
Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: September 2026

The Collect for Creation in Christ

Almighty God,
you created the heavens and the earth
and all that is in them:
grant that we, who are made in your image
and entrusted with this fragile world,
may serve you as faithful stewards
and care for the life of the earth;
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.
Amen.

(A Time for Creation)

Vicar's Voice

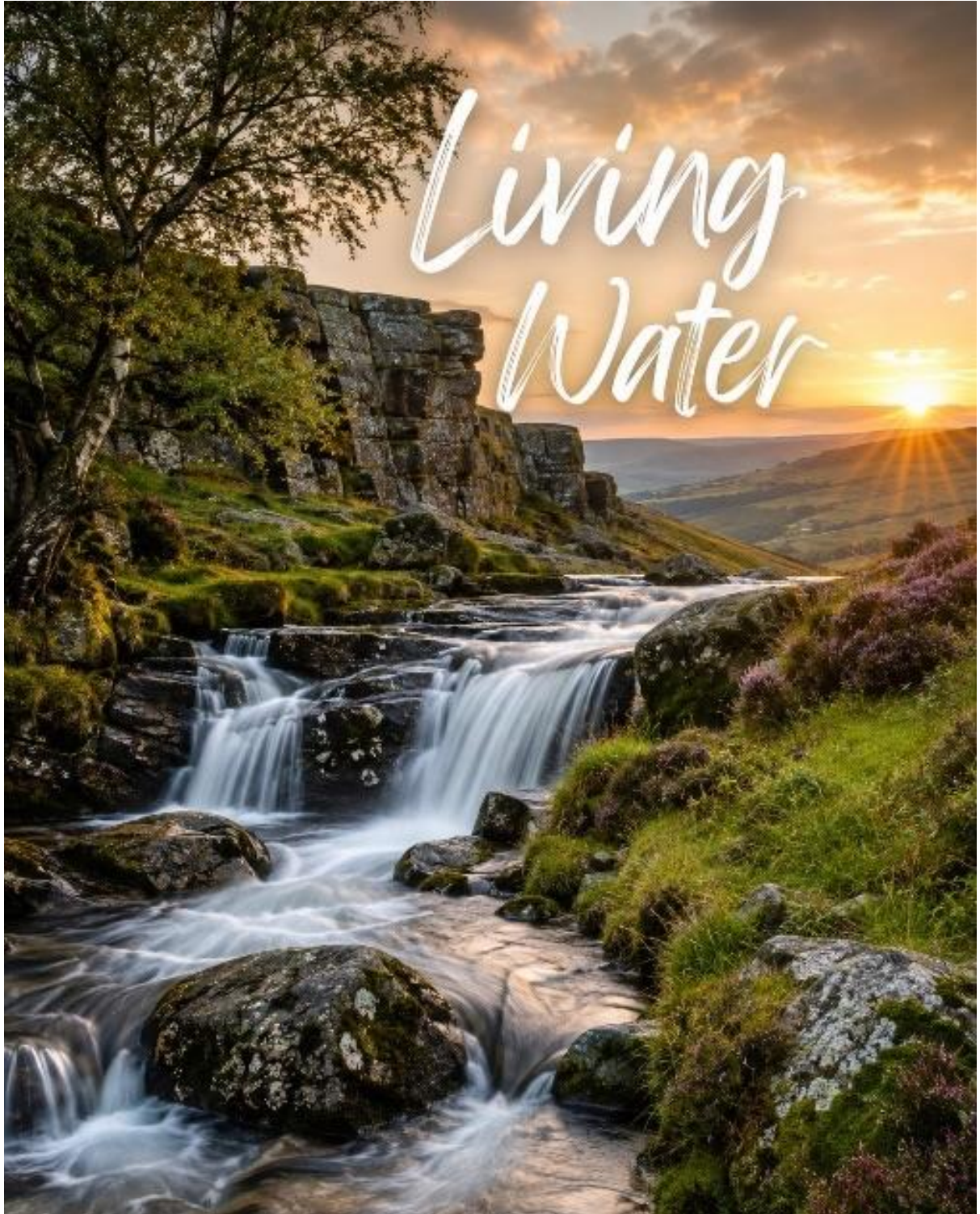
After a long, hot, dry summer, no doubt September will herald change. The light begins to soften, mornings feel cooler, and signs of autumn appear around us. Yet, in the busyness of everyday life, how often do we actually stop to notice?

The Season of Creation, celebrated each year from 1 September to 4 October, invites us to do just that: to pay attention to the wonderful world God has made and to consider our place within it.

It is easy to think of the world around us as something that belongs to us — something to use, enjoy and consume. But as is clear in the opening words of Psalm 24, 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it', creation belongs first to God. We are not its owners but its caretakers, called to tend and cherish what has been entrusted to us.

The Season of Creation, then, gives us an opportunity to recover our biblical vision. Caring for the earth is not an optional extra to Christian discipleship; it is an essential expression of our worship, gratitude and love.

And the Season of Creation also invites us to ask what our response should be. If creation is God's gift, how might we treat it with greater care? Perhaps we can waste a little less, walk a little more, grow something, support local producers, or simply become more mindful of what we consume.



Services

Sunday 6th September

10.30 am Family Eucharist — **Foodbank Sunday**

Thursday 10th September
10.30 am Mid-week Said Communion

Sunday 13th September
10.30 am Family Eucharist

Thursday 17th September
10.30 am Mid-week Said Communion

Sunday 20th September
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 24th August
10.30 am Mid-week Said Communion

Sunday 27th September
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Saturday Mornings
9.30 am Morning Prayer — All welcome

Sunday 4th October
10.30 am Harvest Festival

September Feast Days

September 3rd: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

September 5th: St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

September 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 29th: St. Michael and All Angels

Environmental days in September

Second Hand September & Organic September.

1st: World Day of Prayer for Creation

1st - 5th: Zero Waste Week
21st Sept - 4th October: Fairtrade Fortnight
16th: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone
20th: World Clean Up Day
National Back to Church Sunday - **September 20, 2026**
22nd: World Car Free Day
28th: World Rivers Day
19th - 28th: Great British Beach Clean

Our Journey Together

Bishop Jackie writes...

It has now been three months since Archbishop Sarah asked me to step in as Acting Bishop of Derby, to cover for Bishop Libby while she is off sick, and we continue to hold her in our prayers. While this role is temporary, and indeed I am only working part-time, it has still been a season of blessing and activity. It was a pleasure to join the Women in Ministry day at St Alkmund's in Derby in May, the first liturgical act in my ministry here in the Diocese, and to symbolically receive my mitre and crozier from those gathered.

I also had the privilege of ordaining five priests and three deacons, and licensing a priest from North India to serve in ministry in the Church of England in June. I enjoyed meeting with them individually before their ordinations, to hear the stories of their calling and how God in his faithfulness has drawn them to this point in their lives. I have already written about confirming four people at St John the Baptist in Tideswell in May, but I have also confirmed a further five in a service at St George's Ticknall in June.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome the Venerable Emma Sykes as Archdeacon of East Derbyshire. Emma brings much wisdom and experience to the role and to the team and it is very good to have her on board. Among all of these duties, I have been meeting with many of you in churches, parishes chaplaincies and communities, as well as diocesan colleagues at Church House.

It is perhaps no coincidence that my journey along the Camino coincided with this chapter of our diocesan life. On the sixth day, our last day of walking, our guide gave clear instructions – though we had walked at our own pace up until now, for the very last section of the day, the two miles into Santiago de Compostela, we would walk together. Our group had bonded, with deep conversations at times, and companionable silence at others. To arrive together, at our destination, was a moment of great joy, and tears – we had done it. We had come to the holy place. That evening many of us attended the

Pilgrims' Mass in the Cathedral – people of all nations and many languages, united in our worship and gratitude. A prayer at the end of the Mass was said in English: 'As you kept them safe on their Camino way, may you keep them safe on their journey home; may they live the gospel of Jesus as their Camino of life continues.'

As we journey together in the diocese for this season, may we, as God's pilgrim people, live the gospel of Jesus. With gratitude for our companionship and with prayers and blessings for the journey we share.

Bishop Jackie
The Rt Revd Jackie Searle Acting Bishop of Derby

Stand For Synod

General Synod is the national decision-making body of the Church of England. It brings together people from across the country to discuss important issues, shape policy, and make decisions about the future life and mission of the Church.

This year, elections are taking place for new members. Clergy and Laity who are passionate about the Church and would like to help represent the views of local churches at a national level are encouraged to stand.

Nominations open on 14 August 2026 and close on 7 September 2026.



Mother's Union News

Psalm 150

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

Mother's Union Derby diocese report

During August we have been celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union by reciting the Psalms across the diocese. We have finished today with Psalms leading up to Psalm 150.

With this great Psalm of praise, we give thanks for Mothers' Union, and for its founder, Mary Sumner, whose day we marked on the 9th August.
Loving God, we thank you for Mary Sumner's faithful vision.
Bless all who follow in her footsteps today.
Unite us in prayer, strengthen us in love, and guide us as we serve families and communities in your name. **Amen**

A Reflection on Mary Sumner

'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' – John 13:34
As we remember Mary Sumner, we're reminded that her legacy wasn't about keeping people in line with Victorian ideals and judgments, but about responding to real needs with love, faith, and courage. She saw the struggles of women and families in her time and chose not to stand by, but to act, offering practical help, spiritual support, and a place of belonging.

Mary wasn't trying to create copies of herself. She followed Christ's example and, in doing so, became a pioneer for social and spiritual change. That same Spirit that stirred her can stir us too, calling us to be Christ's hands and feet in our own communities.

It's easy to think we need to have all the answers or fit a certain mould to make a difference. But really, we're just called to love – to put Christ at the centre of all we do and let that love lead us.

So may we be encouraged by Mary's life, and step forward in faith, love, and action.
Lord, awaken in us the same compassion and courage that Mary Sumner showed. Help us to love as You have loved us. **Amen**

Lord of all, we bring to you our praise for the precious fellowship we share with our

members worldwide. We thank you for the blessing of our unity in vision and purpose. Bind us together in love and support as we uphold one another in prayer. You are invited to join Mothers' Union Midday Prayers every Friday, at 12:00 noon using Zoom. You can join a few minutes before the service.

If you would like to join this, please let me know.

Glossopdale Foodbank

As reported by Glossop Chronicle:

“Today we had two fantastic donations one from Glossop Parish Church and the other from Tintwistle and Glossop United Reformed Church. Our shelves are looking a little bare and these donations will really help.”

Foodbank Sunday the first Sunday of the month - collection basket at the church entrance.



Creation Season



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Our Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

Throughout the season, we'll be sharing reflections, resources and practical ways to get involved.

In particular, please note that we shall be doing a few things to mark Creation Season from 1 September to 4 October.

From the Feast of Christ in Creation, which is on Sunday 6 September, we shall be sending out a daily reflection (Monday to Saturday) on the theme of Living Water. I hope you will find these helpful.

In addition, there will be a weekly 'Pledge Card' during the Sundays in September, to encourage us to reflect on our use of water.

And thirdly, we shall meet in Glossop Church at 3pm on Saturday's in Creation Season, from Sunday 6 September, to walk to a place where there is water and have a short service asking for God's blessing on the water – returning for refreshments afterwards.

Bats that aren't in the Belfry!

Bats have been found in churchyards for a very long time, often roosting in trees or buildings. A bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts. There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK: eight of these use churches or chapels for roosting, including some of the less common species such as the Natterer's bat and the Serotine bat. Some of the remaining nine species roost in large trees.

Bats do not roost in the belfry ... too much noise! They usually use different roosts through the seasons. Bats need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime. They like to roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. They also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. When roosting in trees they use holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind ivy. Veteran trees are full of possible roosting places.

Churchyards tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are generally relatively free of chemicals, tend to have some areas which are not too tidy and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects which is food for the hungry bats.

Why not have a quiet sit in the churchyard at the end of the day, look to see if any swifts are swirling around the churchyard and then wait to see if any bats appear. Bats can fly long distances to forage for food so, even if you don't have roosting bats in your churchyard they may well come visiting.

The Bats in Churches project ran from 2019 to the end of October 2023 and their website batsinchurches.org.uk still holds a plethora of information and resources. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the partnership comprised Natural England, Church of England (Cathedral and Church Buildings Division), Historic England, Bat Conservation Trust and Churches Conservation Trust.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 will run from Monday, 21 September to Sunday, 4 October 2026. Under the ongoing "Do it Fair" theme, the two-week national event highlights trade justice, fair pay for producers, and the severe threats of climate change facing farmers in developing countries.

“When we listen to producers and farmers, what we hear is clear, fairness breaks down in three key places:

People - providing rights and safety at work
Planet - protecting the land producers depend on
Pay - earning enough to live well and plan for the future.

That's why our 2026 focus is simple: People. Planet. Pay. Do it Fair."

<https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/support-fairtrade/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html>

Fairtrade coffee mornings

Tea/coffee afternoon - **Glossop Parish Church** - Tuesday 23rd September

2.00-4.00pm

Coffee Morning - **Bradbury House** - Saturday 4th October - 10.00-12.00 noon

Heritage Open Days - Saturdays 12th and 19th September.

Church open from 10.00 - 2.00pm

An opportunity to look round Glossop Parish Church of All Saints, the original parish church for Glossop, to find out more about its history , and to learn how it contributes to the life of Glossopdale.

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints has been the site of Christian worship since the 11th century. The current structure is the result of a rebuilding programme which began in 1831 to replace a late medieval building and was completed in 1924 with the dedication of the Chancel.

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints received the Eco Church Gold Award in 2022 in recognition of the work undertaken to highlight how we seek to care for God's earth in different areas of our life and work including our worship, our management of the church building and adjoining churchyard, and engagement with both our local community and the wider world, and our lifestyle.

We are inviting the community to come and look at the exhibition of vestments and work that is ongoing in our churchyard.

From the archives – 663 years ago!

On a winter day shortly after Christmas in 1363 William de Bagshaw, a man in his early 40s called on Hugh Kinder, an old man who had cattle for sale. As he arrived Hugh was about to set out to go to Glossop. He had been asked to be godfather to John, son of John de Mellor. The boy had been born the previous day and the baptism was to take place at Glossop Parish Church. Hugh was keen not to lose the sale of his cattle and the pair began talking. By the time an agreement had been reached Hugh was late for church. The two men went to Glossop together but as they arrived at church, the parish priest Robert de Rossyndale had already baptised the baby and the service was nearly over. When Hugh had not arrived, the parents had asked Robert Hyde to be godfather in his place along with John Hally.

Hugh's son Thomas was also in church that day. He was there for the funeral of William de Walkeden who had recently been killed at Simmondley.

It sounds like historical fiction, but this is a factual account, a very rare one of its type, as such relatively trivial events are not usually chronicled.

We only know of these events because of a legal process, called a Proof of Age held two decades after the event.

John de Mellor had now died and John junior, the baptised baby needed to prove that he was over twenty-one years old in order to inherit. Because of the unusual circumstances of the day of the baptism William, Hugh, Thomas and John Hally were able to recall the details and affirm that John junior was indeed of full age.



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Glossop

Film screening and discussion with your
community

Victoria Hall Glossop Sunday 13th Sept.
13.30 ~ 15.30

www.nebriefing.org

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For the love of

Creator God,
You show us what love is
through the beauty of the earth
and the gift of your Son.

For the love of...
animal and plant
mountain and forest
sea and city
woman and man
friend and family
those who live far from us
and those yet to be born.

Move us to live more simply,
to protect the earth
and to speak up for those in need.
Amen.

Prayer: Sarah Hagger-Holt/CAFOD

For ***Peace and Quiet*** and more information of events, please visit:
[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.

Communication

How to contact us

Email - davidridley@btinternet.com

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A church near you - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286>

Facebook - Glossop Parish Church

Communication available

Weekly newsletter

Monthly newsletter

WhatsApp groups - Environmental concerns / Festive planning

A church near you - Peace and Quiet down loaded monthly.

Please contact us if you wish to receive either newsletter or you wish to join the

WhatsApp groups.

Easy fundraising

Help raise much needed funds for Glossop Parish Church.

When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=17040&invite=3B8ZBP&referral-campaign=c2s>

***Home Communion:** If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home, please contact a member of the ministry team.*

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