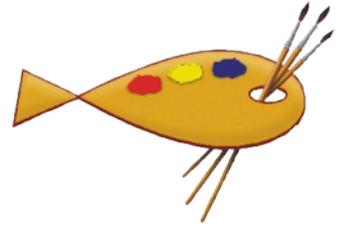


Why are you here...

...in Cheddar?



People visit Cheddar for different reasons. Some come to visit the caves and wonder at the beauty of the stalagmites and stalactites, others come for the awesome scenery that is the gorge, whilst others want to wander around the shops (possibly even buy a picture!), have something to eat and drink, and of course there is the cheese and cider!

For those who have come to marvel at the caves or gorge obviously appreciate good scenery and so do we in Cheddar Gallery. Like you, we marvel at

"The Beauty of God's creation"

and the purpose of the shop is to communicate this through Art and Photography.

In this shop we have paintings **that express the beauty of God's creation through Art** and we have **photographs that capture the beauty of God's creation.**

His creation is absolutely stunning. The variety of landscapes and nature on our doorstep in Britain is amazing and here in the West Country there is much to be admired. Cheddar is the biggest gorge in Britain, together with the Mendips having some diverse and unique scenery then you have the wilds of Exmoor and Dartmoor, rolling hills of Wiltshire and stunning coastline of Devon & Cornwall. Further a field you have the mountains of Wales, the Lake District and Scotland.

Across the world there are awesome sights such as the Rockies, the Alps, the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef, not to mention tropical islands, beautiful seas, lakes and rivers and yet there are amazing intricacies in flowers, fish, insects and many hidden beauties plus all wildlife large and small from a cute little kitten to a big cat, large elephants, and menacing birds of prey.

What is it that attracts us to such beauty and creativity? In the Bible it says that God's invisible qualities exist in His creation, which makes sense as He created it, which is what probably attracts us.

His creation has led people to worship because it is so amazing. However, some people worship creation itself, which the Bible also warns against saying "we should worship the Creator not creation". Other people worship different things or beings but who better to worship than the person who created creation itself.

This is not to say that we can't marvel at God's creation because He made it for us to enjoy but we must always remember who is behind it because **through creation we can see what God is like.**

He was extravagant with His creation,

He made it beautiful and diverse,

He showed His awesomeness and power in creation, He made it infinite,

yet He showed He is interested in the little things, intricate creatures, plants and obviously

He is a creative God and being made in His image

we have that same desire to create and enjoy creation.

We hope that the pictures in this shop will inspire you to appreciate creation, inspire you to be creative and perhaps inspire you to appreciate the Creator and to enjoy what He has created for us.

If anyone has seen a beautiful landscape, a stunning sunset, awesome waves on the coast, a beautiful flower or a cute little animal **he has seen God**. Now not only can we see God through creation but we can know Him personally through Jesus. Knowing a God who created all this beauty is an exhilarating experience and will even surpass the feelings we feel when we see a beautiful landscape.

If you have been inspired by this leaflet and would like to talk to anyone about God, creation, life and the universe feel free to talk to us in the shop.