

Theme for the Flower Festival at St Margaret's Church Topsham, July 2024

'The Light we Share'

This theme represents a focus on the Olympic flame which passes between nations and connects us together, across borders, and which also symbolises the sharing of our strengths, talents, hopes, and determination.

The golden Olympic flame has been selected as a central part of the Olympic logo for Paris 2024 (a centenary year) - also well known as The City of Light. What is also beautiful is the incorporation of a human face to this logo, through Marianne, who is the personification of the French Republic and a symbol of women's emancipation. She offers humanity a torch of enlightenment.

The Olympics and Paralympics represent human endeavour and what we are able to achieve and share between us, wherever we come from.



Our creation will be designed to represent the **'The Light we Share'**; acknowledging Paris as the City of Light, the Olympic logo 2024 and the flame, a torch of light representing the Olympic spirit which passes through nations and links us all. The gold medal, the highest standard. And Marianne, an allegory of freedom and strength, embodying the French national motto of liberty, equality, and fraternity.

Our exhibit will be an opportunity to express these ideas in flowers, art works and other media.

Many thanks,

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