



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

Sunday 5th February 2023 Eco Service

For this Eco Service, one of two times each year we hold one, we hear the creation narrative from Genesis. And at the pinnacle of that narrative – after God has created light and dark, sea and sky, moon and sun, and all the creatures of the world – God creates humankind. We are made in his image, given creative gifts that echo God's own, and as God looks at what he has made he sees that it is 'very good.'

But the truth is that all is not very good in God's good world. Our vocation was to be stewards and vice-regents in God's place: to echo the same creative care that God showed in creating the world. But we have spurned that call and treated the world as our own. What was once wonderfully and wildly diverse is tamed and boxed-in to suit our needs. What was once varied and beautiful is cut down and paved over to enlarge our living space. What was once a rich and colourful world risks becoming grey. The grey of concrete, and rising plumes of emissions. Without change, the vast and wonderful diversity of a colourful world, risks irreversible loss as we mindlessly sacrifice habitats, species, and ecosystems on our path towards a uniform, grey world.

And yet, humanity need not succumb to grey-ness. We are as rich and diverse as any other part of this world God has made. We too are creative. We too desire that riot of colour and un-tamed beauty that echoes God's creation. We too are capable of care and concern for what God looks at and proclaims to be 'very good.' This Eco Service is a chance to turn away from the grey-ness humanity is capable of, and instead to reflect that wild diversity, that colourful creativity, that brought creation into being and that lifts our hearts to praise of its creator.

One practical way of doing that is to join in the 'Show the Love' campaign run by The Climate Coalition. You've received a postcard with this newsletter. It's a chance to put the creative gifts God gave us all to use, to make a green heart – however simple or complex – attach it to your postcard, and send it to your MP. Her address is below. Our actions as individuals count, and our voice, added to others can help remind our nation, and even our world, that the beauty and diversity of this world needs safeguarding. God our creator gave us creative hearts and minds, perhaps today we can use them in this simple way to try and care for his world.

Genesis 1.20-31

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

TODAY

8:00am: Said Holy Communion

9:30am: Eco Family Service: Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads Eco our family service with the readings Genesis 1.1-2.3

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 1:30pm, Church: **Funeral of Margaret Scott**

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

12:00pm, Rugby Club: **Lunch Group**

Thurs 2:00pm: Community Room: **Film Club – Fisherman's Friends**

Sat 10am-12pm, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

Sun 12th 9:30am **2 Before Lent:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches with readings from Isaiah 58.1-9a[b-12], 1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16] and Matthew 5.13-20

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 19th 3.30pm: **Messy Church at Great Park Community Centre**
Wed 22nd 7:30pm: **Ash Wednesday Service**
Thurs 23rd 2:00pm: **Chat and Craft**
Wed 1st 7:30pm: **The Chosen, at St Cuthbert's church**
Fri 3rd March 6:30pm: **Beetle Drive**
Sun 5th March 4.00pm: **Team Evensong**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/FamilyEco5Feb>

SHOW THE LOVE - This week, as mentioned on the cover, we're supporting The Climate Coalition's 'Show The Love' campaign. If you'd like to join in, please craft a green heart (however you like, you can find ideas here: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love/>) attach it to the post-card with your Newsletter, along with a personal message, put it in an envelope and post to: Catherine McKinnell MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0A.

ST COLUMBA'S FUN EVENTS – with 80's Film Fun: 'Annie' on 24th February at 2pm. Under 5's free, family ticket £2, Adult £1 which includes drinks and pop-corn. Tickets available now. Also on 24th March at 7pm is a quiz night with pies and peas - tickets available soon.

EOTHEN CARE HOMES – this Christian charity are looking for trustees to join their board and make a difference in the care sector. They have care homes in Whitely Bay, Wallsend and Gosforth. If you would like more information, or to consider employment with Eothen Care Homes, please see the leaflet on the table at the back of church.

LENT COURSE – this year's Lent course will be held at St Cuthbert's church starting on Wednesday 1st March at 7:30pm where we will watch The Chosen series.

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDSm1KOURtQT09> Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

USED STAMPS – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

CHURCH OPENING – church is open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Churches in our Deanery: Jesmond Parishes. Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee

For the community – Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses

For the world – for Ukraine, Pakistan and all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

For those in need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Alan Gregg, Martin Seaton

For those who have died – Daphne Stroud, Margery Scott, Kenneth Thompson and on their anniversaries: Joyce Earnshaw, Doreen Chapman, Francis Inglis, Ethel Chandler

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