

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: Friday, 27th August 2021

A Message from Our Priest-in-Charge

The Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September (*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*) to 4th October (*Feast of St Francis of Assisi*), dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. It is a time when we are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humankind for the earth and for all that lives upon it.

This year's theme is '**A Home for All? Renewing the *Oikos* of God**'. *Oikos* is the Greek word for 'home' or 'household'. It reminds us that:

the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it

Psalm 24.1

The theme also reminds us that each of participates in a web of relationships encompassing not only humankind but also the natural world. In this web of relationships all living things are mutually interdependent on other living things for their wellbeing. However, we know that the impact of humankind on the natural world is causing ecological instability, leading to the loss of habitats which are homes for millions of species, including humans whose homes and livelihoods are at risk.

To symbolize 'a home for all', an image of Abraham's tent has been chosen for this year's Season of Creation. In Genesis 18 the story is told of Abraham and Sarah opening their tent as a home for three strangers, who turned out to be God's angels. By creating a home for all, their act of radical hospitality became a source of great blessing.

Abraham's tent is, then, a symbol of our calling to practice creation care as an act of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures in our common home, the household of God.



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Praying for Ourselves: Our Common Home

O God,
we thank you for the gifts of moments of sabbath rest
amid the busyness of our lives:
may we have time to stand and stare,
to reflect on the beauty of the created world,
and to appreciate the many blessings of this life;
help us to be satisfied with enough,
and to live within our means in relation to the earth.

*Diocesan Environment Task Group
Diocese of Newcastle*

Caring for Our Common Home: 5th Mark of Mission

The fifth of the five [Marks of Mission](#) of the Anglican Communion focuses on 'the environment':

- *to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

John Hughes (Diocesan Environmental Officer, Manchester) and Ruth Newton (Area Champion, Ripon South) offer this reflection on the fifth Mark of Mission to help us place creation care at the heart of rhythms of life:

We are rightly concerned about the abuse of children and vulnerable people and are concerned to 'safeguard' against it. The Earth has been and continues to be abused, raped, objectified and exploited and 'striving to safeguard the integrity of creation' must be approached with similar rigour.

The predictions about the future of life on this planet make for alarming and depressing reading and the need to repent of the past and live more sustainably is abundantly clear. It would be easy to despair, but our faith in a Saviour who brings healing, renewal, forgiveness and restoration not only for people, but for the whole earth gives us grounds for hope.

Holy Communion at Home

Starting on Wednesday, 8th September it is my intention to use the reserved sacrament from the 12 noon Eucharist to offer 'Home Communion' to anyone

who for whatever reason is unable to participate in our Eucharists on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact me either by e-mail (dhmundy@btinternet.com) or by 'phone (01457 856554: if no reply, please leave a message) and I will arrange a time on Wednesday afternoons.

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A Heart for Mission: Study Group

For many Christians, mission is why the church is here. For others, the word 'mission' has become tainted with ideas of colonialism or heavy-handed evangelism. And then there are many more people who are confused or indifferent about exactly what mission is.

The aim of the five-week study course 'A Heart for Mission' is to take a fresh look at mission and what it means in the 21st century. We will explore the Five Marks of Mission, reflecting on the experience of how the Church of the Province of Myanmar understands and lives out mission. By end of the course, we will have a fresh understanding of mission's place at the heart of our faith.

The Study Group meets in church at 2.30pm on Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September and 7th October.

Calendar for August and September

Fri., 27th Aug.	6.30pm Wedding rehearsal	
Sat., 28th Aug.	2pm Wedding: Paul Bann and Lindsay Gilbert	
Sun., 29th Aug. <i>13th after Trinity</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist	<i>James 1.17-end Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>
Wed., 1st Sep.	12 noon Said Eucharist	
Sat., 4th Sep.	2pm to 4pm church open	
Sun., 5th Sep. <i>Creation Sunday</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist	<i>James 2.1-17 Mark 7.24-end</i>
	12.30pm Baptism	
Mon., 6th Sep.	9.30am Glossopdale Incumbents meeting	
Tue., 7th Sep.	6.30pm Duke of Norfolk School Governors meeting	
Wed., 8th Sep.	12 noon Said Eucharist	
Thu., 9th Sep.	9.15am Duke of Norfolk School Collective Worship 2.30pm Study Group: 'A Heart for Mission' 1	
Sat., 11th Sep.	2pm to 4pm church open	Heritage Open Day

Sun., 12th Sep. <i>15th after Trinity</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist 2pm to 4pm church open	<i>James 3.1-12</i> <i>Mark 8.27-end</i> Heritage Open Day
Wed., 15th Sep. <i>Holy Cross Day (tr)</i>	12 noon Said Eucharist 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting	
Thu., 16th Sep.	9.15am Duke of Norfolk School Collective Worship 2.30pm Study Group: 'A Heart for Mission' 2	
Sat., 18th Sep.		
Sun., 19th Sep. <i>16th after Trinity</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist 12.30pm Baptism 2pm to 4pm church open	<i>James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a</i> <i>Mark 9.30-37</i> Heritage Open Day
Wed., 22nd Sep. <i>Matthew (tr)</i>	12 noon Said Eucharist	
Thu., 23rd Sep.	9.15am Duke of Norfolk School Collective Worship 2.30pm Study Group: 'A Heart for Mission' 3	
Sat., 25th Sep.	2pm to 4pm church open	
Sun., 26th Sep. <i>17th after Trinity</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist	<i>James 5.1-13</i> <i>Mark 9.38-end</i>
Tue., 28th to Thu., 30th Sep	Clergy Conference	
Wed., 29th Sep. <i>Michael and All Angels</i>	12 noon Said Eucharist 7.30pm PCC meeting	
Thu., 30th Sep.	9.15am Duke of Norfolk School Collective Worship 2.30pm Study Group: 'A Heart for Mission' 4	

Other services are also available on Sundays:

- A Service of the Word to say at home sent by e-mail and available [online](#).
- A 'family friendly' service to say at home available [online](#).

Throughout the Week:

- Morning Prayer, Prayer During the Day, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer are available from the Church of England for use at home [online](#).
- Or join the Revd Claire Mitchell [online](#) on Wednesdays and Sundays at 8am for Morning Prayer.