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Articles for the **October 2026** edition of the magazine to be handed in by **14th** September. **Please send articles to the magazine email address above.**

The team welcomes articles for future editions of the magazine. The Editorial Team reserves the right to decline to publish any item or to amend or shorten material. Opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors, not necessarily those of the PCC, or the editorial Team.

Knocking on Doors

The Revd Ted Barker, now passed on to greater things, often helped out at Crosscrake. He was, before retirement, a vicar at Windermere, Troutbeck, in Barrow and on the west coast. I well remember him talking about knocking on doors when he was a parish priest. There are always those doors you fervently hope will not be opened, so he claimed to knock with a feather duster so his knock was inaudible.

I know the feeling well. It is those folk who you know will be disputing everything you said in your last sermon, those whose pet scheme the PCC will never adopt, those more biblically literate than you are (often in my case), those whose daughter has been sent to prison, and of course the terminally ill and bereaved. What on earth am I going to say that will encourage their Christian faith? How on earth can I give support? I too often wish for that feather duster.

I think that I have only once had a very aggressive response to my door knocking – that door was quickly shut in my face. And yes, the rejection did hurt. But what is amazing is the way that I have been welcomed in to so many homes, whatever dire situation the people behind that door may have been facing.

You may not be into pastoral door knocking yourself, but you are all in the business of living out your daily Christian lives. There are so many potentially uncomfortable encounters along the way, but why not try jumping in rather than using avoidance tactics.

I have always found that words come which move the conversation forward. Somewhere, somehow the Holy Spirit sees me through.

I know that Ted was a wonderfully supportive parish priest. And I never did really believe that he used the feather duster tactic. But it does reflect our human condition of running away from conflict. Be brave, just knock, or say hello how are you and keep the conversations flowing.

God bless,

Rev. Terry Wilcock St Thomas's Church Crosscrake

Reflections from Holy Island

Today I visited Holy Island for the first time with my son, Leo. We began at St Mary's Church, where I lit a candle in memory of my mum. From there, we walked out to St Cuthbert's Isle.

Knowing something of St Cuthbert's story made the walk particularly meaningful. He sought solitude and a life of prayer and contemplation, stepping away from the noise and demands of everyday life.

On the rocks near the highest point of the isle, we found a small plaque with the words from Psalm 93:

"Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty."

Beneath it were the simple words: "God is always greater than all of our troubles."

As we sat there in the sun, we could hear the waves below us and were lucky enough to see some seals playing in the sea. Leo absolutely loved it. We sat for quite some time, watching them dive beneath the water and trying to spot them when they popped up again.

For me, though, it became a moment of personal reflection too. My corporate life can bring plenty of pressure, long hours, travel and constant demands, so having the chance simply to stop felt particularly important and meaningful.

The words on that plaque seemed particularly fitting. God is always greater than all of our troubles. Sometimes we need to slow down enough to remember that.

We may not all be called to the solitude St Cuthbert sought, but perhaps we can all find moments to step away from the noise and make space for

reflection and rest.

For me, Holy Island offered one of those moments today. One of the greatest gifts was simply sitting beside my son, on that little island in the North Sea, watching the seals and marvelling at such a beautiful and holy place.

Stuart Game

Space to Breathe

Monthly Sunday evenings 6pm at St Mark's Church Natland. Starting 7th June.

Life can feel busy and noisy. Space to Breathe is a new informal monthly gathering offering time to slow down, reflect and reconnect with God and one another.

Through music, quiet reflection, conversation and prayer, we'll explore themes of courage, compassion, gentleness and everyday faith.

No experience or background expected — simply come as you are.

To find out more email revbgibbs@outlook.com

The next meeting is Meeting is on Wednesday 16th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Talk entitled 'Flowers on the Farm' by Lauren Dixon

Competition - A wildflower picture

All new members welcome



St Matthew -Apostle and Gospel writer

Matthew (also called Levi) was the tax collector who was called by Jesus to leave his desk. 'Follow Me' said Jesus and Matthew just left his work and followed Him. (Matt. Ch.9v9, Mark Ch.2v14 and Luke Ch5v27) We learn Matthew was the son of Alpheus and he was working as a tax collector in Capernaum. He was despised because of his job working for the Roman occupying force.

Matthew started out as a hated public sinner, often banned from community worship and considered an enemy of the people. Jesus looks him in the eye and Matthew immediately leaves everything to join the apostles. Matthew saw that Jesus loved and wanted him. Jesus then eats with Matthew and other tax collectors causing anger from the Pharisees. He tells them 'I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance'. (MattCh9v13). Jesus preached love of our enemies and those who harm us. He said, 'For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?' (Matt.Ch5v47) Jesus, in calling Matthew, showed outward appearance does not matter – Matthew responded to His call and so was forgiven.

Matthew is named in the New Testament as one of Jesus' twelve apostles and the gospel according to Matthew was attributed to him by the early Church. Matthew witnessed Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. His gospel is often considered to be written by a Jew for Jewish people, perhaps because it has many references to Jewish culture and the Old Testament. Matthew wanted to convince readers that Jesus was the Messiah who would fulfil His kingdom in a spiritual way. This differed from the current expectation of a militant messiah leading a rebellion against the Romans.

It is thought Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic many years after Christ's death in the hope his fellow people would be convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. Around 42AD Matthew may have left Israel to escape persecution and some legends suggest he fled to Persia or Ethiopia. One record suggests that he was martyred in 70AD in Ethiopia.

We celebrate St. Matthew's day on 21st September.

Why did Matthew write his gospel. Church Times. 23/12/22

Understanding Caravaggio's 'Calling of St. Matthew ' Youtube 15/9/24

The calling of Matthew www.standrewsenfield.com 25/5/21

From Heather Worsley



Helm Mission Community Environmental Group Meeting

Caring for God's Creation

The Helm Mission Community Environment Group gathers every month at a different church to pray, share, act and learn about our responsibility as Christians to love and care for God's Creation.

The next meeting is on September, 26th and is a cake sale at Kendal Parish Church in aid of Fairtrade.

Everyone welcome - any age. No expertise or special knowledge needed - just a love for our planet and nature. We meet at 10am for refreshments, then pray and learn together between 10.30am and noon.

Just turn up on the day or speak to Rev Lucy revlucyfoster@gmail.com

Reflections on the Parish Giving Scheme

"This month a member of the Parish Giving scheme shares some of the questions that he'd asked himself to help him reflect and see God's generosity, because sometimes we can rush past the countless ways God provides, sustains, comforts and blesses us.

Take a few moments to reflect:

What are you most grateful for this summer?

Where have you experienced unexpected kindness or encouragement?

What signs of God's provision have you noticed in your daily life?

How have you experienced rest, renewal or joy?

In what ways might God be inviting you to share His generosity with others?

Perhaps you might spend some time sitting quietly with a cup of tea, walking in the countryside, or simply looking out of a window, and offering thanks to God for the gifts you notice.

May this season remind us that every good gift comes from God, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude as we recognise His abundant blessings.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

Grant Forrest Chief Executive Officer

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From Hilda Walker

You are invited to join us for Worship at Kendal Care Home

Thursday 3rd of September at 3p.m. - Hymns and Readings

Thursday 10th of September at 3p.m.- Holy Communion

Thursday 17th September at 3p.m. – Hymns & Readings

Thursday 24th September at 3p.m. – Hymns & Readings

Thursday 1st October 3p.m. - Hymns and Readings

Come and join us. All are very welcome.



MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers Union meeting on Thursday, 3rd September will be in St Mark's Church at 2.00pm when the Brukelele Band from the Brewery will entertain us.- with refreshments to follow.

This will be an open meeting and if any of the congregation would like to come and hear the band play, you will be very welcome.

'Walk & Talk'

There will be no Walk & Talk in September but will be recommencing on Wednesday 7th October outside the Church at 10.30 with Reverend Becky.



How to use your Bible.

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6, 19-34
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you are feeling low, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
When doubts come upon you, try John 7, 17.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.
When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.
When you feel down and out, read Romans 8, 31-39
When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11. 25-30
When you want Christian assurance, read Romans 8, 1-30
When you leave home, read Psalm 121
When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13
When your prayers grow selfish read Psalm 67.
When you think of investments, read Mark 10, 17-31W
If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.
For Paul's secret of happiness, read Colossians 3, 12-17
For Paul's idea of Christianity, read 2 Corinthians 5, 15-19
For Paul's rules for daily life, read Romans 12.
For a great invitation and opportunity, read Isaiah 55.
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.
For James' idea of religion, read James 1. 19-27
For Jesus' idea of prayer. read Luke 11, 1-13
For a picture of worship, read Isaiah 58, 1-12
For the prophet's idea of religion, read Isiaah 1, 10-18
Why not follow Psalm 119, 11 and hide some of these in your memory?

From Norma and Paul Singleton

Close Quarters Acopella folk singing
Saturday 26 September at 7pm at St Mark's

£10 entry on the door (Cash preferred!)

Close Quarters, Steve & Sandra Harrison from Staveley with Jen Wilson, will be bringing us Folk Songs in harmony. This popular harmony trio give audiences plenty opportunities to sing with them. Expect trad, gospel, maritime and original songs.

When, after an interval, they will be joined by Maggie and John Stockdale, from Underbarrow, they will become All at Sea bringing us songs of the river or sea, mostly shanties. Great choruses. Lots to join in with. Great fun, great songs!

The profits will be split between Church funds and Paddlers for Life.

Paddlers for life, Windermere. (CIO) Number 1200841

This charity works to relieve sickness and protect and preserve good health for persons facing cancer, in particular but not exclusively breast cancer, or persons in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness, within Cumbria and Lancashire, by providing or assisting in the provision for physical activity and recreation, notably dragon boating.

The members are people who have been treated for cancer, most often breast cancer, or family members and friends or other supporters.

Please support this special event!



CHURCH CLEANING



Bill and Linda Wood 5th September

Martin and Elspeth Jayne 12th September

Joyce and Roy Watkinson 19th September

Tony and Liz Bontoft 26th September

Thank you to everyone who keeps the Church sparkling clean throughout the year. Elspeth Jayne 015395 60942

Coffee every Thursday morning



It might be that some readers of this magazine would like to know a bit more about this midweek opportunity!

Coffee is served every Thursday morning in the Church at about 10.30. This occurs after the 10am Holy Communion Service and is open to all, whether they have attended the service or not.

Kind volunteers serve this and there is the chance to sit down and have a chat.

Every now and again there is a bigger '**Coffee morning**'. These coffee mornings are part of our fund-raising efforts, either for church funds or for a particular charity, and another opportunity to welcome others into the church.

At these coffee mornings, you can expect extra tables in the body of the church, freshly brewed 'real' coffee, homemade biscuits, a raffle, a cake stall and, possibly, merchandise from the charity.

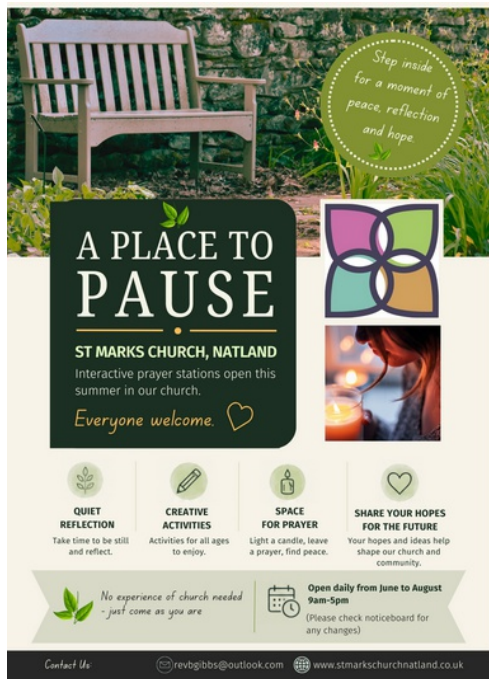
The next fundraising coffee morning is

September 17 in aid of Church Funds

From Miggy Scott

NATLAND CRAFT GROUP

All are invited to join the Natland Craft
Group which
re-starts after the summer break September 2nd
Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Bring your craft and enjoy the company



This summer our churches will be hosting a series of interactive prayer stations called A Place to Pause with spaces for reflection, prayer, creativity, and conversation. Across four themes — Follow Daily, Speak Boldly, Care Deeply, and Tread Gently — visitors of all ages are invited to explore what faith, hope, community and care for creation mean for us in everyday life. Each church will offer simple activities, such as thoughts to ponder or opportunities to leave a prayer and ways to share hopes and ideas for the future of our churches and communities. You are warmly invited to pause, step inside and add your voice to the conversation - whether you come to church regularly, occasionally, or are simply curious. Starting from 1st June, everyday in Crosscrake, Natland and New Hutton, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Old Hutton.

Reverend Becky Gibbs
Vicar of the Benefices of Crosscrake, Natland, and Old Hutton and New Hutton
07460990631 My rest day is Saturday and occasionally Friday

I've recently had to give up work due to a back injury and I'm worried about how I'm going to cope with the drop in income. I'm not sure what benefits I can get - where should I start?

To get started, you can use an online benefits calculator, using the details of your current income and expenditure, which will provide a quick idea of what benefits and other financial help you might be eligible for.

The main benefit available for most people of working age over 18 is Universal Credit if you have less than £16,000 in savings. If you're finding it difficult to work because of your injury, you might get more Universal Credit or not have to look for work. Inform the Department for Work and Pensions that you have a health condition when you claim and submit a fit note.

You might be entitled to other benefits. Disability benefits such as Personal Independence Payment aren't means-tested. You may also be entitled to the new-style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). If you pay council tax, you might be able to get a reduction in your bill. There is also help available if you still don't have enough money to live on, from the government, your local council or a charity.

You can get information on all these topics on the Citizens Advice website. And if you're still not sure, remember you don't have to face this alone – contact South Lakes Citizens Advice. Our advisers can help to check what benefits and financial support you might be entitled to, and help you find a way forward.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems.

New opening hours:

**Tuesday - Drop in at Wainwright's Yard, Kendal 10am - 1pm,
last client at 12.45**

Wednesday - Pre-booked appointments

Thursday - Pre-booked appointments

Adviceline: 0808 278 7984

Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133

Universal Credit Helpline: 0800 328 5644



Natland Lunch Club

The Punch Bowl, Barrows Green

Enjoy a catch up with friends and a freshly cooked two course meal at a reasonable price every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 noon. Booking is essential.

Gentle Exercise Classes

Natland Village Hall every Monday at 2pm – 3pm except the 3rd Monday of the month.

Endmoor Village Hall every Tuesday at 10.30 – 11.30am

Stay active and healthy with simple exercises aimed at improving your mobility and fitness. All welcome, no need to book.

For more information or to book a lunch please call our admin team on 01539 728118 or email admin@ageuksouthcumbria.org.uk

Fellas Concert

Thank you to Fellas for a very enjoyable and varied concert on Saturday 25th July, and to everyone who helped in any way before, during and after the concert. Fellas kindly gave a donation of £200 for the use of the Church. It was lovely to see Church so full for the evening and we look forward to welcoming Fellas for a return visit in the future. One item in the programme was an unpublished poem by a choir member reproduced here with his permission.

Natland One Mile

I imagine the people of Natland
Straight and tall as hatstands
Strong as double-fisted backhands
Deft and decisive as cat's hands,
Facing North, their backs tanned
Natural inheritors of the flat lands.

On a village green there is no bandstand
But children showing off their handstands
Grinning upside down as bats hang
Then running off to clap hands
Childishly happy to grandstand
Natural inheritors of the flat lands.

And now the houses have their fronts and backs scanned
By estate agents calculating tax bands
Painting pictures with quite lax hands
Presenting details with facts banned
The new inheritors of the flat lands?

But the river still flows past Natland
And grass banks nourish fat lambs

Life courses through present and past land
Making its first and last stand
Before seeping into Morecambe's sodden slap sands
The ultimate inheritor of the flat lands south of the hills.

Steven Hirst

From Hilary Atkinson



Easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Mark's Church with easyfundraising?

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Amazon, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarkschurchnatland/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free, or scan the QR code above
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to St Mark's Church at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mark's Church will be very grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



Follow the Galvanised Gates

A new footpath has appeared between Little Cracalt and Hawes Lane. It's a variation of the path which is a public right of way through Cracalt Farm buildings, but now there is this new permissive path following a similar route.

First you turn off the Sedgwick Road just beyond Appletree School. Then you turn first right up a little lane just beyond Little Cracalt. It has been newly restored by the Highways Authority and the hazardous bridge and stone stile have gone. You then bear right, (ignoring the wooden stile) and go through your first galvanised gate and then another one on your left. Enter the field and you can see

another gate across the field, and then



another across the next field.

The third field you cross diagonally right towards the canal bridge where you can emerge onto Hawes Lane. You could turn left and walk along the old canal at this point too. This isn't signposted at the moment though the route you've just come along is.

So it's possible to make the route longer or just take a short circular route to and from the village now, in either direction.

From Elspeth Jayne



Follow Daily Care Deeply
Speak Boldly Tread Gently



King's food bank

Donations are always welcome

We are currently asking for:-

Cheese

Sugar and coffee

butter/margarine

tuna, corned beef, spam and other

tinned meats

gravy granules

honey

olive oil

evaporated or UHT milk (green top)

Custard

Tinned fruit

deoderants and toothpaste (male and
female)

laundry liquid tablets

Washing-up liquid

tin foil

toilet rolls

carrier bags for wrapping food parcels

**Please note we have enough tea,
beans,pasta and rice at the moment.**

Thankyou.

*Manna House, The Stephenson centre,
Ann street, Kendal, LA9 6AA*

The Kings Food Bank thank us for our gifts of food throughout the year.

According to the website the following items would be particularly welcome:

instant pasta

instant noodles

instant mash

UHT semi-skimmed milk

large tins of vegetables (eg.
carrots, sweetcorn)

sponge puddings

Custard

crisps

Please leave any donations of food in the box in the porch. The box is emptied each Monday (except bank holidays).

We hope that one day the food bank will no longer be needed, however looking back over the past months and years know that this is not going to happen soon.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Harvest Sunday 11th October

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Saturday 10th October. Extra help is needed from 10.00 am if you would like to join the team for what is always an enjoyable morning. Gifts of autumn flowers and foliage, fruit and vegetables appreciated please.

Thank you. Jenny
(015395 60512 or jennyann...@gmail.com)

Harvest Supper
Sunday 11 October @ 6pm
Bring and share buffet in Church
£5.00 Children free
All profits to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal



Please save the date. More details next month's magazine

BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL

In aid of Christian Aid in Burkina Faso and CMS in Northern Argentina.

Home Communion or Visit

If you are at home and for whatever reason, not back to church yet or out and about as much as you would like to be we can arrange for a service of Holy Communion in your own home. Please just contact a member of the Ministry Team to request this or indeed just a visit. (contact details on inside cover)



Keep in touch

St Mark's Church Website

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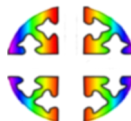
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Facebook page:

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For more Natland News visit:

www.natlandnews.blogspot.co.uk



From the Registers

Funerals:- Cremations

10th July Janice Hornby

22nd July Keith Dawson



"When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:4-6

'Nothing can separate us from the love of God'

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used postage stamps are always welcome for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Please cut a 1cm border around the stamps before placing in the box at the back of Church or left in the porch.

Thankyou, Elizabeth Chandler



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Sharing memories of Natland
from the past to present day

Find us on

Natland past and present

www.facebook.com/groups/natlandpastandpresent

St Mark's Church

If you would like to give a donation to St Mark's Church there are several ways in which this can be done:

Write a cheque to 'St Mark's Church Natland' and send it to '**The Treasurer c/o The Vicarage, 18 St Mark's Fold, Natland LA9 7QU**'

Leave a donation on the collection plate by the font at the beginning or end of services

Use our contactless machine at services or events

Make an online donation (quoting your name) to:

HSBC Bank, 64 Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4TF

Sort Code 40-26-02 Account Number 61594214

Account Name St Marks Church Natland

Ask about setting up a regular standing order.

All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.



For more Natland News visit:

www.natlandnews.blogspot.co.uk

Why not also visit <https://>

www.stmarkschurchnatland.co.uk/

10am on Tuesdays at Crosscrake Church

Our free all-age community drop-in continues providing a friendly space for anyone needing a break or some company for a couple of hours. We've loved welcoming around thirty people so far from all parts of our community and aged from a few months to 90-something to share cuppas, and conversation (and play!). Healthy snacks are provided for young children alongside cakes and biscuits. The kettle's always on so please join us in the Community Hub between 10am and noon on Tuesdays.



Jams & plants

We are very grateful to all who support our church porch sales and to those who keep the porch well stocked with plants and different kinds of produce.



Mini Marks Toddler Group

Wednesdays from 9-11am
in term-time

St Mark's CofE School Hall
Enter by the hall door please.
£2 per adult.



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Season of Creation: Treading Gently

From 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world celebrate the **Season of Creation** – a time to give thanks for the gift of our world, to recognise the ways in which creation is under pressure and to consider how we might live more gently upon the earth.

The Season of Creation seems particularly appropriate here in Cumbria. Across much of Europe, the recent heatwave has brought a stark reminder of the reality of climate change, with extreme temperatures creating danger to life and placing serious pressure on farming and food production. Cumbria has not been affected as severely as some other parts of Europe and the UK, but we are not immune to these changes, and their impact on our countryside, wildlife and farming communities remains a concern.

One of the four themes of our diocesan *God for All* vision is **Tread Gently**. It reminds us that the earth is not simply something given to us to use but God's creation of which we are part. To tread gently is to live with gratitude, humility and care, remembering that our choices affect both our neighbours and generations yet to come.

The Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book offers prayers from Christians around the world, encouraging us to notice, appreciate and care for creation. Perhaps, during this Season of Creation, we might make space simply to stop, look and listen and give thanks for the beauty of the world around us.

A prayer of wonder

Creator God,
we thank you for the beauty of your creation:
for trees and flowers, birds and animals,
for hills and rivers, rain and sunshine,
and for the extraordinary gift of life.

Give us eyes to see the beauty we so easily overlook,
ears to hear the songs of creation,

and hearts filled with gratitude.

Inspire in us a spirit of awe,
that our gratitude may lead us to care.
Amen.

PRAYER PAGE

Inspired by the Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book.

A prayer for living gently

Creator God,

you have entrusted this beautiful world to our care.

Forgive us for the ways in which we have damaged
the earth and its creatures.

Teach us to live more simply,
to make wise choices,
and to care for the world we share.

Help us to tread gently,
to care for the places where we live,
to protect the creatures with whom we share them,
and to remember those who will come after us.

May our prayer become action
and our gratitude become care.
Amen.

Inspired by prayers for ecological conversion in the Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book.

Further prayers for creation:

www.laudatosimovement.org/prayer-book/

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Services	Readers	Readings	Sidespeople
<u>6th September (Trinity 14)</u> 10am Holy Communion	Collin Mansfield Di Outhwaite	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Di Outhwaite Miggy Scott
<u>13th September (Trinity 15)</u> 10am Holy Communion	Gill Pilling Mike Trelogan	Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35	Liz Bontoft Tony Bontoft
<u>20th September (Trinity 16)</u> 10am Holy Communion	Pam Noonan Roy Watkinson	Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16	Paul Singleton Jenny Kelly
<u>27th September (Trinity 17)</u> 10am Holy Communion	Hilary Atkinson Martin Jayne	Exodus 17:1-7 Matthew 21:23-32	Stuart Game Penny Day
<u>4th October (Trinity 18)</u> 10am Holy Communion	Miggy Scott David Smethurst	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Matthew 21:33-end	John Miller Shirley Miller
Every Thursday there is a said Holy Communion Service at 10am			