**Story and Symbolism for Window No. 6**

**JOY AND PRAISE**

EACH NEW DAY – A GIFT

In life - perhaps with friends and loved ones

* perhaps engaged in play and other forms of creativity
* perhaps when moved by a sense of awe and wonder due to

an experience of BEAUTY in NATURE.

 ….. most of us, at some time, may experience moments of such joy and wonder

 that we feel a deep sense of peace, gratitude and/or Praise for the

 SOURCE and POWER of the experience….. we sense Divine Presence

This window is an attempt to portray something of this.

VISUAL ELEMENTS and SYMBOLISM

* SUNRISE - soft colours on CLOUDS and SKY announce the GIFT of a NEW DAY,

 EVERY DAY.

* CHILDREN - an IMPORTANT and VALUED part of our Parish Life.

 - PLAY and DANCE on the EARTH’S SURFACE, expressing exuberant JOY.

* FRIENDSHIP, SIMPLICITY and FREEDOM.
* MUSIC and DANCE – FRIENDSHIP, PLAY and CREATIVITY move us to EXPRESSIONS

 of JOY, PRAISE and GRATITUDE.

* DOLPHINS – we see PLAYFULNESS, RELATIONSHIP and feel a KINSHIP with the

 dolphins that frequent our Brighton coastline.

* they were also an early Christian symbol for Christ.
* SEAL - ‘Harry the Seal’ known and loved by many (except perhaps some

 fishermen) as he swims around the Brighton Jetty regularly.

* GUM LEAVES and BLOSSOM – appearing throughout the windows, again

 reminding us of the CYCLIC NATURE of LIFE all around us.

* RAINBOW RIBBON - again, the SPIRIT of LIFE/GOD surrounding, flowing through

 and animating all that is

 - here moves towards and INTO the FUTURE.

* ANGELS - bathed in the SPIRITUAL LIGHT of a NEW DAWN, reminding us that

OUR LOVED ONES who have passed are STILL WITH US ….. just a heartbeat away.

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