



***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026,  
Creationtide 1***

***Festival of Creation in Christ***

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Creationtide Holy Communion order of service.

Prayer ministry will be available during the distribution of Holy Communion. Our prayer ministry team is small at the moment. We are still committed to offering prayer and for the time being we will be using a short Celtic prayer for healing. Anyone is welcome to come and receive prayer.

*Opening Hymn: For the fruits of his creation  
Number 254 in Common Praise*

## *Collect*

Holy and eternal God,  
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,  
you are the Word through whom all things were made,  
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:  
draw us into the mystery of your love,  
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9*

<sup>7</sup> So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

## *Gradual hymn: For the beauty of the earth*

*Number 253 in Common Praise*

### *Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20*

<sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

### *Offertory Hymn: O God of boundless hope*

O God of boundless hope,  
we need your Spirit's power;  
creation's crisis deepens with  
each passing hour.  
So make us strong  
to speak your word,  
and make it heard,  
and right what's wrong.

Too many suffer now  
from fire and wind and rain,  
as livelihoods and homes are lost  
and hope seems vain.  
Will we ignore  
all those who strive  
just to survive,  
and close our door?

The world is changing fast  
and warming year by year;  
a tipping point is close,  
the time to act is here.  
We'll work and pray;  
as nature bleeds  
we'll sow the seeds  
of hope today.

Together we will walk  
the new way you reveal;  
our planet cries from wounds  
that love alone can heal.  
Inspire us, Lord,  
to give and care,  
that all may share  
your earth restored.

*Author: Brian Davis, Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH*

*Communion hymn: You made a universe so full of wonder*

You made a universe so full of wonder,  
gave us a world to cherish and to hold.  
But we have treated it as ours to plunder:  
what you gave freely, we have bought and sold.  
What you made perfect, we have torn asunder:  
do not, O Lord, your healing power withhold.

In generous love, the pattern of your caring,  
we have been blessed with more than we could need.  
But we have hoarded what was meant for sharing,  
corrupting what you gave as fruitful seed;  
and still it is your poorest children bearing  
the cost of all our selfishness and greed.

We hear the voice that calls our generation,  
the urgent cry of beauty scarred by pain.  
Our lives must change in this and every nation  
so prayer and action shall not be in vain;  
we pledge to live in ways of restoration  
until your earth is whole and good again.

*Words by Ally Barrett, Tune FINLANDIA*

*Final hymn: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder*  
*Number 262 in Common Praise*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 10am:  | Holy Communion                         |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 10:30am: | Family Service: Celebration of animals |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 10am:  | Holy Communion                         |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 10am:    | Breathing Space                        |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 10:30am: | Holy Communion                         |

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

This week's sanctuary flowers are the gift of Mrs P. Galea.

### **NEXT SUNDAY: ANIMAL SERVICE**

Please not next week there is an invitation to bring animals to the service for a blessing. The aisle next to the St Katherine's Chapel will be kept animals free for anyone who needs extra space.

### **THE GIFT OF SILENT PRAYER**

"Welcome to Breathing Space. This is a time to practise the ancient Christian tradition of contemplative silent prayer. It is an invitation to simply be present with God. To discover God's peace in a noisy world. And when we are at peace we might create ripples of peace in the world around us".

All are welcome to join others in the choir vestry (entry through the church's back door) on 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 10.45am. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **POST SERVICE REFRESHMENT SERVERS**

Help is required to serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits after the Sunday morning service. Volunteers are put on a rota and on duty no more than once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Sue Eaton or ask the person serving you today to find out more.

### **AUGUST ECO TIP**

The Season of Creation (1 September–4 October) is a time to celebrate God as Creator and sustainer of all life. We have a number of creation-focused events coming up: a **People's Emergency Briefing film screening** on Friday 11 September; an **Animal Service and Pet Blessing** on Sunday 13 September; a **Creation-themed Garden Pilgrimage** on Sunday 20 September; and a **Fair Trade stall** after the service on Sunday 27 September. On Saturday 3 October, come and help tidy and care for the front garden. Our **Harvest Service** will be on Sunday 11 October, with donations for St Mary's Pantry followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

### **Tidying the garden at the front of the church**

From 11<sup>th</sup> April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2026 dates will be: 5<sup>th</sup> September, and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris. As with all volunteering roles volunteers will be required to complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training prior to starting.

### **This week please pray for;**

- Bec and Shaun as they get married here on Friday.
- The People's Emergency Briefing film screening on Friday evening.
- Our church finances as we continue to operate on a significant deficit.

## **Useful Contacts**

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