

Woodland Valley with Sea view

John Le Capelain



1840's
Oil on Canvas
75 x 62cm

As you enter the Le Capelain Gallery immediately to your left you will see a large oil on canvas in a magnificent gilt frame. This beautiful landscape painting depicts a typically rural Jersey scene looking through a heavily wooded valley towards St. Aubin's Bay with a woman and child in the foreground drawing the eye.

In the distance you can see a Martello Tower on the shoreline and a sailing ship moored on the beach with the town of St. Helier just appearing on the distant horizon. Compare this part of the painting which has been very delicately handled with the loose and confident brush strokes that are used to describe the trees and woodland to understand how the artist has skilfully created a great depth of field and perspective.