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News from the Diocese of York

Bald Statements at Holy Rood House

Holy Rood House, Thirsk, will be hosting "Bald Statements", a sculpture exhibition by Jean Parker from 1st to 31st July 2009.

The Revd Elizabeth Baxter of Holy Rood House said, "Bald Statements was born as a reflection of Jean Parker's own experience of cancer, and centres around eight alabaster heads depicting the eight stages of grief. The exhibition explores the process of loss within a safe and supportive environment. This isn't only loss of health, but any significant loss of any kind and its accompanying grief."

"We hope that the exhibition will help people understand the powerful emotions that are part of grief, which can often feel overwhelming. The sculptures depict different stages of the grief process from denial and disbelief, through anger and depression, to acceptance and healing. I hope that the exhibition will show people that these emotions are transitional stages and part of a natural process. "Bald Statements" offers glimpses of hope when all seems lost."

Jean Parker studied art as a mature student for four years in Coventry and later completed an M.A. With a background of teaching and a family of four children, it was not until mid-life that the opportunity arose for her artistic creative energies to be given full expression. Her affinity for sculpture and gift as a modeller and carver soon became evident.

She works in stone, clay and bronze, and religion, psychology and personal relationships provide an endless source of inspiration expressed in both figurative and abstract form. She exhibits widely and works largely to commission, lecturing, teaching and conducting workshops.

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Notes to Editors:

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"Bald Statements" is on loan to Holy Rood House from Westhill Endowment. Please phone Holy Rood House 01845 522580 if you wish to view this exhibition. Individuals and groups are welcome.