

Parishes that have 'Put on garments of splendour' – Isaiah 52:1,2

* The German Village of Oberammergau, which presents a play about the passion of Christ every ten years, has frescoes painted on many houses, and workshops that sell wooden figures depicted in the plays.

www.flickr.com/photos/tags/oberammergau/ -

* The Russian town of Pskov has recently revived its Christian imagery. It has set up an ikon school, and modern as well as traditional ikons may be found in the streets as well as in the churches.

* A new church in Wales has an exhibition centre open daily which includes paintings by local people, including ex drug addicts who have found faith.

* The Bruderhof Community in Kent have established a Peace Garden which includes sculptures of the prophet Isaiah's vision of the lion lying down with the lamb and a little child leading them.

* A church in Cape Cod, USA which is served by the Community of Jesus has a creative arts foundation which fosters fresco and ikon painting, calligraphy, handbells, dance, music, needlework and theatre.

www.communityofjesus.org presents brief music and art shots.

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Tick any box if you think your church could do something similar

- Praise plaques in local beauty spots
- DVD's projecting beautiful pictures, music or texts
- Pilgrim or prayer trails, fountains, creation corners
- Posters of Christ on the cross in windows at Easter
- Fish symbol car stickers
- Wayside shrines
- Crib and lighted candle in windows at Christmas
- Live crib in a shopping centre
- Art or photography exhibition in a church building
- Flower festival
- Banner making
- Re-enacting Christ's passion in the streets
- Logos on mugs
- Prayer cards or bookmarks for visitors to take
- Commission a sculpture for a school, park or centre
- Exhibition of wedding and christening gowns
- Processions
- Floodlighting a feature
- Liturgical dance
- Eisteddfod
- Puppets
- DVD's of baptisms, weddings, use schools
- Add your suggestions below