

## The Art in Mothering... as Connecting, Bonding, Growing, Loving...



These two pieces of art were among the dozen canvases displayed at the Mothers' Union 'Something Wonderful' Festival in Benwell. Offered as 'Aspects of Mothering' they were created in collaboration with the artist's child. The artist, Artep Avordno, describes them as precious moments with her son – creating memories that will last forever. Artep runs the Community Art Club which is integral to St James 'Something Wonderful' Project.

She says: "Collaboration with my child is always a joy for me. Connecting with my son through creativity is one of the strongest opportunities to bond because it is a safe platform where we both feel equal and free to express ourselves."

"I love watching my son when he is lost in his creativity; the openness and unpredictability of his own expression makes me feel proud as a mother."

"Motherhood is for me more than looking after the basic needs of a child. Motherhood is an opportunity to see the world from a place where ego has no space. Motherhood is a chance to embrace love and existence in its true essence."

"Creativity in daily life... makes us feel valued, visible, connected, accepted but also challenged and very ALIVE."

Thanks be to God.

*Thank you, Artep, for your insight,  
your giftedness, and your commitment  
to helping others find their worth.*