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STATEMENT

"Art as prophetic voice" is core to my practice. My work, informed by my faith, sense of vulnerability, bereavement, and personal experience, centres on addressing the human condition. Art as prophetic voice encompasses an exploration of art, theology and social justice; and the tripartite dialogue between them. Such enquiry and exploration is undertaken using a practice based approach; indeed thinking through making is key to my ongoing practice. Art as prophetic voice encompasses my core being and concerns. "Prophetic voice" means speaking out, raising questions. "Art as prophetic voice" encapsulates these multiple layered concerns. I believe that artists see the world differently, so I seek to share some of that other perspective in my work. I avoid making work of any individual person; so that neither, is the individual stigmatised, nor is the work unduly personalised.

EXHIBITIONS

FORTHCOMING

2015 - Solo Exhibition, Cambridge ArtSpace, July 2015
2015 - *Revelations of Divine Love; Creativity & Compassion*, Burning Bush Barn, Norfolk, May 2015
2015 - Plastic Propaganda group show, Baltic Exchange, London, from April 2015

PAST

2014 - *Breaking the Chains*, Community Church, London, October to November 2014
2014 - *Translation*, Ipswich Hospital, August 2014
2014 - *Cultural Coalition*, Hyde House, Covent Garden, July 2014
2014 - Cambridge Open Call 2014 [Winner], Cambridge ArtSpace, July 2014
2014 - *One Equal Light*, St James' Piccadilly, July 2014
2014 - *Careful Now - Minding the Gap*, (joint show) Cambridge ArtSpace, May to June 2014
2013 - *Assimilation*, NUA, August to September 2013
[MA Degree show, [selected for Axis MAstars](#)]
2013 - *From Darkness to Light*, The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, June 2013
[The Bishop's Art Prize, Runner Up]
2013 - *Construction Distraction*, NUA, April 2013
2013 - *Paradise Parts II to VI*, solo pop up show, Ipswich, January 2013
2012 - *Process*, NUA, December 2012
2012 - *Position*, NUCA, February 2012
2011 - Wirksworth Arts Festival, Newbridge Works, September 2011
2011 - *Out of The Picture*, Derby University, June 2011
2010 - *Damaged*, Solo Exhibition, Derby Cathedral, June 2010
2010 - Coventry Open 2010, The Herbert April, 2010 to June 2010
2009 - Derby City Open, DMAG, October 2009 to January 2010
2008 - Derby City Open, DEDA, November 2008 to March 2009

EDUCATION

Oct 2011 to Sep 2013	Norwich University of Art , Norwich <i>MA [Distinction] Fine Art</i>
Sep 2008 to June 2011	University of Derby , Derby <i>BA (Hons) [First] Photography</i>
Oct 1999 to Jul 2001	The Queens Foundation , Birmingham <i>Level 4 Certificate in Applied Theological Studies</i>