

Altar frontal: embroideries & references

Map location	Plant	Artist	Biblical reference(s)	Symbolism
1	Apple tree	Rosemary Lipscomb	Song of Solomon 2.3 Proverbs 25.11 Psalms 17.9 Joel 1.2	Tree of knowledge Forbidden fruit eaten by Adam & Eve
2	Bay tree	Carole Gifford & community	Psalms 27.35	Victory & triumph Laurel wreath
3	Fig tree	Valerie Weydart	Luke 21.29 Matthew 21.32 Revelation 6.13 Song of Solomon 2:13 + many more	Fertility Buddhism -secret tree Fig leaves -nakedness of Adam & Eve
4	Holly	Thelma Almer	The carol <i>The holly and the ivy</i>	Berries represent the blood of Christ Crown of Thorns
5	Ivy	Barbara Taylor*	Jonah 4.6 The carol <i>The holly and the ivy</i>	Fidelity, immortality – evergreen, clings
6	Judas tree	Thelma Amer	Matthew 27.5	Judas reputed to have hanged himself from the Judas tree Flowers turn from white to red
7	Mulberry	Thelma Amer	1 Samuel 23.24 1 Chronicles 14.15	Faith growth & nature Connected to story of Pyramus & Thisbe
8	Myrtle	Myrtle Innis	Jeremiah 8.15 Esther 2.7 Isaiah 41.9	Peace & Justice Greek love – bride would wear it. Often in bridal bouquets

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9	Oak	Julie Mills	Exodus 15.15 Ezekiel 17.13 Isaiah 60.7 Isaiah 61.3	Strength & stability Celtic tree of life Thor
10	Peach	Claire Digby Bell	Nahum 3.12 - 19 Ripe for the plucking	China – luck, good for line immortality sexuality & happiness
11	Quince	Patricia Hoddinott	In rabbinical literature but not in Bible	Symbol of Aphrodite in Greek Mythology Expressing love & fertility Quine awarded as prize by Helen to Athena triggering the Trojan war
12	Pomegranate	Vicky Garrard	Exodus 28 33 - 35 Song of Solomon 8.2 & 4.3 Deuteronomy 8.8	Middle ages symbol of resurrection Catherine of Aragon Heraldic symbol who is reputed to have stayed at Fulham Palace
13	Rose	Thelma Almer	Song of Solomon 2.1 Psalms 146.5 - 10 Isaiah 35.1	Red Roses stands for the blood of Christ Passion & sacrifice White rose - purity Yellow rose - wisdom & joy Pink rose - gratitude & peace
14	Tamarisk	Carole Gifford	Genesis 2.23	Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beeshata Eternal life – slow grown Introduced to England by Bishop Grindal
15	Walnut	Vicki Briggs*	Song of Solomon 6.11	Importance of wisdom & discernment Also mentions vines & pomegranate
16	Vine	Debbie Chapman*	John 15 Psalm 80	Aesop's Fable - The fox and the grapes Israel is the vine that God planted
17	Yew	Christine Crisp*		Nature power of renewed – cycle of the season

				Connected with church – Mid water festival Death & resurrection
18	Cedar	Esther Dean	Psalms 80.11 Ezekiel 17.23 Song of Solomon 11	Wisdom The Bishops' Tree was a Cedar tree
19	Elm tree	Sue Shocket	Isaiah 41.19 Hosea 4.13	Celtic mythology associated with the underworld.
20	Holm oak	Esther Dean	Exodus 15.15 Ezekiel 17.13 Isaiah 60.7 Isaiah 61.3	longevity, strength, endurance, stability Holm Oak – probably the oldest tree in the Fulham Palace garden
21	Mulberry tree	Sue Shocket	2 Samuel 5.22, 24 Luke 17.6	Faith, growth & nature Child's rhyme – Here we go round the mulberry bush
22	Bishops badge	Claire Digby Bell	Hebrews 4.12 Ephesians 6.17	Cross Swords – Sword of the spirit Paul was supposed to have been beheaded with a sword

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