

Schoolchildren's religious paintings on five themes on display in church

Art in heaven and on earth

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A RELIGIOUS education theme was fitting for art displayed in a church.

Slough's standing advisory committee on religious education (SACRE) launched an exhibition at St Mary's Church on Thursday last week.

The Church Street venue is displaying art created by schoolchildren following a

competition by SACRE.

It gave senior and primary pupils, from Priory, Baylis Court Secondary and Wexham Secondary schools the chance to create art around five themes - respect, celebrating life, celebrating love, spiritual space, talking to God: where is God? and mystery stories.

Each pupil who entered also wrote a short explanation on why they portrayed their ideas in the way from 3.30-5.30pm, finishing tomorrow (Saturday).

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Jo Pageant, chair of Slough SACRE, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the quality of the art the schoolchildren have created and the thought and feelings they have put into it. "It is a snapshot of how local children feel about religion and we hope local residents will come and see the amazing work."

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I DID THAT: Kiran Nasim, 15, with Art In Heaven. Ref:107741

■ **PRIORY PUPIL:** Top right, Chloe Bailey, nine, from Priory Primary School, with her work. Ref:107747-5

■ **SACRE-D ART:** Far right, art on display from schoolchildren in Slough. Ref:107747-11

■ **HANDS ON:** Right, artwork by Alian Labal, from Baylis Court School. Ref:107747-8

■ **WEXHAM WORK:** Far right, Elizabeth Maklin and Jasleen Kalsi. 15.

