

Love and Life

This artwork was commissioned for Highway Church St Mary's and is designed to capture sharing God's abundant love and life in our communities.

For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3: 16

When we receive God's love and life, we become part of his church and in turn share God's love and life with each other and with people are yet to receive Christ.

The centre circles of the artwork (the yellow/orange dots) represent God and his love flowing out. The gradual changes in colour as the dots flow out represents God's constant presence in our lives and also how he provides for our everchanging needs. The white lines coming off the centre circle represent the role of the Holy Spirit connecting and guiding his people and church. The small brown circles around the centre circle represent Jesus Christ. The centre of the artwork shows the triune God connected and then flowing out.

The Boomerangs represent the church, they are facing in towards the centre to reflect the church facing God and seeing and understanding God through the life and love of Jesus. The symbols on the boomerangs represent some of the attributes of the church and how the church lives out God love and life.

The spears represent the word of God, the shield represents faith, the sun represents love and the clap sticks represent worship and joy.

The blossoming gum tree represents life, growing in our journey with God and being connected to him.

Jesus said "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 5

When the church's foundation is rooted in Christ it bears much fruit and is able to share God's love and life with the community.

The four pools of water represent the lifegiving Holy Spirit.

Jesus cried out,

"Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from their heart.' (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit)" John 7: 37-39

The Holy Spirit flows out bringing refreshment, wisdom, and grace.

Colours representing God

The centre circles represent God and as the dots flow out the colours change. The different colours dots represent the following:

- The white dot at the centre point to God's holiness.
- The yellow dots represent God's light shining out to his creation.
- The red and orange dots signify fire and the blood of Christ which bring purification and forgiveness of sin.
- The brown dots show how God's love humbles and grounds us. This allows us to love and care for each other.
- The green dots represent how God's love helps us grow in faith.
- The blue dots stand for the river of life and God's love moving his church into action and sharing His love through faith sharing.

Size: 122cm x 61cm

Hours to complete: 59

Artist: Bradley Dodd- Back of the Brush Designs

