St Paul's Church, Parkside Augustus Road, Wimbedon SW19 6EW

Wandsworth Open Studio

5/6 and 12/13 October 11am - 6pm Closes 4pm on Sunday 6th



Inspired by a visit to Iona, vicar Heinz Toller early in the year invited artists to show work in the church in order to draw the community into St Paul's. This has become a substantial project for the church under the banner of the Wandsworth Open Studios. Artist Anna Loveday Minshall will create, alongside her paintings, a large votive installation entitled "Wingéd Thoughts and Prayers" and will do project work with children from local school Albemarle to explore the ideas behind the installation.

Winged thoughts and prayers feature in the writings and visions of the 12th Century Abbess, composer, polymath and mystic, Hildegard of Bingen. She referred to herself as 'a feather on the breath of God'. A group of St Paul's adults and children will perform a variety of instrumental & vocal interpretations of a meditative antiphon by Hildegard, O Virtus Sapientiae, a song of praise to the wings of wisdom. These will be arranged by widely published and performed composer, Kevin Jones, choirmaster at the church and will take place at 11.30 on Saturday and Sunday on both weekends.

Art on display will include a guest piece from June Mendoza, one of the world's foremost portrait painters whose commissioned work includes a number of portraits of the Queen and members of the Royal family. Alongside this the art on show will include sculpture by Gil Whyman and paintings by Sarah Peart.

The church will host a cafe during the Open Studio and everyone is invited to come along for a piece of cake, to see the artwork (which will be for sale) and to hear the music.

> Details on St Paul's website: www.stpaulswimbledonpark.org.uk or from Sarah Peart - sarahjanepeart@gmail.com

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