



Likewise, the Holy Spirit gives us His love, peace and joy, fragrances like flowers bestowed to others.

Thanks be to God, Who in Christ through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.
2 Corinthians 2: 14

Just a few Summer garden flowers, but what a message of God's word they bring! It's the best good news ever – the Gospel of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. He has taken away our sins! What release as we believe in Jesus, asking Him into our lives and receiving God's gift of eternal life!

He is the King of kings and Lord of lords and one day He will return according to His sure promise.

Yes, unlike the flowers, the words of God, as recorded in the Holy Bible, are living and lasting.



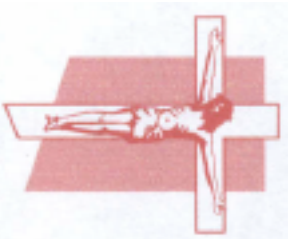
The grass withers the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40: 8

The Good News of the Gospel can be depicted very simply, that even a young child who can't read can understand the Bible, in just three coloured pages – black, red and white.

The black page stands for our bad words and ways – sins.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3: 23

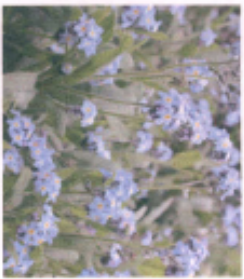
The red page represents Jesus' death on the cross –



The white page means we are washed white in the blood of Jesus and so made righteous in God's sight – simply by believing in Christ with all our heart for the rest of our life's journey.

Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1: 7

Jesus – Who ever loves us and has freed us from our sins by His own blood.
Revelation 1: 5



Still flowering in early summer, another flower with a message is the Forget-me-not. These small, numerous blue flowers are long lasting and seed freely so are not easily forgotten. May we not forget

to thank God for all His blessings and never forget Jesus and His great love for us. Never forget God loves YOU.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
Psalm 103 : 2

The text John 3: 16 tells us that Jesus is God's gift and a gift is to be received with thankfulness.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 9: 15

The evergreen shrub Rosemary for REMEMBRANCE, in one of the floral displays, was another reminder. Jesus said -

Do this in remembrance of Me.

Luke 22: 19



At the Lord's Table we gather as a family to give thanks for the bread and wine, the emblems of His broken Body and shed Blood.

Jesus said - *The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name will teach you all things. He will bring to your remembrance everything I have told you.*

John 14: 26



Before remembering the death of our Risen Lord, we should examine ourselves in all honesty - the name of another flower with a good message and a true word. Honesty flowers, usually purple, are insignificant in comparison with their fruits appearing as the flowers fade away. The seeds inside are safe in beautiful silvery discs looking like small hand mirrors.

Aim to be honest, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men. 2 Corinthians 8: 21

Of all the flowers, the roses had the sweetest fragrance.

Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair -

And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12: 3

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God, a sweet fragrance. Ephesians 5: 2