

**New Altar Frontal and Associated Hangings to be dedicated to
St John the Evangelist Church, Warley, Halifax,
at 10:15 am on 26th May 2013**

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This Trinity (green) altar frontal was created for the church of St John the Evangelist, Warley, by the voluntary community group known as Pleasant Pastimes, chaired by Miss Jean Butler.

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The project began in 2010 when the newly formed (November 2009) Pleasant Pastimes decided to create an enduring textile. St John's PCC were delighted to learn of the project at their meeting of 18th May 2010. Church members: Dorothy Baines (deceased 25th February 2011), Mary Owens and Claire Pearson are Pleasant Pastimes' members and form the link between the two organisations.

In October 2011 The Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Trust announced that it would make grants to events and activities celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. By this time the design of the altar frontal was well under way. The design, created by artist Jane Pugh, is based on two symbolic trees (the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Genesis 2⁹) and references the images in the stained glass windows of St John's. There will be 60 leaves for the trees, one for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and a commemorative text on the back of the cloth saying: "Made in the year of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 2012". The Diamond Jubilee Trust granted Pleasant Pastimes enough money to fund the costs of a Jubilee exhibition at Bankfield Museum from September to December 2012. The launch of the exhibition was attended by the Deputy Lieutenant for Yorkshire, Mr Steve Duncan, and his wife.

The final touches are now complete and dedication day is set for Trinity Sunday which is 26th May 2013. The dedication will take place in the context of the 10:15 am service. Until the season of Trinity the church uses colours other than green for its textile hangings so this is the first opportunity to see the completed textiles in use. The altar frontal can then remain in use for the whole of Trinity which lasts until All Saints Day at the beginning of November.

