



Dear all,

What is it that motivates you to respond to an invitation or an initiative? Because we are all different (or “uums” as someone reminded me recently!), we will all respond in different ways – sometimes favourably, whilst other times we may decline the opportunity. Our response is often shaped by our attitude towards it.

During September, we have been learning together what it means to care for Creation. Where some people may have thought of Creation Care as an aspect of life that only those who feel passionate over, need to get involved with, we have learned that the Bible teaches us that it is all our responsibility without exception - each of us needs to play our part.

It usually starts with us taking those first tentative baby steps, before we learn to walk...after which anything is possible! So, my challenge to you is what steps have you taken this month to care more for Creation? If you're still not sure how to start, why not read the Practical Application Leaflet that is full of ideas and choose one idea...you just never know the impact this may have on your life, and the lives of people around you now and in the generations to come. Food for thought!

Church News:

- **Weekday Ministry Developments**

This Wednesday 30th Sept, the midweek Communion Service starts again. This will take place at its usual time of 9am, last for around 45 minutes and will held in the Nave of the Church. To book your tickets, [please click here.](#)

We regret we are unable to live-stream this service at this time, but as the AV Team grows, who knows what will be possible...! If you would be willing to learn how to operate a video camera, please do contact me.

- **Creation Care – A chance to go deeper**

On Sunday 11th October, 6pm-7pm, there will be an opportunity to explore an aspect of Creation Care in more depth. This will take place on Zoom and will be led by John Wood & Jenny Barrett – to learn more and to book your place, [please click here.](#)

- **Church's Annual Meeting (APCM)**

Next Sunday (4th October), we have our Annual meeting after the 10am service. All those on the Electoral Roll are able to attend, either in person or via Zoom online.

To attend on Zoom, please [click this link:](#)

Meeting ID: 751 4915 9393

Passcode: 029489

The meeting will start around 11.15am with Zoom access available from 11.10am.

All questions need to be submitted to me by **Thursday 1st October 12noon** for inclusion in the meeting. Please send them to vicar@eatonsocon.org

To view last year's report and the meeting agenda, please [click on this link.](#) The meeting's proposals will be available on this link on Friday 2nd October. Paper copies will also be available in the Church.

- **Job Opportunities at The Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst**

As we emerge from lockdown, The Stables Christian Centre, run by members of St Mary's have two part time job vacancies:

Garden and Outdoor Activities Co-ordinator
Kitchen Co-ordinator

Click on either to find out more information

- **Groundforce**

Following on from our series on Creation Care, there is an opportunity to help prepare the churchyard for Winter on Saturday 17th October 9.30am-12noon. Do join us. Contact James Faulkner for more information.

Under Aslan's Paw,

Tim

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