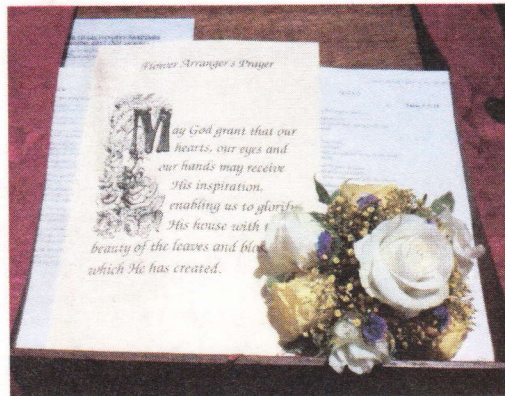


## A weekend to remember



*Flower Arrangers' Prayer, by Helen Simmonds and Sue Sampson, was one of many floral displays at St James' Church for its patronal festival*

A FINCHAMPSTEAD church made the most of a sunny weekend to celebrate its patronal festival.

With a flower festival, a concert and the chance to climb the church's bell tower, St James' Church enjoyed a packed weekend.

Held over July 20-22, the flower festival theme was Queen And Country, and a breathtaking range of displays were on offer.

Musical interludes were given by The Madding Crowd, a group of minstrel singers who perform church and secular music of the English village bands and choirs in the period 1660 to 1861.

On the Sunday, as is the church's custom for the Patronal Festival, the bell tower was opened to the public. The church said there was a long line queueing all afternoon waiting to see the stunning views.

To complete the weekend of celebrations, Andrew Bosley performed on the organ.

At the end of the weekend just over £2,000 was added to the church's Conservation Fund.