



2021 ART INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

GOD of WONDERS - *Seeing God in the Ordinary*

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?

David wrote: "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your words to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:1-7 TNIV)

This year we are asking all creatives to **"Notice God"** and share your passion and ideas on how **God is the God of Wonders and how we can see God in the ordinary everyday**. 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 our God of Wonders. 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.

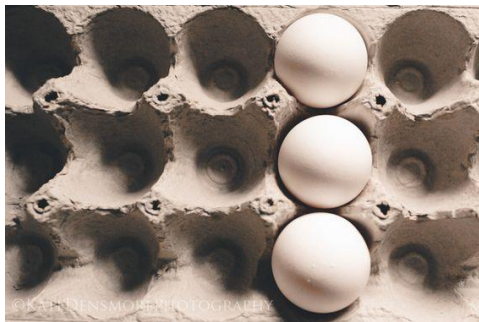
Artworks can be any size or creative medium that you like, if you are thinking LARGE or digital, please email jo@parramatabaptist.com so we can prepare a space for it!

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 'God of Wonders'

Spend time thinking and praying about what you would like to display this year. Use the senses: touch, taste, smell and sight. Notice the wonder of God in the everyday as you drive, go for a walk, talk to people. See 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.



God of Wonders Photography Project (Seeing God in the Ordinary)

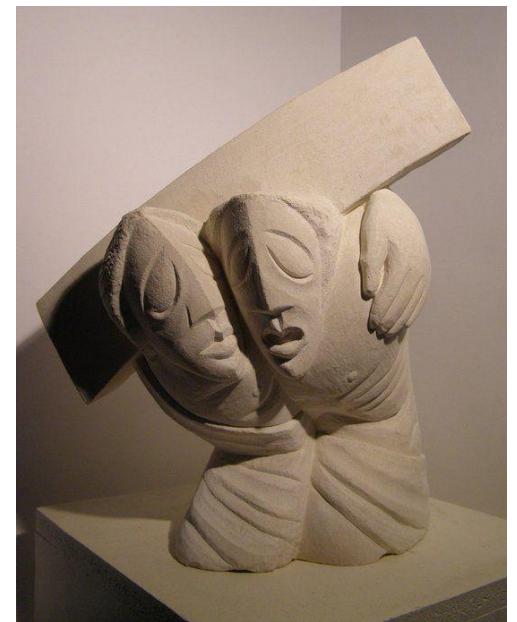
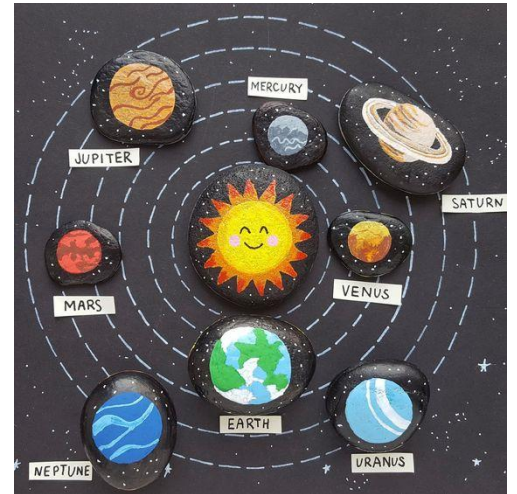
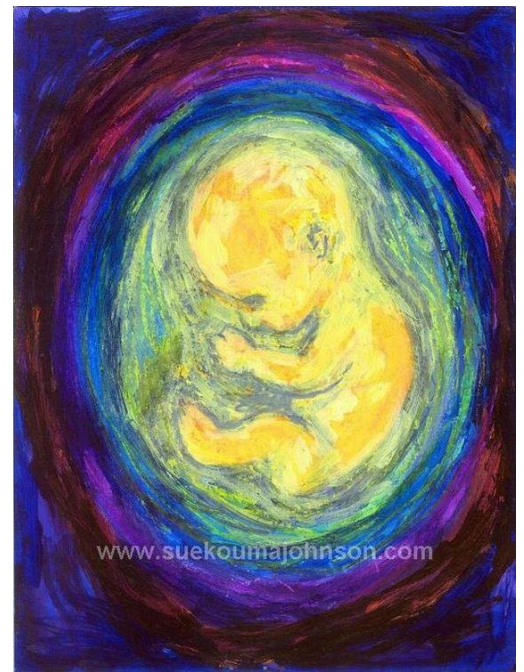
This year as a section of the Art Installation we are going to create a photography wall. We encourage you to look for the Wonder of God and to use your camera as a tool for worship. Send your photos to jo@parramatabaptist.com and include a short blurb (no more than 100 words) of how it reflects the wonder of God. It could be a flower growing thru a crack in the wall, a child blowing bubbles, your pet lazing in the sun etc. Get creative and send in as many photos as you like and tell us how do you see the wonder of God in the ordinary of everyday.

For more inspiration, [CLICK HERE](#) for a great article.

"We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. the world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always easy to penetrate. The real labour is to remember to attend. In fact to come awake. Still more to remain awake."

- C. S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm*, p.75.

God's wonders are supernatural acts beyond human understanding. Through extraordinary signs, the God of wonders demonstrates His limitless power, His inescapable presence, His divine protection, and His sovereign purposes. In each instance, God's wondrous works are designed to draw people to Himself. Through His most stunning of all miracles, the God of wonders revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, overcame the power of sin and death, and redeemed His people for all eternity.
All the Miracles of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer



God's wonder includes:

- Jesus/salvation/miracles
- The individuality/ detail in all living creatures
- Maths/science
- Flowers/plants/trees/fungi
- Our brains/personalities/birth
- God's word/prophecies/transformation stories
- Finger prints/snow flakes/DNA
- The colour spectrum
- The solar system/ space etc etc

The list is endless.....

When and Where

The installation will be held in the Parramatta Baptist Church Basement from Sunday **27 June - 11 July 2021** . 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 20th June 2021
- Email your name, the title and a short description of your piece to jo@parramatabaptist.com before Sunday 20th June 2021
- 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 20th June 2021

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

If you would like to see works from previous PBC Art Installations [CLICK HERE.](#)