

# 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 have now finished Hebrews and what an amazing study that was! We will be back to it on 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



#### **Afghanistan Earthquake - Emergency Appeal**

You will have seen the dreadful effect of the earthquake, which hit a remote and poor area of Afghanistan on Monday. Aid is desperately needed as at least 800 have died, many are injured, homes have collapsed with people trapped under the rubble etc. Christian Aid works with a partner agency which is already involved in that area so is well placed to assist with the relief effort. They have asked if churches would put out an appeal for any donations, so there is a bucket at the back of church, with Emergency Appeal envelopes there. If you prefer to donate via the church account, please use 'C.A.Appeal' as your reference. If you can Gift Aid any donations it would be really helpful. Any donation, however small, will help people in such dire need. Thank you.

#### ***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](mailto:oscar701@sky.com)