# NEWS AND EVENTS





"Eco Church is a scheme to help church communities improve their Environmental impact.

A Rocha has developed Eco Church, an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth."

### Eco Church - Action for the Season of Creation:

The Eco Group has suggested that we build up a huge collage on the notice board in the hall and also create a collection of pictures which can be shown on our screen, celebrating signs of God's creation all around us. Please can you take a photo of somewhere or something that reminds you of this: maybe your garden, a plant in your kitchen, trees in the local park, a holiday view, your pet, etc and then send that to Peter. Alternatively please bring in a photo, a cutting from a paper or magazine, a poem and leave these on the welcome desk.

We would be so pleased if as many people as possible could contribute to this.

#### Creationtide is here!

The Church of England describes this season of the church's year as a time 'dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life'. It is celebrated throughout the world and this year's theme is Peace with Creation. As one of the international steering group said this week, 'As Christians we cannot stay silent' - we can't stay silent about the dreadful damage being done to our planet nor about the horror of wars in which thousands of God's children are dying and being injured whilst the countryside is being ravaged and animals destroyed. We can add our voices to others who are seeking peace and restoration for people and the planet.

It is also really important that we use this time to look anew at the beauty of God's creation and to express our gratitude for the wonders around us. In this way we will find hope - hope to strengthen us in caring for all creation.

The Action for the Month suggests one way of doing this.

## St Luke's - Coffee & Craft Morning

Bring your craft with you and we will provide the warm space, friendly chat and a hot drink.

Every Wednesday from 10:30-12pm



### Bible Study at St Luke's

We are back from the 12th September and looking at Galatians.

Same place and time - Thursday's at 6:30pm, St Luke's Church Hall.

All welcome, no prior knowledge needed and we can give you a Bible if you need one.

#### Harvest Flowers at St Thomas'

If you would like to make a donation for Flowers in memory of loved ones – Please see Christina







## Harvest Festival 28th September at St Thomas'

As usual we would be very grateful for donations of tinned or dried food, which will be given to the Booth Centre, which does such positive work with people who are homeless. We will also have a collection for Water Aid - a charity we have regularly supported. Their aim is that —

'Together, with your help, we'll keep working until everyone, everywhere has clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene'

- There are still millions of children without access to clean drinking water, toilets, washing facilities, so every donation, however small, makes a huge difference.

## **Team Sunday Notices**

Any items/articles to be published on the Team Newssheet, please send them by Thursday, am of each week to: John McKenna on: oscar701@sky.com