

# Churches Together Christian Unity Week: Schools Art Project

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For the week of prayer for Unity 2017 (Jan 18 - 25) and with the help and inspiration of the artist Nick Mynheer<sup>[1]</sup> young people from across the city of Oxford were invited to participate in an art project which depicts the need to care for creation, and produce a six-panel installation depicting the theme:

***“Our common calling to care for the earth and all its inhabitants .”***



The six panels seek to draw connections between the story of creation in Genesis and the contemporary challenge to overcome enmity and division by caring for the planet.

The themes and the schools are as follows:

- **LIGHT** (St Barnabas Primary School)
- **WATER** (St Margaret’s Church Art Group)
- **LAND** (St Aloysius RC Primary School)
- **SHELTER** (Rye St Antony RC Secondary School)
- **AIR** (St Andrew’s Primary School)
- **SUSTAINABILITY** (St Mary and St John Primary School)

In 2 Corinthians, Chapter 5, verses 18-19 (The text for Unity Week 2017) we are reminded that God is reconciling the world, restoring and renewing it to wholeness, and we are called to share in this reconciliation project. In order to heal creation and to reconcile people our calling is to imagine and re-create a world in which a more sacrificial, generous and sharing spirit transforms consumption greed and wastefulness.

View a short video about the installation here<sup>[2]</sup>.

1. <http://www.mynheer-art.co.uk/>

2. <http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/news/cathedral/unity-week-installation-thats-oxfordshire-tv>