

BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH, EAST ST, BRIDPORT
is hosting an Exhibition of
THE GETHSEMANE GARMENTS
Tues 5th March – Saturday 9th March 10.00am – 2.00pm
Plus Tues 5th March 4.00 – 6.00pm
Sunday 10th March 10 – 12 noon
Admission FREE

From 5th – 9th March this year, local people are invited to come and see The Gethsemane Garments, a series of 4 unique garments created by Rev Peter Privett using a mixture of machine & hand sewing, dyed, painted & printed materials, including beads, shells, bone and a variety of synthetic & natural fabrics.

Based on the liturgical colours of Red, Purple, Green and White/Gold which reflect the seasons of the Christian year, the Garments explore the themes of pain, suffering, hope & resurrection central to Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, but also speak to the human experience, touching the heart and spirit in a way that goes beyond words.



The original intention was to include quotations on the garments taken from contemporary sources, such as newspapers, adverts and other commentaries, but as the works began to emerge, biblical texts came to mind that seemed to speak for the present time, so each Garment has stitched into it a variety of biblical texts from the Old & New Testament.

“There is no requirement to stand back & admire & reflect, but rather an invitation to handle each garment and discover the texts. It is the texts in the context of what each garment offers that present the audience with the opportunity to match the words with contemporary quotations taken from anywhere and in any language to provide an updating with contemporary issues.”



Visitors are invited to come and take time to look, ponder, touch and handle the Garments, to discover the texts and use them as a tactile stimulus for reflection and prayer.

A short 15 minute video of Peter Privett talking about the creative processes involved in producing the Garments, which were created in a mode of spiritual exploration and journey, will be shown on the hour each day from Tuesday to Saturday. On Sunday there will be a worship service at 10.30am for an hour, to which visitors are warmly invited.

