



The Art of Faith: an exhibition of the works by Eularia Clarke

50 paintings by British religious artist, Eularia Clarke (1914-1970) will be on show between **3 - 23 June 2017** at St Giles Church, the Oratory and the Quaker Meeting House, Oxford. This is the biggest exhibition of her work since her death.

The works, which were compared to those of Spencer and Nash by art critics of Clarke's day, represent an important collection of religious art emanating from one of the greatest periods of change in the Catholic Church; the 1960s. Subjects include scenes of worship and gospel illustrations, all in contemporary settings, as it was the artist's wish to demonstrate the gospel coming alive in our own familiar world.

Examples of Clarke's work can be seen on her website **www.eulariaclarke.com**.

Trained by Gilbert Spencer, (brother of Sir Stanley,) Clarke became a religious artist at the tender age of 16 but was inspired to start painting seriously after a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1960. Over the next 10 years she produced 93 canvasses and exhibited regularly in the south of England before her untimely death in 1970, aged just 56.

It was Clarke's desire that her collection remain intact to be seen as witness to the living gospel in our daily lives and, as such, the artist agreed to the sale of only two works during her lifetime; to the Methodist Collection of Modern Art. The remainder passed to her heirs who, until now, have not shown the works in public.

'Art with "a message" is bound to be open to suspicion and misunderstanding, but if it is good in itself it must survive. Eularia Clarke's work seems to me to be worthy of attention on its artistic merits alone, but it has a flame of sincerity which makes it impossible to ignore.' Joan Grigsby, Hampshire, the County Magazine, April 1969.

**The Art of Faith: the works of Eularia Clarke Exhibition, 3 - 23 June 2017,
St Giles Church, Oxford, OX2 6HT 12- 6pm,
The Oratory, Oxford, OX2 6HA 12-6pm (except 17 June),
The Quaker Meeting House, Oxford, OX1 3LW,
opening times available at St Giles Church.
Exhibition closed on Sundays.**

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Eularia Clarke was a prominent member of the Society of Artists until her death.