



Dear all,

Recently Julie and I tackled one of those jobs that is easy to keep putting off – tidying up the garage! The first major clean of this area since we moved to Eaton Socon, it was long overdue. Sorting through everything, we found ourselves reminiscing about various past events, as well as reflecting on what could hopefully be useful in the future. We even found a few items to put on Freecycle in the hope of finding them a new home, rather than just throwing them out (an example of a small step in our care for Creation)!

This Sunday is our Annual Meeting when we look back on the past and give thanks to God for all He has done. Whilst the events of 2019 seem a lifetime ago, there were many good things that happened. At the same time, we also look to the future, because we know that our God is faithful – despite the storms of life, He is always with us. As God reminds us in the words of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:11-13):

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

May you know these words of truth in your life both today and for all eternity.

Church News:

- **Church's Annual Meeting (APCM)**
This Sunday, 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 contact vicar@eatonsocon.org

The meeting will start soon after the 10am service, so if you're joining on Zoom, please join asap after the 10am service.

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

- **Families Event - Save the date!**

To all families - please keep **Sunday 15 Nov at 3.30pm** free in your diaries. We are planning the first of a series of special socially distanced Family Events in Church (Messy Church style). Each family will be in a bubble around the church - tickets will be limited. Watch out for more information coming soon.

- **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](#).

- **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. Click here to [book your place](#).

- **Weekday Ministry Developments**

Do join us for our midweek Communion Service on Wednesdays at 9am. This service lasts for around 45 minutes and is held in the Church. To book your tickets, [please click here](#).

- **Sunday 4th October Service**

To book your place at this Sunday's service, [please click here](#).

Under Gaal's Guidance,

Tim

Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon

P.S. Do you know who Gaal is? The answer can be found in the Archives of Anthropos Series by John White...!