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*"He is happiest, be he king or peasant,
who finds peace in his home."* **GOETHE**



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*A New
Collection
of Original
Paintings*

WHAT IS THIS THING WE CALL 'HOME'?

It may seem like a trick question, but the answer was not so obvious to me. To date, I have lived in sixteen houses and at least fifteen of them never much felt like 'home'.

Living at my present address, I began to recognise that regular itchy feet was not simply dissatisfaction with a physical space or location. It was time for me to reflect more deeply on a tendency to keep moving on.

The following paintings are a nod to my investigation.



1

The Lost Sheep

Are we really seeking pastures new, or something else? Have we strayed from the herd? Is it possible that we do not yet know where the grass is greenest?

Canvas size 39.5cm x 39.5cm

Framed size 44cm x 44cm

2

Roots and Wings

Four walls are no guarantee of security.

The care we receive in our first home will affect the way we live for the whole of our lifetime.



Canvas size 49cm x 49cm

Framed size 54cm x 54cm



3

Keys

Home is the place where you
are known and understood.

Canvas size 50cm x 40cm

Framed size 55cm x 45cm

4

Manor From Heaven

Building something good also builds us.



Canvas size 50cm x 50cm

Framed size 55cm x 55cm

5

Dunroamin

The decorating and presentation of our homes is a way to reflect who we are.



Canvas size 50cm x 50cm

Framed size 55cm x 55cm

6

Live, Laugh, Leave

Nothing stays the same and sometimes we must be courageous.



Canvas size 61cm x 50cm

Framed size 66cm x 55cm



7

Love Thy Neighbour

A good neighbour is worth their weight in haddock.

Canvas size 50cm x 40cm

Framed size 55cm x 45cm

8

The Flood

If your foundations aren't solid, you'd better have good insurance.



Canvas size 60cm x 50cm

Framed size 65cm x 55cm



9

Birthday

Size isn't everything. We can celebrate important occasions in the humblest of spaces.

Canvas size 40cm x 40cm

Framed size 45cm x 45cm

10

Empty Nest

After the chicks have spread their wings, don't be folorn; quack open the bubbly at a job well done. Downsize quickly in case they come back! Your new chapter starts here.



Canvas size 60cm x 50cm

Framed size 65cm x 55cm



11

Riverdance

A house devoid of animals is, to my mind, lacking vital lifeblood.

Pets contribute significantly to the domestic crime rate, but also to the soul of a home.

Canvas size 60cm x 41cm

Framed size 64cm x 46cm

12

Fish Out of Water

Not everyone feels they belong in the place they originally came from.



Canvas size 50cm x 50cm

Framed size 55cm x 55cm



13

Bin Day

“An Englishman’s home is his castle.” This idiom was born in 1604 and attributed to Sir Edward Coke, a judge and politician. It related to the establishment of the principle that a person’s home should be secure from authorities entering without legal justification. Bins were not mentioned.

Canvas size 80cm x 30cm

Framed size 85cm x 35cm

14

Hive

Bees know the value of togetherness. Their homes must be protected at all cost.



Canvas size 60cm x 50cm

Framed size 65cm x 55cm



15

Wildlife

The nursing home can be a troubling thought for many of us, but if we are stuffed, it may as well be with trifle.

Canvas size 81cm x 61cm

Framed size 86cm x 66cm

16

Rock

Despite my playful interpretation, the 'rock' to which I refer, is not your pretty Blackpool confection (though that certainly has its place), but the spiritual granite on which to build your life.

Canvas size 84cm x 59cm

Framed size 88cm x 63cm





17

My Father's House

When we are lost, the offer of shelter is an act of love.

Canvas size 59cm x 41cm

Framed size 64cm x 45cm

18

Spirit Animal

Home is wherever your heart
finds peace.



Canvas size 40cm x 30cm

Framed size 45cm x 35cm



19

Forever Home

Wise people say that the grass is greenest where you water it. Believe them.

Canvas size 50cm x 50cm

Framed size 55cm x 55cm

To those good people who act as constant anchors
in my changing world – Thank you x

One final thing...

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Le Penseur

I have been thinking... now that
matters of heart and hearth have
been examined, it is time for me
to make a start on a new theme.
I look forward to sharing that with
you in the future.

Canvas size 29cm x 23cm

Framed size 38cm x 32cm





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You are very welcome to join Sarah-Jane at Bottleworks, where the paintings will be on show for five days, from Thu 23rd to Mon 27th October 2025, from 10:00am to 6:00pm



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