**Sunday 31st August 2025 Creation Tide**

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness

**Genesis 1:26-31**

26 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ 29 God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Colossians 1.15–20**

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers –

all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Matthew 25.14–30**

Jesus said to his disciples, 14 ‘The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” 21 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents;

see, I have made two more talents.” 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” 26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”’

#### Post Communion Prayer: Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE HAVEN BENEFICE OF SEAVIEW,** **ST HELEN’S,** **BRADING And YAVERLAND**

Providing a Spiritual Harbour for ALL

**Sunday 31st August Creation Tide**

10.00 Benefice Service, St Helen’s

**Tuesday 2nd September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 3rd September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 7th September**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s

18.00 Sung Eucharist, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 10th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Thursday 11th September**

11am MU Sung Eucharist, St Peter’s

**Sunday 14th September**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

**Tuesday 16th September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 17th September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 21st September**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s (Harvest)

11.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s (Harvest)

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St Peter’s are holding a **Coffee Morning** on Sat 6th September from 10am in the Undercroft. All are welcome for coffee, cakes and a chat.

The next **Jumble Sale** at St Mary’s is on Saturday 6th Sept from 2pm. Jumble can be left from 11am. There will also be refreshments, cakes and a raffle. Entry 20p.

**Confirmation preparation:** Rev Karen and Rev Bevaly are leading a day of preparation for confirmation on Sat 13th September in St Mary’s Church hall. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact either one.

Revd. Karen is leading an **Intercessions Preparation Session** on Saturday 20th September at 10am at The Vicarage: This will equip intercession leaders with the tools and inspiration to write and deliver those prayers.

A **session for all who currently read, or are interested in reading, during services** will be held on September 20th at 2pm in St Helen’s Church. It will provide guidance on vocal projection, pacing, understanding the text, and conveying its meaning with appropriate emotion, to the glory of God and the enrichment of the worship.

There will be a **Joint benefice PCC meeting** on Thurs. 18th September 2025 at 6pm in St Mary’s church hall

Also a **Ministry Team/CW meeting to finalize Advent and Christmas Worship Rota** onWednesday 24th September at 2pm in St Catherine’s Chapel

Thank you, and well done, to all those who came and helped build the **scarecrow at St Mary’s Church**. We won 1st prize in the Group section! Presentations will be made at the end of September.

**The September issue of our parish magazine,** 'What's On', is now out, and copies are at the back of each church, price 60p. For a subscription of just £6 p.a. it can be delivered to your door, thanks to our amazing band of volunteers! Contact Paul or Mary Jackson on 872326 to get set up.

On Saturday 13th September the **Brading Bellringers** are holding a **Barbecue** at St. Mary's Church Hall, starting at 5pm. Adults £7 under 16's £4. Please contact Marghanita at bradingbells@hotmail.com for more information and to book. Then on Saturday 27th September **Vectis Brass are in concert at St. Mary's starting at 7.30pm**, refreshments and raffle during the interval and retiring collection in aid of Bell Restoration Appeal.

**A Poem for Creation Tide**

The boundless hand that spun the vibrant sphere,

Did paint the skies with azure, deep and wide,

And bid the mountains in their might appear,

While verdant plains stretched out on every side.

The feathered choir, their joyful carols raise,

The ocean's depths, a mystery untold,

Each living thing, in myriad, wondrous ways,

A testament to beauty, brave and bold.

Yet Man, oft straying from this grand design,

Hath wrought disquiet, marred this sacred art,

With careless hand, ignored the truth divine,

And left a wound upon creation's heart.

Oh, let us then, with contrite spirit turn,

And peace with all God's living wonders learn.