



Dear all,

This country is hosting two important international meetings this year, the G7 summit in Cornwall next week and COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow in November. Is this just an event for politicians, or should we as Christians be interested too?

As Christians we love God who made and loves this world and the creatures and people who live in it. The Bible teaches us to take care of the earth, so when we realise that the way we're using the earth is damaging natural processes, causing the extinction of thousands of species and suffering to both creatures and people around the world, then we need to respond.

At its last meeting, our PCC recognised that we face a global environmental crisis, and that we must change our habits and practices. That is why we have encouraged the Creation Care Team over the past year to develop our environmental programme. We are looking at the way we use our land and buildings, how we can adopt greener life-styles, and how we can encourage our community in Eaton Socon and beyond. We are delighted that, like over 1000 other churches in the country, our programme has just been approved for the Eco Church bronze award.

We are marking this Sunday as 'Climate Sunday', when our worship will focus on creation, and how we can respond to the current crisis. The PCC has added its name to a petition to the Prime Minister asking him to act ahead of COP26, and it would be great if you added your name too. The PCC has also written to Jonathan Djanogly MP (see the letter on our website). Perhaps you would like to write to your MP as well. St Paul, in writing to Timothy, encourages us to pray for our government. We can all do this as it prepares to lead this conference in November, praying that it will do so with wisdom, resolve, integrity and generosity.

With every blessing from the Creation Care Team

Church News:

This Church News covers the next 2 weeks as staff are enjoying some time off!

- **Recent passing of Judith Margolis**

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Judith Margolis earlier this week. Please remember her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

- **The Stables, Bolnhurst Sale**

The Stables Christian Centre at Bolnhurst is holding an open sale on **Saturday June 5th, from 10am to 3pm**. No appointment necessary, come any time to browse and buy herb and wild flower plants, preserves, crafts and cakes . All proceeds to the Charity."

- **Used Stamps for Leprosy Mission**

Thank you from the World Mission Team for storing up all your used stamps over the last weeks and months. There is a box in church for collection of the stamps. Please make use of this.

- **World Mission Update from ACTIOS**

[Click here](#) to read the latest update from ACTIOS.

- **Ecclesiastical Insurance 'Nominate a Charity'**

Our Church Insurers Ecclesiastical are giving people the opportunity to nominate charities in its 2021 Movement for Good Awards, where 500 Charities will each receive £1000.

As a registered Charity, St Mary's Eaton Socon can be nominated. You're invited to [click here](#) to nominate St Mary's! Nominations close 13 June. St Mary's Charity Number is **1130537**. The greater the number of nominations we receive, the greater the chances we have of receiving an award!

- **Kitchen Update**

Nearly £13,000 has been given towards this project so far – thank-you for your support. To continue supporting this project please [click here](#).

- **Keep Britain Tidy!**

Keep Britain Tidy are calling this coming fortnight the **Great British Spring Clean**, and are asking us to help clear litter from our streets and parks. As we're thinking about God's creation on Sunday 6th June, it's a good opportunity to put our care of creation into practice. Can you spend half an hour after the morning service picking litter from the Churchyard or our surrounding streets and paths? Or you could pick up litter as you make your way home? We'll have some equipment for you outside church after the service, or bring your own gloves, pickers and bin bags. If you want to get more involved, see www.KeepBritainTidy.org

- **Latest Creation Care Newsletter**

The Creation Care Group's Spring newsletter is now available on the [church website](#). Paper copies will be available at the end of Sunday's service.

- **Adopt a Flower Bed**

The Creation Care Team invites members of the congregation to help with the "Adopt a Flower Bed Scheme" for 2021. There are 16 flower beds in our beautiful churchyard, varying from small to quite large. They need keeping tidy, pruning and where necessary replacing plants (preferably with native species). This can be done by an individual, a family or a group. Six beds have already been "adopted" so if you are interested, please contact Roger Peppiatt on email creationcare@eatonsocon.org.

A map showing the flower beds can be found by [clicking here](#).

- **Sunday Services**

Do join us for this week's service at 10am in person, on Facebook or YouTube! [Click here](#) to book your tickets for Sunday's service and next week's Wednesday Service.

Under Aslan's paw,
Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon