



## Sister Janeen Earley FMDM

19 February 1923—10 February 2015

*We give thanks to God for the life of Sister Janeen, our Congregational artist.*

Janeen was born in Barnes, South London 92 years ago. After leaving school at the end of the War she joined the Army Transport Service and went to Italy where she drove a truck delivering stores to the soldiers.

On her discharge from the Army she was awarded a two year scholarship to study Art at Saint Martins in London. Following this she worked at the Hampshire Pottery as a Decorator. When Janeen became a Religious Sister she was able to continue making pots as we had a fully equipped Pottery in the Ladywell Press.

As you take the visual journey though Janeen's art, you will see our beautiful Franciscan Congregational Crucifix.

Besides this lovely depiction of Christ in peaceful surrender, Janeen provided many paintings, cartoons and cards for various people and events in Ladywell and beyond. She knew what was wanted for each occasion.

Janeen also designed our Congregational Christmas cards. Each year was different as in her own unique style she captured something of the wonder of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

She did many cartoons over the years for every event and occasion.

Janeen's artist gifts also extended to working in stone – and we have a daily reminder of this magnificent stonework of Saint Francis and Saint Clare at the front of the house.

There are also the stone plaques – Saint Francis at the door of La Verna, our residence for our older sisters and, of course the three saints on the outside of the main chapel.

These were done in a small well lit studio out in the grounds.

On the day of her funeral, an exhibition of Janeen's artwork was on display in Ladywell.

**Janeen blessed our lives** with her gentle presence, her loving nature and her soft humour. We feel truly blessed to have such an amazing woman and artist who contributed greatly to the life of our Congregation.

**May Janeen now rest in peace.**



*The Sculptor and Artist*

