

I created this piece in response to Andrew's sermon a few weeks ago. The message has stayed with me over the last few weeks and I felt I wanted to respond to it, and in some way document my feelings, and to highlight the four words – weep, worship, wait and witness.

Bible journaling is something I often do when I want to capture something – either a message or a picture I have been given. I see my Bible journal as a cross between a sketchbook, a diary and my Bible. It is a very personal expression of my faith.

I was hesitant about letting this piece being seen, as I don't feel it is my 'best piece of work' – but then this is not a piece of work but an act of worship and through creating I spent time and reflected with God on His words.

One of my favourite things about creating art is that it is not always about the final piece but sometimes the journey and the process to get there. The building up of paint, the brushstrokes, the layers that only you as the artist will see. This is the first time I have ever recorded myself painting and even in that I felt vulnerable and hesitant to show it. I pray that in sharing my process and final piece it will help other people to reflect on the Word of God, that in this time of so much loss, that what we are called to do is worship and wait on the Lord.

– Zoe Blackmur