

# CREATIVITY

In these difficult times many people have found comfort by being creative. Creative activities, including singing, painting, sewing, gardening and baking can distract us and give us a sense of purpose. Earlier this year artist Grayson Perry presented a TV programme called 'Art Club' from his own art studio. Many of the people that sent him artworks hadn't been creative for many years. In difficult times they found a new lease of life and a relaxing activity.

In the first two chapters of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we find the two creation narratives and myths. It is a wrestle to make sense of these stories and consider theories of evolution and the big bang origins of the universe. I find it helpful not to get concerned with the how but to appreciate that all of us can play our part and contribute to our creative world. When I am sketching or painting I know, and am amazed, that no one will ever experience or see the world as I do. I am grateful too.

**What are St Matthew's doing to be creative this Christmas?** - St Matthew's church would like to create a spectacular display of stars. These will be hung on trees and shrubs along the church drive. It will be part of our Christmas celebrations and communicate to our community that we are very much alive.

**What can I make?** Can you make a star for our church display? Below are photographs of several suggestions. They are made with familiar household objects. For example aluminium trays and tin foil that are waterproof. Clothes pegs that can be arranged, glued together and painted.

**Where should I take or leave my star?** Stars can be left in a box just inside the main entrance to church. **They will be collected every day from Monday 8th to Friday 11th December.**



Near the end of the day, or perhaps before tea one evening, share your thoughts as a family about how this activity helped you. You could share your thoughts by phoning a friend or messaging someone adding your image. You could also say this simple prayer.

**“Thank you God for that we all have a role to play in creating a better world,  
Help us to be responsible and use our talents wisely. Amen**

In Genesis 1:26, of the King James translation of the Bible, the word dominion reminds us that with creativity comes responsibility.

Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’