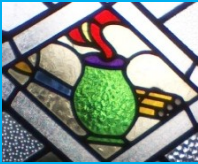
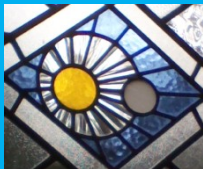


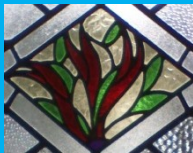
## Six significant stages in the development of God's people



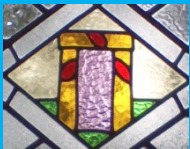
a) In the **story of Abraham and Isaac** (Genesis 22) God tests Abraham's faith by telling him to sacrifice his son, and then promises him a long line of descendents. The test showed that it was faithfulness rather than descendents that was Abraham's top priority. Here are **wood, and embers in a jar to start the fire for burning the sacrifice**. He was given a ram to use instead of his son.



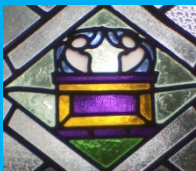
b) This puzzling window refers to Genesis 37:9-10 where Joseph tells his brothers of his prophetic vision indicating his future destiny saving his people from starvation through his influence in the nation of Egypt. (Genesis 38-50) This vision was of the **sun, moon and stars** (representing his parents and brothers) bowing down to him.



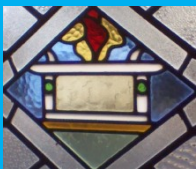
c) A **burning bush** (Exodus 3:2) reminds us of another very significant but surprising choice in which God called Moses, from the bush, to lead his people home from captivity in Egypt. We should not doubt God's ability to use even us to achieve his purpose in the world.



d) The unique Jewish festival of Passover annually commemorates their deliverance from Egypt. God had instructed them to smear **blood on their door posts and lintels**, as shown in this window, so the angel of death would pass over them and not kill their first born sons as was done to the Egyptian families. They were refusing to let the Jewish people go. (Exodus 11&12)



e) As a sign of his presence with them God instructed Moses to tell his people to make a box called the **Ark of the Covenant** (Exodus 25:10-22) shown in this window, to hold the stone tablets on which the 10 Commandments were written. It became a sacred place in front of which Moses met with God.



f) To symbolise the offering of their whole lives in obedient service, the Jewish priests burnt some of the people's offerings of food on the **Altar of Burned Sacrifice** (Exodus 27&29) shown in this window. When anyone sinned they were to give prescribed offerings to the priests who burned some of it on this altar so the person could be forgiven. (Leviticus 4&5)