Let There Be Light

An Exhibition by Vicki Lane and Tracey Wood (of Nucleus Arts Chatham)



St Margarets Church in High Halstow opened its doors on the 27th & 28th October and the 3rd & 4th of November 2023 for what can only be described as a truly a spectacular event. A visual feast for your eyes and a tranquil haven of peace!

Locally people were invited to take part by making Origami Butterflies containing their prayers which was the centre piece of this exhibition. People were also invited to take part in two workshops where Fairy Glow Jars and Traditional Lanterns were made, these were also on display for their proud owners to enjoy and share with their family and friends.

Picture this:- its dark outside but our beautiful Church's path is lit by candlelight, leading you to the entrance where your welcomed into the Church with a glass of fizz.

Your then hit by the absolute beauty of what lays before you. As you make your way around. The Beads of Hope (a travelling exhibit, previously at the Turner Gallery) are laid out in our Bell Tower and two wooden chairs are there inviting you to sit and soak up the ambiance of this historic place.

Your then enticed to walk through a lit arch way and into a Fairy Garden. Lit Fairy Jars line your path and above and all around you is the spectacular display of flying Butterflies lighting up in UV what looks like, the nights starry sky.

The path leads you to a human sized Fairy Jar where your invited to become a Fairy yourself by dressing up in the costumes provided. Go behind the exhibit and have your photo taken looking as though your trapped in the jar.

UV is an integral theme of this exhibition. On the right-hand side of the building a large and colourful Butterfly painting draws your gaze. There is also a UV wall where you are encouraged to create your own temporary artwork, this was extremely popular with our younger visitors.

Our Traditional lanterns hang from the Church roof with a large one lighting the vestry, a rarely seen part of the building.

If that wasn't enough, Tracey's creation 'Light Waves' could be seen on the far left. This exhibit was first created in 2019. This 'Rides of the Wave structure' acts as prism to project angled light down to the seabed, therefore recreating the moment that invisible light transitions to become visible through the surface break.

Infinity mirrors draw the viewer into infinity and a fabulous projection on the Altar Wall completes this stunning visual treat.







Our visitors were delighted and below are some of their comments left in our visitor book:

'Lovely, calming experience for both adults and kids'.

'Such a beautiful and peaceful walkthrough. Love that you can get involved. Such and interesting use of lights. Loved it'.

'What an absolutely stunning Exhibition. Thank you so much'

'Surpassed all expectations. An excellent and memorable exhibition. Well Done!'

A huge thank you to Vicki Lane and Tracey Wood and everyone who contributed to making this event a success.



The Artists - Tracey Wood (left) & Vicki Lane (right)