

## Some details to look out for

### Different dimensions

The Beatitudes are about seeing things quite differently. For this exhibit, Jacqui Frost started with photographic images, from the “real” world.. But these images are just two dimensional.

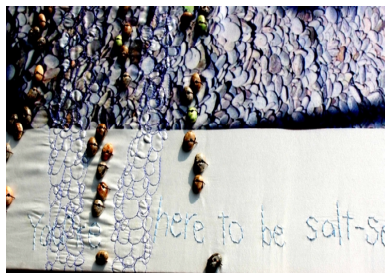


It's hard to imagine what heaven is about, but it's certainly got dimensions beyond our understanding!

Jacqui has sewn on a variety of threads, beads and “jewels”. These link in - and

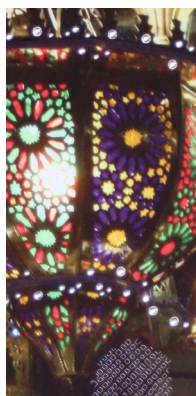
also create a tension - with the photos. From a distance we see a picture, close up we see how the images have been decorated with precious things: take a good look at the variety of “riches” awaiting the blessed.

### Salt of the earth, light of the world



In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus followed on from the Beatitudes with two more great statements: - “ You are the salt of the earth ...You are the light of the world... ” Take a look at the way Jacqui has

portrayed” saltness and light on the final screens.



“Let me tell you why you are here. you're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God flavours of this earth.

You're here to be light bringing out the God colours in this world.

God is not a secret to be kept.”

Matthew 5

## A personal response

The words of the Beatitudes have resonated down the centuries. They have inspired Christians and non-Christians, great social reformers and leaders, and millions of people of all kinds around the world.

We hope you have enjoyed looking at this display, and that it's provided interest, inspiration, encouragement and a valuable pause for thought.



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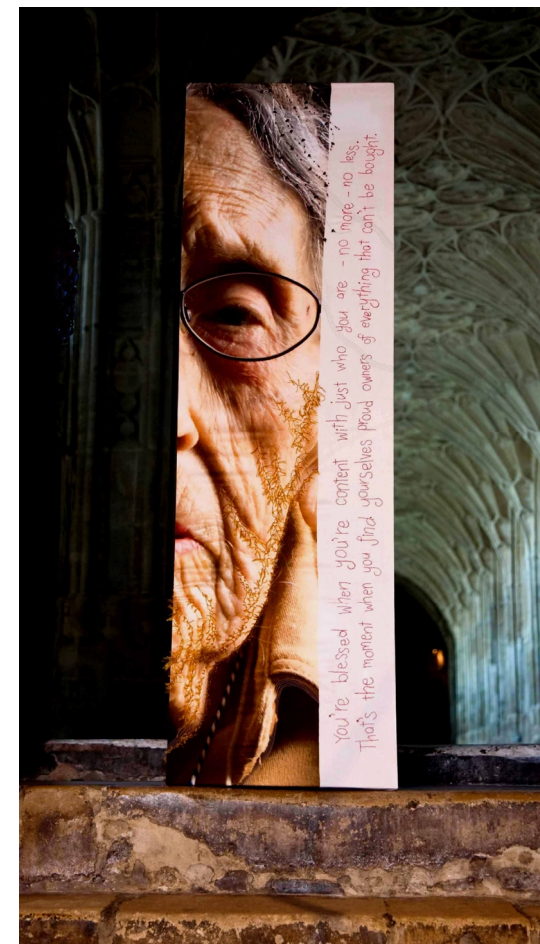
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## Textile art:

# The Beatitudes



As you walk round a beautiful cathedral, you'll see the work of dedicated craftsmen and artists from many centuries right up to the present. Their work is to the glory of God - or, in Latin, “Deo Gloria”.

**The Beatitudes** is one of a series of textile art displays by Jacqui Frost, touring cathedrals in England. Each display is a personal response to aspects of faith, brought here by the Deo Gloria Trust. For more information, visit [www.cathedralexhibition.org.uk](http://www.cathedralexhibition.org.uk).



### **Textile artist Jacqui Frost introduces the screens:**

Blessed. It's a word that means different things to different people. Maybe you reckon it's the same as lucky. or fortunate. Or it's about getting the good things from life. Or just simply being happy.

When Jesus spoke to a large crowd (in what is today known as the Sermon on the Mount) on a hill near the Sea of Galilee, he began with a set of startling statements that are now called the Beatitudes (the word comes from Latin - beatus, blessed). They make up an extraordinary message that turns the world upside down. They're an enormous encouragement when you're up against it, and a real challenge for when life's too comfortable!

Jesus' message was that being blessed is nothing to do with earthly prosperity or a happiness that relies on success or possessions. He meant a life that could include sadness and suffering ... poverty and hunger ... pain and stress ... How on earth could that be blessed? He meant being able to live in hope and expecting joy, keeping your eyes on a longer term goal, life after death,

There are some beautiful traditional translations of the Beatitudes, and I love the richness of the different words. If you're familiar and more comfortable with the traditional words, you may prefer to look at the images first and match them to the words you already know. Then take a look at the words I've stitched here: I love the directness and grittiness of the words I've used here from the Message, the bible in contemporary language.

**Textile design :-** Jacqui Frost [www.jacqui-textile.com](http://www.jacqui-textile.com)

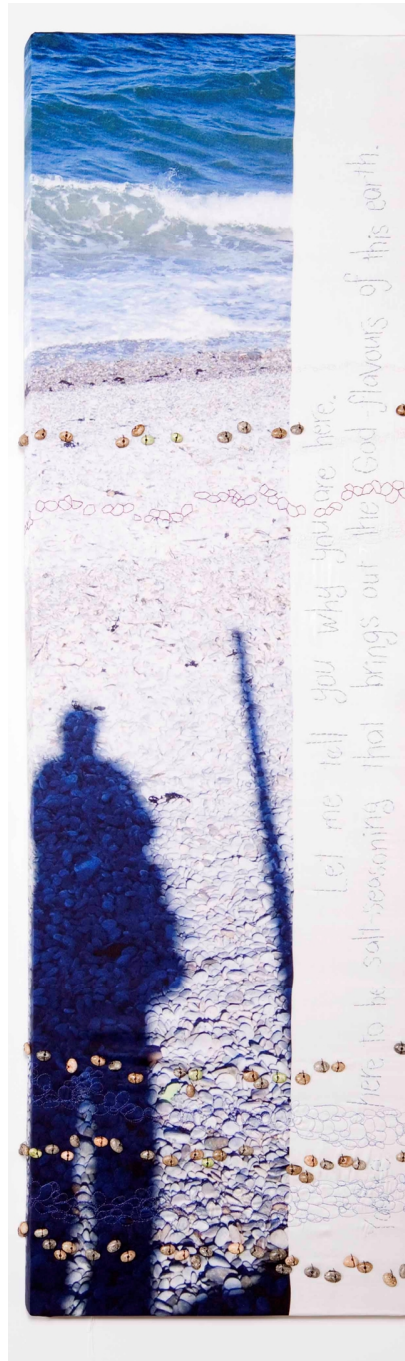
**Texts:-** The Message, the bible in contemporary language,

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Some of the series are available as hand stitched banners for hire to all churches in the UK, for a small charge. For further information, contact the Deo Gloria Trust office on 020 8651 6428 or [VUbbYfg@deo-gloria.co.uk](mailto:VUbbYfg@deo-gloria.co.uk)



**You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope.** With less of you, there is more of God and his rule.

**You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you.** Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

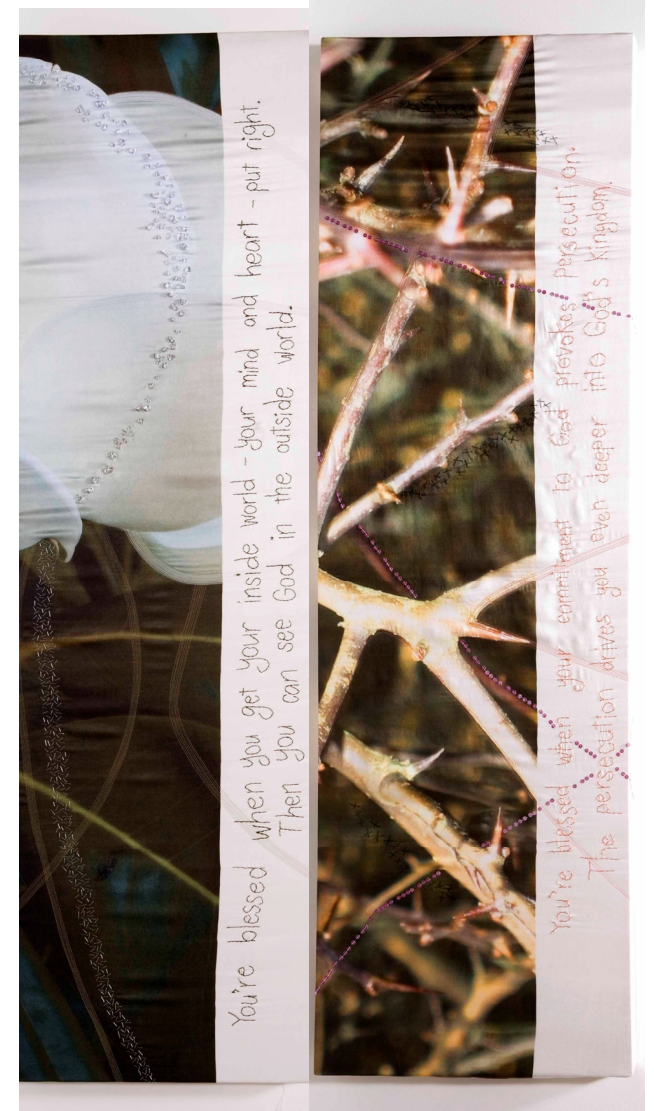
**You're blessed when you're content with just who you are - no more, no less.** That's the moment when you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

**You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God.** He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

**You're blessed when you care.** At the moment of being "care-full", you find yourselves cared for.

**You're blessed when you can show people how to co-operate instead of compete or fight.** That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

**Gospel of Matthew, 5**



**You're blessed when you get your inside world - your mind and heart - put right.** Then you can see God in the outside world

**You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution.** The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.