

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT - 2016

A number of design options were considered, including the idea of 9 small pieces attached together or 3 tall banners with 3 words each, but it was finally decided to make the one banner comprising all 9 Fruit of the Spirit words.

Frances created a strong design which was immensely helpful in the actual making of the banner, although as usual plenty of changes took place along the way! The background fabric was made from a pair of curtains from Shirley's daughter's bedroom and the apples, created by Sheila, were made from a dress which had belonged to Frances's mother. We did not have suitable blue-green fabric for the leaves so some calico was roughly painted with acrylic paint, whilst the tree was created by cutting up brown rigidly-striped fabric then stitching pieces back together to give shape and texture. Much consideration was given as to how to make the wording and various trials were done. Finally, Shirley dyed piping cord, over-stitched it, and then stitched again to form the letter shapes, before hand-sewing onto the banner itself. The birds were made mainly by Sheila with some input from Shirley.

