

Dear all,

When you look at creation, what takes your breath away? Is it a sunrise or a sunset? Perhaps it is the beach, the ocean, a mountain range or a flower? Whatever it is, we are privileged to live in the most amazing world, full of so much diversity, colour and life. Growing up in New Zealand, I know I was spoilt for choice...mind you, there's plenty to 'wow' at in the UK and all around the globe.

All of creation has been created by God for our enjoyment – imagine that – God has spared nothing to help enrich our lives. However, we, as God's Tenants of Planet Earth, have a responsibility to look after it. The question is when we look out around the world, are we doing this? Are we as Christians leading by example?

During September, we will be exploring the Biblical foundations for caring for creation, the role of the church in this, and how our care can start TODAY. Accompanying this series is a leaflet (available from church or our website) of practical ways we can make a difference.

What will your response be?

Church News:

• We need YOUR help

To help the Church's Leadership and PCC discern the way forward in terms of resuming more of our Services and Ministries in the Autumn, your help is needed! Please complete a short questionnaire by clicking here. Please complete by next Friday 11 September.

• NEW Family at Home Resources

We are excited to launch this week some new weekly Family at Home Resources. These resources cater for Pre-schoolers, Infant and Junior School aged children. Included also is a Fortnightly Children's Challenge that will be shared in our Live-stream Service. Why not enjoy these resources on Sunday mornings with your family? To view them, click here.

Weekly Diocesan Service

This service can now be found on the Service Resources... website page that you can access **by clicking here**.

Recipe Book

What home cooked meals have you enjoyed most during the lockdown? What about sharing these with the church? Let's get our tastebuds going and share our favourite recipes by sending them to brianelliott1948@gmail.com What could you surprise us with?

Sunday 6 September

This week we begin a new series on Sundays and in Life Groups looking at how we as Christians are called to care and champion God's creation. To explore the various resources available and for further information, click this link.

This Sunday also includes Communion, so for those joining the livestream, please do get ready for this. To book tickets, please click this link.

Zoffee and Zea

Zoffee and Zea will again be at **7pm** this week to give those attending church and on the live stream a chance to join us. If you have not come on the call before please do come along - it is very informal a chance to chat to a few people, we use small groups so you will be with 2 or 3 others, people have found it a lovely way to get to know each other or stay in touch.

Everyone is welcome and Jenny Barrett will be running the call, which will be for 40 minutes. To join this time, please contact me.

Church's Annual Meeting (APCM)

This is now rescheduled for **Sunday 4 October at 11.15am** after the 10am service. People can attend either in person or via Zoom online - further details will be available closer to the time. To view last year's report and the meeting agenda etc, please **click on this link**. Paper copies are still available in the Church.

The Electoral Roll is once again open for revisions - if you checked your details earlier this year, you're fine. If you want to check or confirm your details, please email pccsec@eatonsocon.org

Under Aslan's Paw,

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Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon