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SKETCH YOUR SACRED PLACE STORIES

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2025.8.20

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2025 SUMMER
- OPEN STUDIO -

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Sketch Your Sacred Place Stories
Drawing and Painting as Prayers

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8:30 AM - 10:30 AM | SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

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ARTWORK CREATED BY PARTICIPANTS

DURING OPEN STUDIO TIME AT THE CHURCH



A STORY BEHIND THIS CONCEPT

The artwork on the poster is mine, which tells the story of a sacred place through prayers expressing my gratitude for my academic life in London. I was standing at Tate Modern Art Gallery, looking ahead toward the Millennium Bridge—over the River Thames—with St Paul's Cathedral visible both near and far. I walked the entire length of this steel suspension bridge designed for pedestrians. The most memorable thing about St. Paul's Cathedral is that it was my very first stop when I arrived in London, and I lived just a 5-minute walk away, so I would walk by each time. So many good and beautiful memories arose when I sketched to record this little story of the sacred place of my experience. The church warmly invites you, as participants of all ages, to sketch your own stories, for the sacred places can be anywhere that matters or is meaningful to you, either your home, the church architecture, nature, or wherever that speaks to you, that your heart knows. Art has its therapeutic function in a healing journey for deep inner reflection and serves as a channel to convey messages. In His presence, peace and stillness abound, for every person is God's temple; wherever we go, God is always with us.



AS PROMISED ON "DRAWING AND PAINTING AS PRAYERS", SKETCH THE SACRED PLACES WITH MEMORIES, WITH THE SCRIPTURE READING AND MEDITATION, THE WORD OF GOD GIVES THE STRENGTH, INDEED. "YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH." - PSALM 119:105

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THIS IS A QUIET, QUALITY TIME FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BE PRESENT IN THE MOMENT. PARTICIPANTS CAN CREATE A REPRESENTATION OF A "SACRED SPACE," DESCRIBE A NATURAL SCENE, DRAW FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES, OR USE A PREPARED PHOTO REFERENCE OF THE CHURCH ITSELF. IN SILENCE, EVERYTHING BECOMES MEANINGFUL FOR ITS EXISTENCE. HEARTS CAN FIND COMFORT IN THESE INSTANT MOMENTS, HOLDING ONTO HOPE FOR WHAT IS AHEAD—A TIME TO BE PRESERVED THROUGH ART OR ETERNITY.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING OPEN STUDIO TIME
ARE SHOWN ABOVE.



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