

## Welcome

You are most welcome to this hidden gem of a garden here in a quiet corner of St Mary's churchyard in Partington. As you explore, we hope you enjoy the peace and beauty of this place and draw close to God in this sacred space.



The heart behind this garden is to provide a place for everyone to share and enjoy, have the opportunity to be involved and for God's glory and love for the world to be shown .

God's passion for this world, and all life in it, is expressed through the care taken in the garden's design and maintenance and in the glimpse into God's big picture of restoration found in the Bible stories depicted.

School and community groups often use this space, both to explore the Bible stories and learn more about how we can care for this world and all the plants & wildlife in it.



We pray that you glimpse something of God's love for you while you visit here.

## North West Britain in Bloom



Our garden won the highest "Outstanding Award" in the Royal Horticultural Society North West Britain in Bloom "It's Your Neighbourhood" Competition

## ECO-Church

Across all areas of our church we strive to take seriously God's call to care for the world, to leave as small a footprint as we can and to reuse, reduce and recycle wherever possible



## Volunteer

We are grateful for a team of volunteers including both members of church and our local community who work on these gardens and the whole churchyard every Tuesday & Thursday morning (weather permitting). The group enjoy creating and maintaining the gardens, sharing fellowship and friendship, and exercise too! The morning also includes half-time tea and toast. There are jobs for any ability and no previous experience is needed. Pop along or contact us for more details

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# Spiritual Garden



**A guide to this sacred space  
of peace, reflection and  
prayer**

# Reflections



## 1. EDEN FRUIT TREES

God the creator of beauty

*"..then God saw all that he'd made and it was very good"*

*Genesis 1: 31*

Thank you, God, for the beauty and the wonder of creation. Help us take care of it

## 2. THE RAINBOW

God who keeps his promises

*"He will never leave nor forsake you"*

*Deuteronomy 31: 6*



May you know and feel God's presence both in the good times and the bad



## 3. THE CROSS

God of Love

*"God so loved the world that he gave his one & only son"*

*John 3: 16*

We are infinitely loved by God. He has given us a way through the cross to gain a relationship with him; giving us a new life of peace, hope, joy and love.

## 4. WATER TO WINE

God of Miracles

*"the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory"*

*John 2: 11*



In his miracles, from feeding or healing people to raising them from death, Jesus revealed his limitless love and power



## 5. LAST SUPPER

Intimate God

*"While they were eating, Jesus took*

*bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat, this is my body" Matthew 26: 26*

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus showed his love for his followers and left us all with a way to be joined with him.

## 6. BURNING BUSH

God who speaks to us

*"The angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames... Moses answered 'Here I Am"*

*Exodus 3: 2,4*



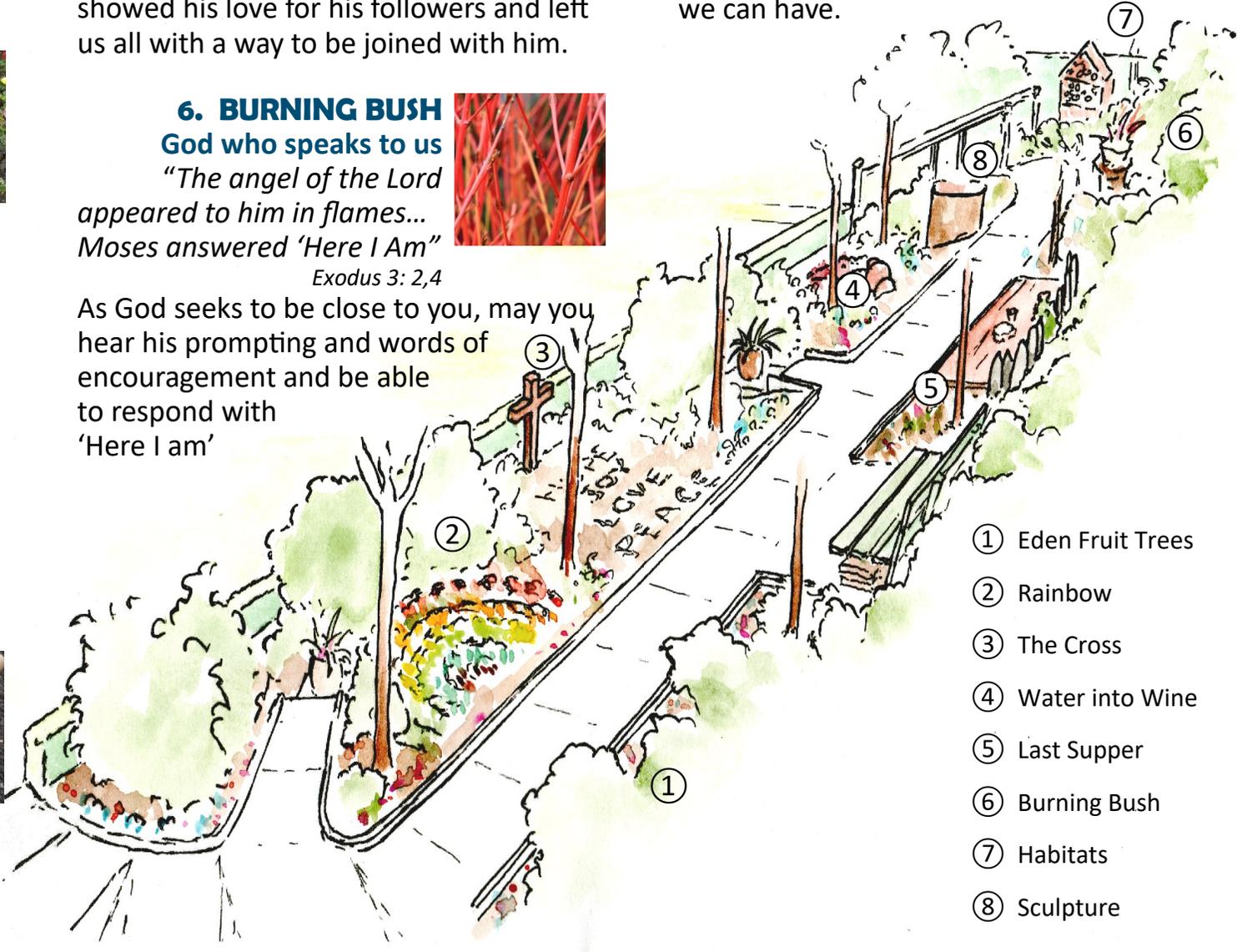
As God seeks to be close to you, may you hear his prompting and words of encouragement and be able to respond with 'Here I am'

## 7. HABITATS

God who cares for the world

*"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world & all that live in it" Psalm 24: 1*

So much of the world is beautifully interconnected and relies on us all to be good stewards. May we be mindful of all the negative and the positive impacts we can have.



- ① Eden Fruit Trees
- ② Rainbow
- ③ The Cross
- ④ Water into Wine
- ⑤ Last Supper
- ⑥ Burning Bush
- ⑦ Habitats
- ⑧ Sculpture