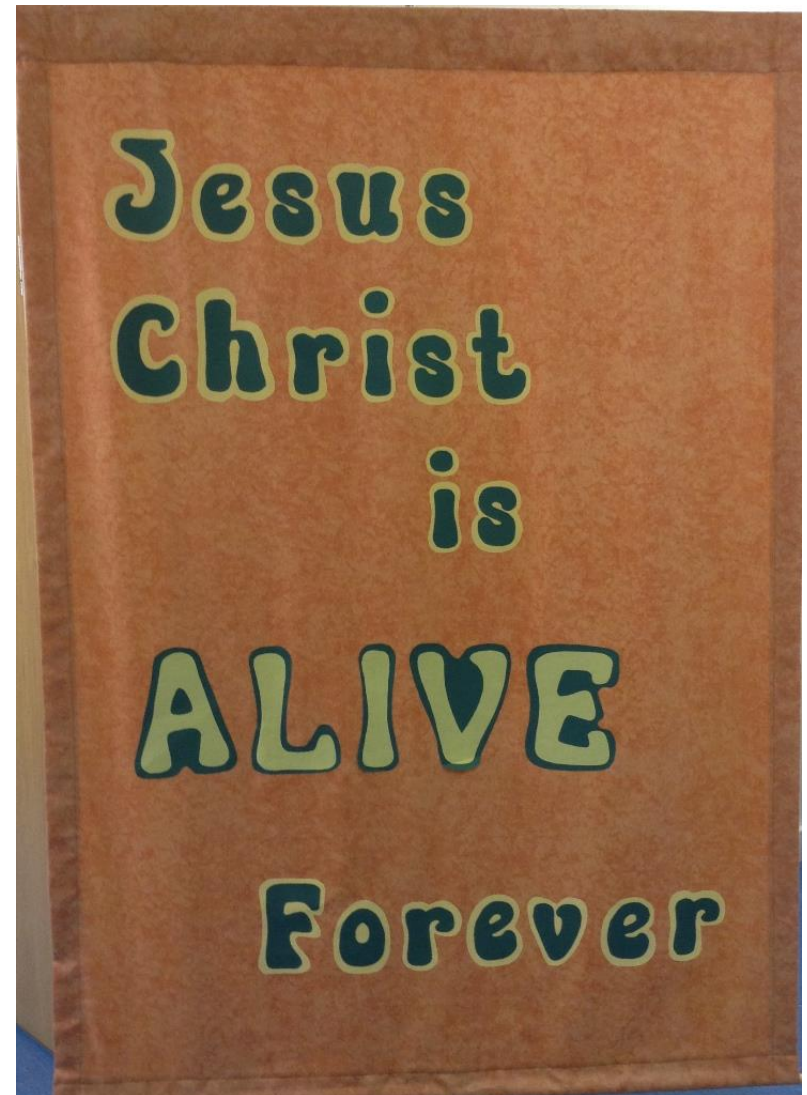
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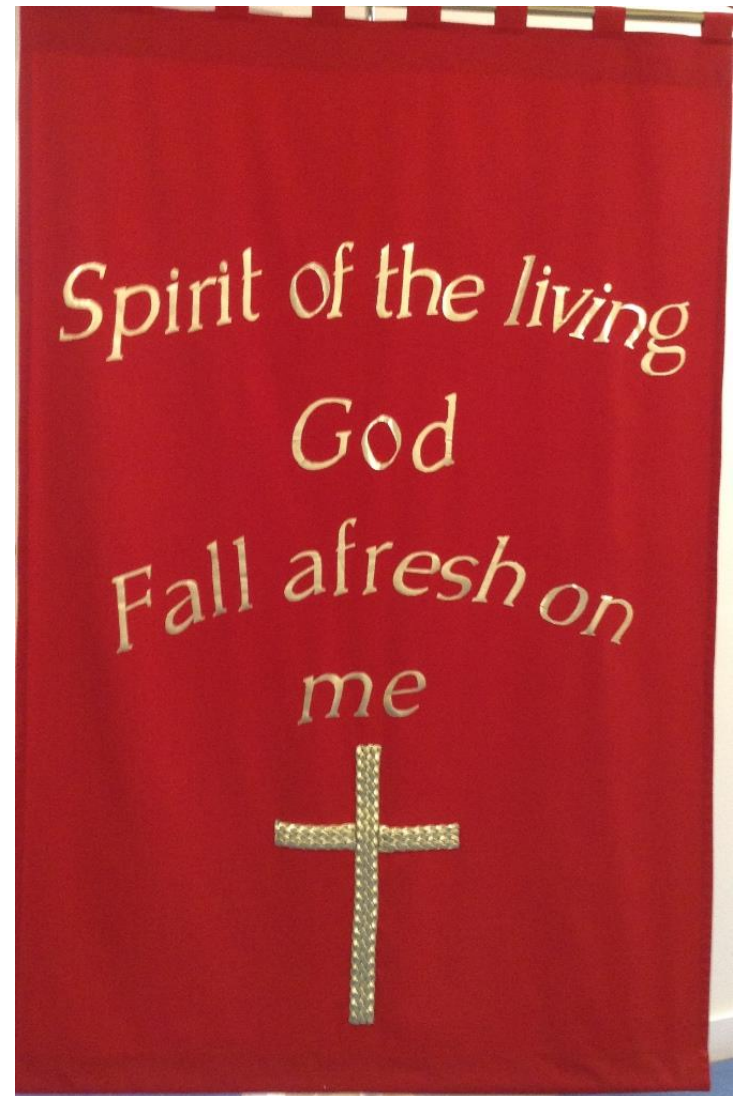
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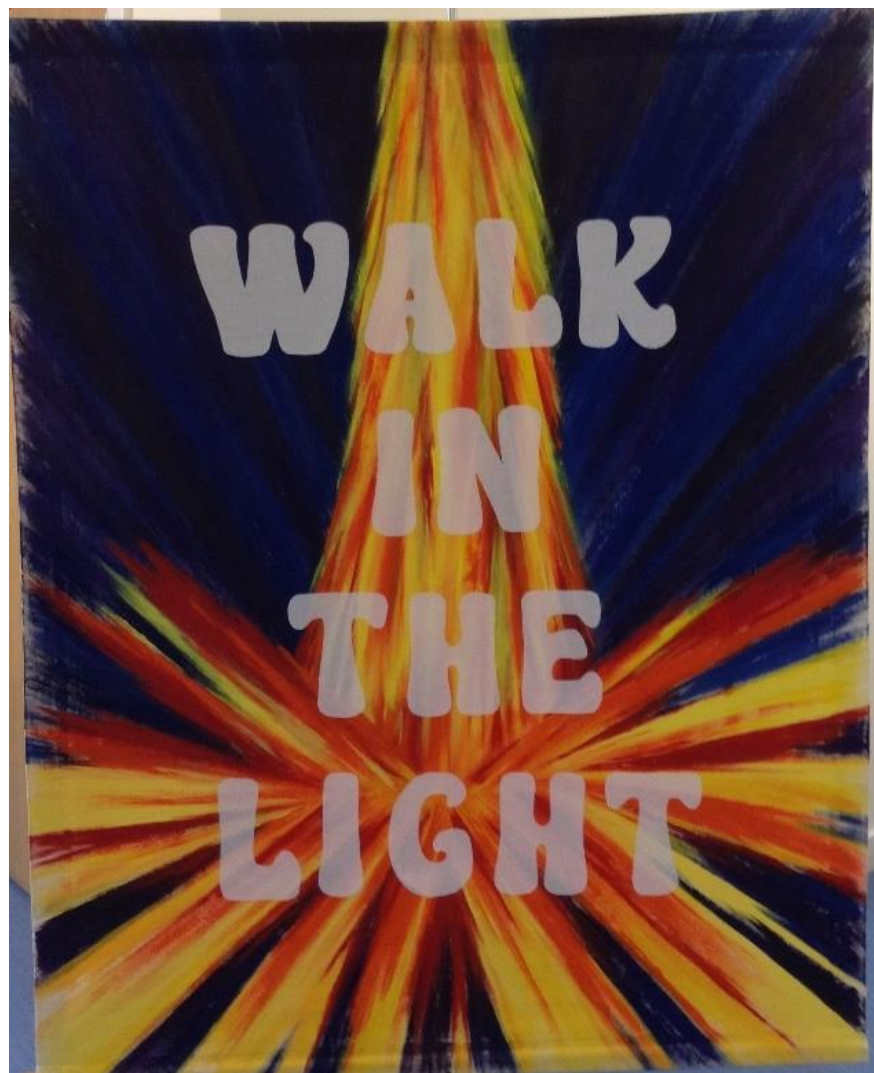
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Communion



Remembrance

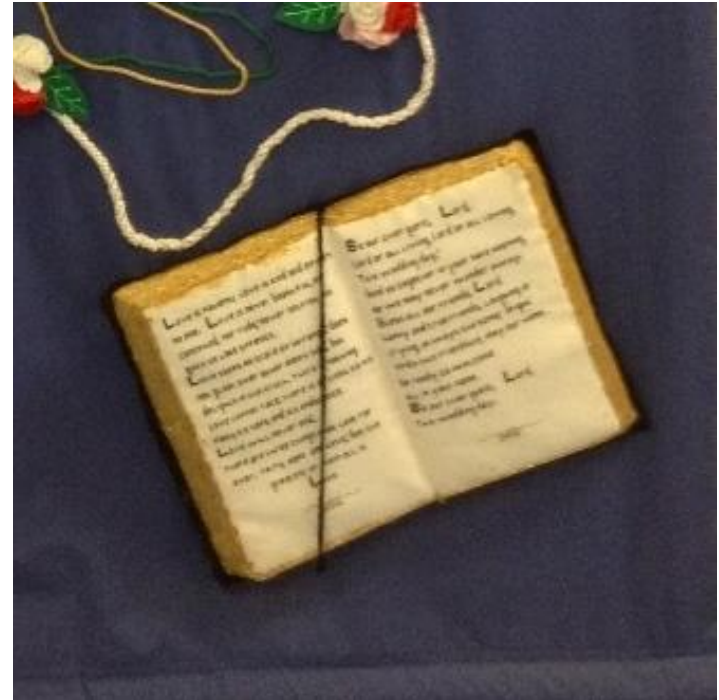


Their name
liveth
for
evermore

Baptism



Marriage



The bible contains the scripture text used in the marriage ceremony

Psalm 23



The Lord's my
Shepherd
I'll not want
He makes me
down to lie
In pastures green
he leadeth me
the quiet
waters by

Christ's Ministry



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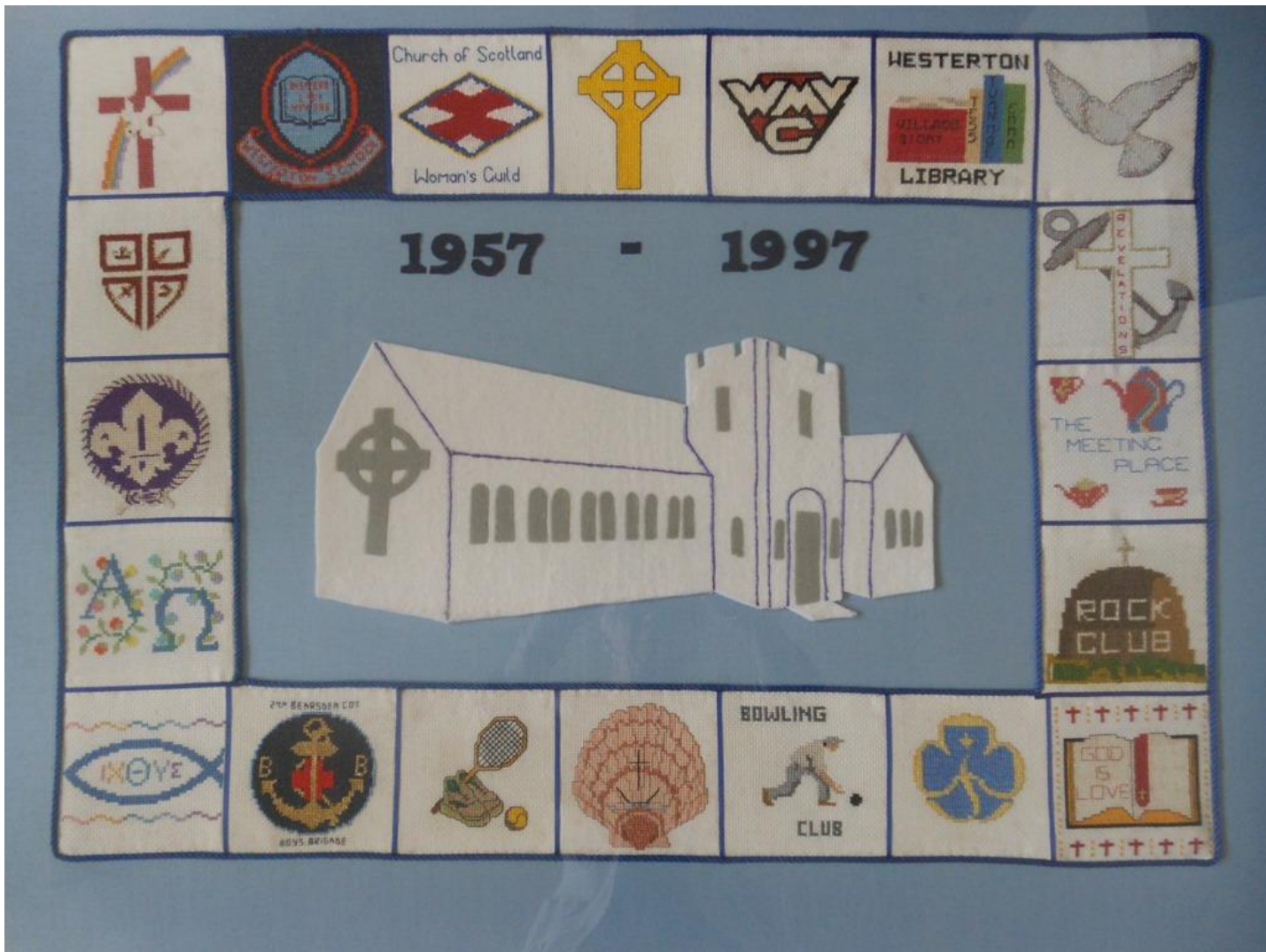
The first banners



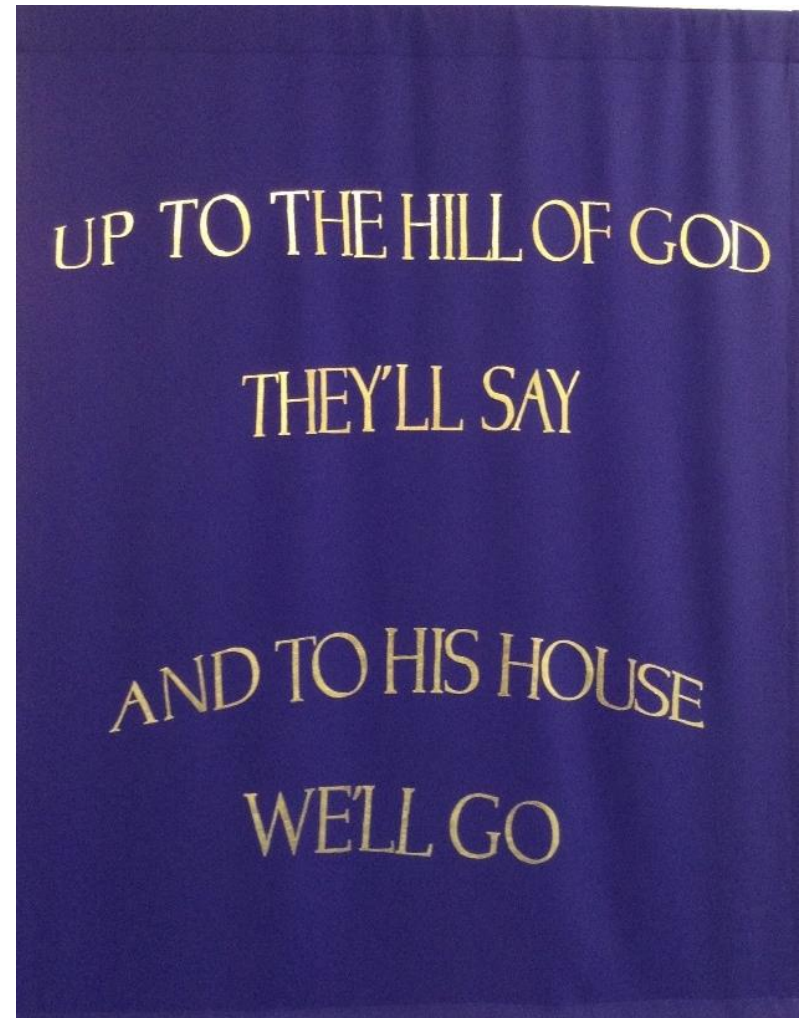
Boy's Brigade and Brownies



Westerton is 40 – A Community Sampler



Westerton is 50



Other banners



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