

Creative Encounters with a Creative God

Meeting God through the creative arts

Saturday 21st May
Christ Church Orpington

'I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live', Ezekiel 37 v 14

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Creative Day at Christ Church. This day is intended to serve as:

- a time of refreshment and renewal for those already involved in creative arts ministries
- a place to encounter God and meet with one another
- a way of experiencing a range of creative arts for those exploring how God wants them to serve
- an opportunity for teams within a given ministry to focus on future direction

We would love you to join us. A draft programme for the day is enclosed to whet your appetite. Several activities, such as the **Creative Zone** and the **Prayer Zone**, run all day; others are 'dip in' activities for the afternoon. There are three opportunities to attend **workshops** covering a range of creative topics, but **these are entirely optional**. Descriptions of many of the activities are enclosed so that you can make an informed decision. Numbers may be restricted for some of these, so please indicate your preferences for each session (1=preferred option, 2=second option etc.). We will try to accommodate your preferred options if at all possible. A few activities have a small extra cost for specific materials, so please bring some change with you on the day.

NB The day has been designed for adults only so that we can fully participate in the activities offered. No crèche or childcare facilities will be available.

Practical Information

Date: Saturday 21st May	Location: Christ Church Orpington
Time: 9 am to 5 pm	Charterhouse Road
Cost: £10 for the whole day (incl. buffet lunch and light refreshments)	Orpington
	Kent
	BR6 9EP

Car wash

Some of our young people are hoping to do voluntary work in Uganda. We as a church have supported them in several ways to raise the necessary funds. On 21st May, there will be a car wash taking place in the church car park, but there is unrestricted parking on the surrounding roads. We do ask that you park considerately so that we maintain good relations with our neighbours.



Elevate Performance

Elevate, formed from apprentices of Springs Dance Company, Europe's foremost Christian dance company, will be holding a performance at 7.30 pm at Christ Church. You are very welcome to come along – ticket prices are shown on the registration form and tickets will be available for collection from the registration desk on the day. Information on local restaurants and take-away meals will be available; for the latter please feel free to stay at Christ Church. All monies raised will go towards our young people's trip to Uganda.

Please return registration form and payment by 15th May, to:

Liesel Stanbridge
Christ Church Orpington
Charterhouse Road
Orpington
Kent
BR6 9EP

Upon receipt, email confirmation will be sent to you – please print this out and bring it with you on the day.



Workshops and Activities

Creativity Zone

We aim to have a range of activities for you to try in this room including working with clay, composing, writing poetry, producing a banner and much more. A chance to try something different, space to work on a joint project for the day, or time to concentrate on your own creativity. The choice is yours. A couple of activities will charge a small amount for materials but the majority are included in the main fee.

Prayer Zone

Our prayer room will be a space for you to come to God and journey with Him from the parched desert to life in all its fullness. Using words and images we invite you to spend time in prayer and reflection on your own personal walk with God and find life in Him.

Flower Arranging

A drop-in activity during the afternoon - an opportunity to participate in creating a large arrangement of flowers. It will take the form of an arch and will echo the words in Ezekiel 37: 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.' Please bring scissors and/or secateurs with you if you can.

Pointillist or Dotty Art

Another drop-in activity and a chance to work on creating your own piece of art using dots - a technique known as pointillism.

The Spoken Word

Come and celebrate the written word of God, the Bible, and the power it has when spoken aloud. We will be using biblical quotations and liturgy in a variety of ways including call and response, creating texture using dynamics, and spoken word 'choir' - making use of a selection of the multitude of Bible translations available.

Prophetic Dance

We are made body, mind and spirit. Come and find out how God loves to communicate with us in often unexpected ways through the use of dance and movement. Open to all ages and sizes. The workshop will be of a physical nature but no dance experience is necessary, just be prepared to come and have a go. Please wear loose comfortable clothing that allows freedom of movement and suitable footwear or bare feet.

Music - percussion, instruments, singers

We will hold separate workshops for percussion, instruments and singers to improvise a piece based on the prophecy of the dry bones and breath of God recorded in Ezekiel 37. In the afternoon, we will join together to rehearse the piece in the **Creative Blending** session, before performing it in the act of worship at the end of the day. Please bring your creative ideas with you!



Meditation
- Beauty

Exploring the joys of our beauty, looking at God's word through a simple skin care regime. Please bring your own cleanser, toner, moisturiser and mirror to embrace the full benefits of the workshop. You may also want to bring makeup to apply afterwards.

Photographic
Art

An opportunity to use photography to capture images which interpret the passage from Ezekiel 37, then use these images to create your own cards, book marks, small collage... adding Bible references if you wish. Please bring your own digital camera. A printer will be available with photographic paper along with card, paper etc. If you have existing prints you wish to use, please bring these along too.

Relaxation
- Meditation

25 min session of relaxation and silent meditation with God. You will be taken into a deep relaxation, where you will be lying down (please bring a blanket or exercise mat to lie on, and pillows or cushions to aid your comfort). The relaxation will bring your body temperature down too, so wear something warm or bring a throw/blanket to put over you. After that there will be about 10 minutes left to really tune into God's Holy Spirit.

The Written
Word

(to be confirmed) This workshop will discover creative ways of writing to express our faith and the hidden depths of God.

Dance with
Elevate

Improvise a dance piece based on the dry bones and breath of God recorded by Ezekiel. Later in the day, in the **Creative Blending** session, we will join with others to work on a final version which will be performed during the act of worship at the end of the day. Please wear loose clothing to allow freedom of movement and suitable footwear (or be prepared to use bare feet).

Aromatherapy

(to be confirmed) A short session of aromatherapy in which to relax and rejuvenate.

