

Blackburn Cathedral
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bb1 Joyce Wicks and More

Canon Shannon Ledbetter's outreach project, *bb1 For Life* opposite King George's Hall, is flourishing.

It includes not only an attractive shop front, with kitchen, but also a spacious room on the first floor – ideal for exhibitions (as for this one by Joyce Wicks). There are more rooms on the second floor, and also a spacious basement. So its use for any number of events is promising indeed.

Many volunteers from the cathedral helped to set it up – not only with paint and scrubbing brushes, but also contributing cups and saucers and endless goodwill.



In the early summer an art exhibition of superb works of art by new Cathedral Churchwarden **Joyce Wicks** was held there which attracted large and enthusiastic crowds.



Joyce asked, 'Why do I paint? It is a response to all that I see around me. The beauty of God's creation makes me feel as though I'll explode. Light and colour excite me hugely. Even coats hanging on a peg can fill me with awe.'

Joyce continues: 'It is like falling in love. I want what I see (the object of my desire) to be a part of me. I become obsessive about it.'

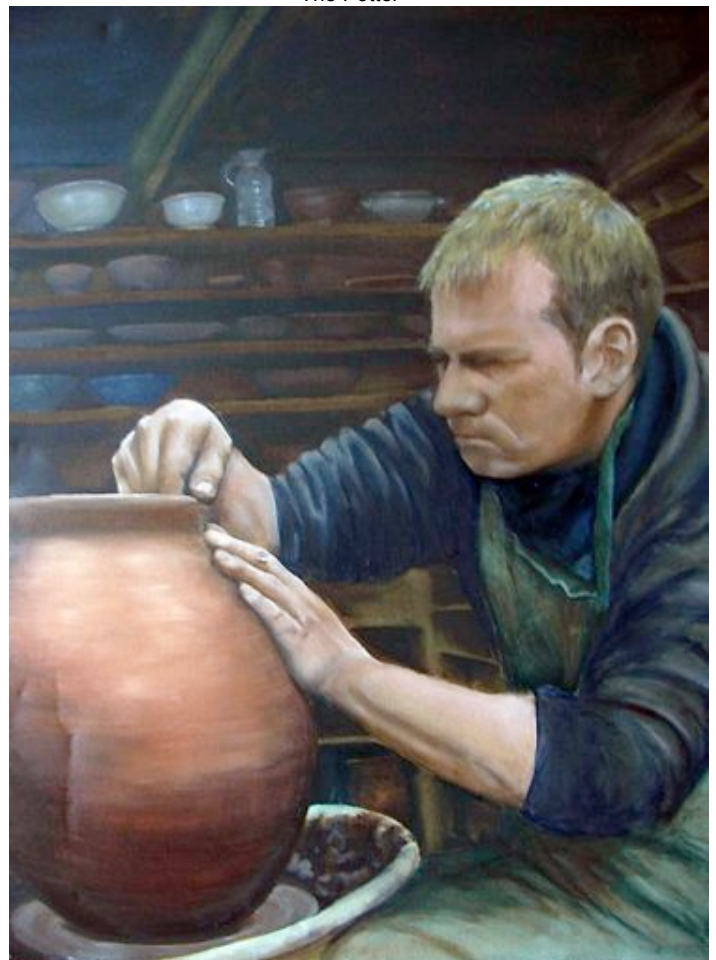
'When the picture is complete, I feel as though I understand the subject – it has become part of me, and my peace is restored.'

Joyce's pictures, mostly in water-colour, certainly bear out what she says.

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Many folk were there for the opening of Joyce's exhibition:
L-R: Joseph O'Berry (organ scholar), Canon Shannon Ledbetter, the Dean,
Helen Davies, Samuel Hudson, Mrs Jean and Judge Jeremy Duerden...



and Julie Eatwell, Kate Fulwell and the Dean (again).

Stalwart supporters of Joyce (and of the cathedral) are
Kate and Daren Fulwell who have two leading choristers in our choir.



The exhibition itself was crowded:



Canon Shannon Ledbetter shares a joke with Canon Sue Penfold



Every picture was a delight to savour.



So do pop in to **bb1 For Life**
for there's always something going on there!

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