

# Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

## Newsletter: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### A Message from Our Priest-in-Charge

Our focus in the Newsletters during the Season of Creation – 1<sup>st</sup> September (*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*) to 4<sup>th</sup> October (*Feast of St Francis of Assisi*) – is on what Pope Francis calls ‘our common home’. He accuses humankind of causing harm to our common home through irresponsible use and abuse of the goods which God has provided us. It is as if humankind has forgotten the intrinsic link between human life and our common home: our bodies are made from elements of our common home, we breathe the air of our common home, we receive refreshment from the water of our common home, we eat the produce of our common home. The spiritual sickness experienced by humankind – alienation from God – is reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, the water, the air and in all forms of life. As the Apostle Paul writes, the whole creation has been groaning (Romans 8.22) as it waits for the reconciliation of all things through Christ (Colossians 1.20).

*The Revd Dr David Mundy*

### Praying for Ourselves: Our Common Home

As you created humankind according to your likeness,  
so help us, like you, to see the goodness of creation.  
May we see ourselves as part of a greater whole,  
and remember our duty of care towards the earth.  
Help us to live in balance rather than conflict,  
to treat the material world with gentleness,  
and to nurture the things around us.

*Diocesan Environment Task Group  
Diocese of Newcastle*

### Caring for Our Common Home: the churchyard

One of the ways in which we are caring for our common home is through our management of the churchyard.

According to the [Wildlife Trusts](#), unlike the familiar bumblebee and honeybee, most bees do not make colonies but are solitary. The female spends most of her life searching for suitable nesting sites. Some species will nest in holes in the ground, while others will look for old beetle holes or hollow stems in which to lay their eggs. Solitary bees are important pollinators.

To encourage bees to nest a 'bee hotel' has been constructed and sited in the churchyard.



## A Heart for Mission: Study Group

At the second meeting of the study group 'A Heart for Mission' on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in church we focus on the second Mark of Mission:

- *to teach, baptise and nurture new believers*

The second Mark of Mission uses the words of Jesus in Matthew 28.19, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. The task for the Church is to help new believers to grow in their faith and understanding so that together we are continually being transformed into the likeness of Christ, adopting a distinctively Christian ethic and taking our unique place in the community of believers. But for many people, the Sunday sermon is the only Christian teaching in the week.

Printed copies of the study guide 'A Heart for Mission' will be available at the meeting of the Study Group. The study guide can also be [downloaded](#).

## Caring for Our Common Home: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark of Mission

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

*Is the teaching and nurturing that is being provided equipping Christians and the Christian community to respond to the challenges and dilemmas that the ecological crisis presents? Are we able to articulate a scriptural response, or our ethical responsibilities? Are we being helped to relate our faith to actions such as reducing carbon or plastic usage? Is environmental responsibility being taught as part of Christian distinctiveness? There are many ways this might be achieved, for example through liturgy, preaching, and small groups.*

## Our Common Home: in our worship

The display of flowers in church buildings is one way to bring the beauty of our common home into our worship of the God who creates and sustains our common home, and who through Christ reconciles all things in our common home. Flowers remind us that we worship an extravagant God:

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;  
they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even  
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one  
of these.

*Matthew 6.29 // Luke 12.27*



And they are a reminder of our own mortality:

As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

*Psalms 103.16*

To help us decorate the church building for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October) and the Patronal Festival (Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October), you may wish to make financial donations to the 'Flower Fund'. Please put donations in an envelope clearly marked 'Flower Fund'.

## Calendar for September

Sat., 11th Sep.	2pm to 4pm church open	
Sun., 12th Sep.	10.30am Said Eucharist	<i>James 3.1-12</i>
15th after Trinity		<i>Mark 8.27-end</i>
Tue., 14th Sep.	12.15pm Funeral: John Higginbottom RIP	

Wed., 15th Sep. <i>Holy Cross Day (tr)</i>	12 noon Said Eucharist  'Peace and Quiet' sent by e-mail and available to <a href="#">download</a> 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
Sun., 19th Sep. <i>16th after Trinity</i>	10.30am Said Eucharist <i>James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a</i> <i>Mark 9.30-37</i>  12.30pm Baptism
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>
Mon., 27th Sep.	9.3am Glossopdale Incumbents meeting
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](#).
- BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am Sunday Worship.
- Available from 9am an [online](#) service from the Church of England.
- BBC 1 / BBC 2 at 1.15pm Songs of Praise.

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.

[Newsletter and Details of Services: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021](#)