



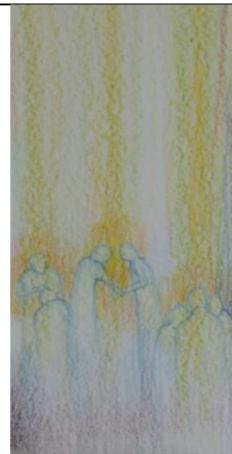
**Believe in Shipley**  
**Mission 2016**

Archbishop Sentamu  
Victoria Hall  
26 September 2016

Artist in Residency observation



The people gather to worship under the octave carvings of the Victoria Hall. They began to worship and sing with great vigour; energy was tangible.



The Archbishop told his story of his fragile birth, when no one expected him to live. Rather than die, he grew to give his life to God - "so heaven could have a great celebration" - and was called to priesthood. The balloons are heaven's party. The strong orange is the presence of God in the Holy Spirit.

We were told how often, rather than allowing ourselves to be simply loved, we allow ourselves to be burdened. Others speak ill of us, others pull us down, and we make our own burdens. We were encouraged to let go. We were encouraged to consider letting the Spirit fill us.

At this point in the service, the Archbishop asked people to come forward for prayers and for local leaders to offer ministry. Many received such ministry and this shows the personal gatherings of those prayers. The yellow green streams are to me, the colour of God's light (yellow) and new life (green).

Asked how to be a hopeful person in the face of difficulties, the Archbishop reminded us all to stop and simply know that we are loved. The dark colours are the difficulties, the swirl of red, the Spirit in our hearts we can know when we listen. Asked how God allows violence and injustice, such as seen in Syria, the Archbishop reminded us that every human is a responsible being. God doesn't bring destruction, it is that we human beings are not acting in the love we have been called to live.

We were reminded to be united with each other across all human made differences, culture, class, and religion. The coloured people with crosses on their heads are the leaders of the various churches who organised the mission. The hand on the person is one, reaching out to another.

Finally, asked what the church is doing about encouraging more black leaders, the Archbishop replied that church leadership must mirror real communities. These colours are a reflection of those leaders from the image to the left.