



2020 ART INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

What Matters to God!

Thank you for your interest in submitting a creative work in our upcoming installation. Here are some guidelines to help you.

Why is the installation happening?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22: 37-40

This year we are ASKING all creatives to share their passion and ideas on **"What Matters to God. What is on God's heart.** By using the creative gifts that God has given you, how would you represent this year's theme through art, poetry, sculpture, photography, writing, craft, drawing, video, music, etc, etc.

The installation is designed to encourage ALL people to come, reflect, contemplate, pray and to see a variety of interpretations, thoughts and ideas on what matters to God. The ART INSTALLATION is a great and powerful opportunity to reach out to others about our Lord and saviour and what he means to us.

Artworks can be any size or creative medium that you like, if you are thinking LARGE or digital, please email jo@parramatabaptist.com so we can prepare a space for it!

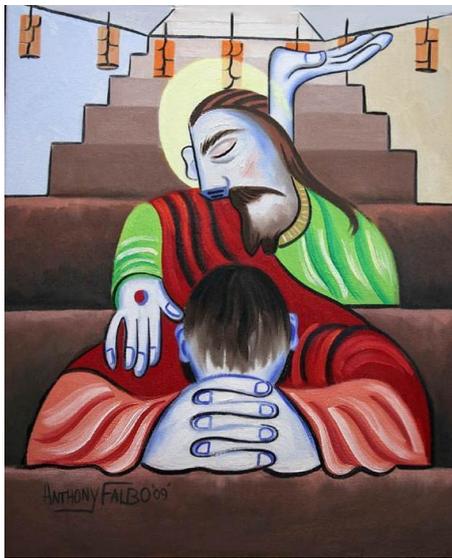
In addition to the artworks themselves there will be some passages of scripture, interactive stations and other ideas to encourage reflection & contemplation.

Artworks MUST reflect the theme 'What Matters to God'

Spend time thinking and praying about what you would like to display this year. Use the senses: touch, taste, smell and sight. Notice God's heart in justice, compassion, the poor and oppressed, our planet, our hearts souls & minds for Christ, being light and salt, loving our neighbour as ourselves. What characteristics, bible verses, images, ideas come to mind that you can work on, play with and be creative with.

As we have a very wide audience for our art, please consider the impact on young children and those who do not know Christ. Artworks that are offensive will not be displayed.

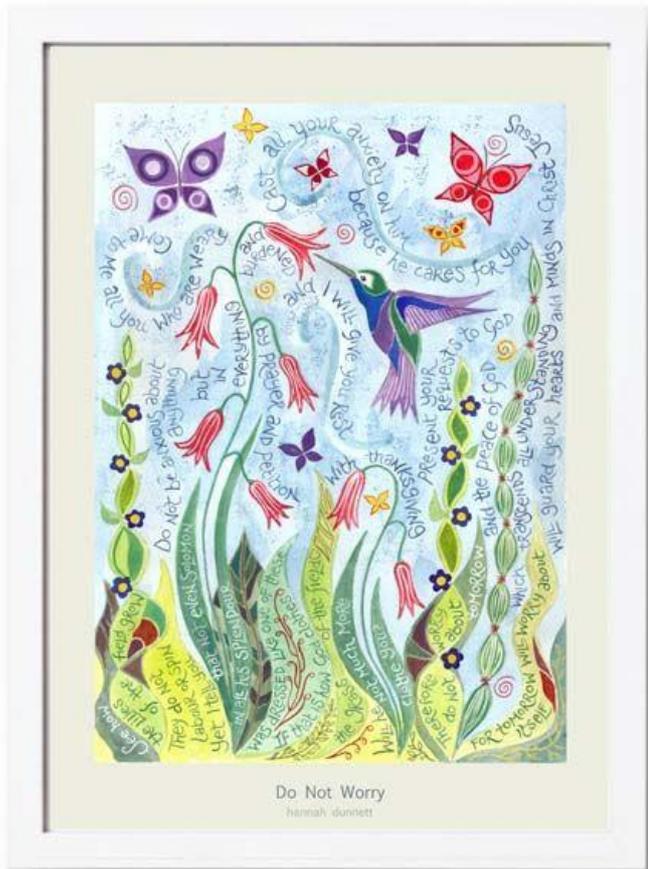
Some inspiration:



David was a man after God's own heart. He was moved by what moved the heart of God. He wanted to know how God felt about life. He wanted to be intimately acquainted with God's ways of doing things and why He did them. He wanted to be passionate toward God. David was after God's heartbeat for the world. God's desire is that we pursue Him with all of our heart as David did, abandoning ourselves to His purposes and plans. *Debbie Przybylski- Intercessors Arise International*

Psalm 82:3-4 *Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

**Lord, may my values to be more like your values.
May my thoughts and my ways become more like your
thoughts and your ways.
May what matters to me be what matters to you.**



Do Not Worry
Hannah dunnett



When and Where

The installation will be held in the Parramatta Baptist Church Basement from Sunday **October 4 – 18th 2020** . It will be open each evening during the week (Monday – Friday) and various times over the weekend for people to come and visit. It is also open during the day to any groups, nursing homes, organisations etc on request.

What will people do at the installation?

On arrival people will be met by a volunteer host who will welcome them and invite them to engage with the installation in reflection and contemplation. Our hope is that all visitors will both appreciate the artwork and invite God to speak to them. We will be encouraging those who come to spend time looking, sitting, reflecting, praying and especially interacting with the various pieces. There is no time limit on how long you stay, we encourage multiple visits, bible study groups and families to come throughout the fortnight.

How do I get involved?

- Submit your artwork to the church office before Sunday 27th Sept 2020
- Email your name, the title and a short description of your piece to jo@parramatabaptist.com before September 27th 2020.
- You can volunteer during the exhibition to be around to open up on a weeknight or weekend, please email jo@parramatabaptist.com if you are interested.
- For many more ways to get involved contact: Jo Sterland jo@parramatabaptist.com

ALL finished work must be submitted to the church no later than Sunday 27th September 2020.

Finally, your prayers for the event would be appreciated.

Our desire is that people grow in their fellowship with God through the practice of being still and allowing God to speak into their heart through creativity. Pray that this year many will come, be still and discover God personally as Lord and saviour who loves deeply and unconditionally.

Have fun, embrace the gifts God has given you
We are ALL artists because our creator is an artist!

Love and blessings
Jo, Debbie, Elizabeth and Mel