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September 2024

September is our creation focus month.

We are pleased to be an Eco-Church and to spend time considering what that means in practice and in theory. It's not always easy to be as Eco-Friendly as we like. We manage an old building that is heated with gas boilers, has an electricity supply that defies the use of the smart meters and can not be insulated to modern building standards. Many of us live lifestyles where being environmentally friendly might involve recycling, but might not make us think about what we eat, or where we buy it, or which is the most environmentally prudent mode of transport rather than the most convenient.

And why bother at all? Well even as I began to write this I glanced at my newsfeed and there was an article telling me that in 2024, 15 national temperature records have been set as all around the world people face the impact of global warming. We have had a very wet year, elsewhere temperatures are reaching dangerous heights in places that used to be habitable. That is creating population pressures as people seek to leave unmanageable regions and relocate into more temperate climates (like ours) and others look to hold on to what they have and create barriers to movement. The temptation for many is to ignore it all and hope that it goes away, or remains manageable in our lifetimes.

But, when we turn to the bible we discover wonderful poems of creation in which God declares, "It is good" and hands the earth's resources to humanity to steward and tend. When we steward such things we do so not just for our own benefit, but to hand something good onto other generations. Sadly, future generations may look at our lifetimes and wonder, "How could they?" So we try lots of little steps, hoping that by all doing so we can make a difference, and new generations can experience a more eco-friendly way of life.

Our services in September will be about Respect; Remembering; Reducing, Reusing, Recycling; Responding; Rejoicing. It will culminate in a Harvest festival and lunch that will encourage us to use our LOAF. That is, sourcing food that is LOCAL and therefore seasonal and reducing the food miles; ORGANIC, respecting the natural ways of growing without pesticides; ANIMAL-FRIENDLY, remembering that livestock are sentient created beings and treating them accordingly; FAIRTRADE, ensuring that everyone in the food production chain gets a fair price for their investment. Please join us through this Season of Creation and be encouraged in your own environmentally friendly journey.

Be blessed

Craig



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



Nature & Nurture (An Eco-Church Activity!)

Here we are enjoying coffee and sustenance after an enjoyable August walk round the Outwoods. (Off camera, under the table Barney and Ben are flaked out on the floor) The day before had registered 25 degrees in my car, luckily for our walk the temperature had dropped to 16 degrees, so we set off in slight drizzle, but it soon cleared to give us a very pleasant leisurely dry walk.

Gillian

Elders & Church Secretary

In September members will receive the first piece of information about Elders nominations for 2025. We would ask you to pray and think very carefully about allowing your name to be included on the nominations sheet when that is circulated. Hilary and Alan will come to the end of their terms of office in December, which potentially leaves us with three Elders if they are not replaced. That would not be a good situation in which to find ourselves. At this time, I would ask you NOT to exclude yourself unless you know there is very good reason to do so, then I would ask you to prayerfully read this document <https://urc.org.uk/your-faith/more-about-ministry/become-an-elder/> We need a variety of skills and we also need to ensure that those who remain as Elders are not overburdened.

We also need to recruit a new Church Secretary. Hilary continued in this role the last time she had a sabbatical as an Elder, so didn't really get a sabbatical. Now we need to honour that commitment we have made to her. Therefore, we have created a role description which you can find at https://loughboroughurc.co.uk/?page_id=5370. Again please pray about this for yourself or for others. If you wish to suggest someone for this role, or if you are feeling called to this role, then in the first instance please contact Craig. And if Craig should get in touch with you, please take time to prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve the church in this way.

SEPTEMBER FLOWER ROTA

- 1 Geetha
- 8 Pat
- 15 Phyllis
- 22 Anne
- 29 Harvest - Cathy

We are grateful to all those who provide and those who arrange the flowers. If you would like to offer to help in any way, please speak to Una or Sheila J.

September Calendar		Season of Creation
Sunday 1st	10:30am	Respecting God's Creation Worship led by Daphne Beale
Tuesday 3rd	2:00pm	Tuesdays@2.
	4:00pm	Prayers@4
Friday 6th		No Bible Study
Sunday 8th	10:30am	Remembering: Communion led by Mike Playdon
	12:45	Christian Aid Lunch at LBC
Wednesday 11th	10:30am	Nature & Nurture at Beacon Lower Car Park
Thursday 12th	7:00pm	Elders' Meeting
Saturday 14th	10 - 1pm	Coffee morning in the vestibule - Church open for 'Ride and Stride'
Sunday 15th	10:30am	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Worship led by Daphne Beale and Geetha Bala
Tuesday 17th	2:00pm	Tuesdays@2.
	4:00pm	Prayers@4
Thursday 19th	10:00am	Mission & Outreach group meeting in Vestry
Friday 20th	10:30am	Bible Study; Joshua 8 in Blue Room or via Zoom Meeting ID: 893 0123 3247 Passcode: 772397
Saturday 21st	2:00pm	Isaac Watts Commemoration Service at Melton Mowbray with Freeby URC
Sunday 22nd	10:30am	Responding: Worship led by Mike Playdon
Thursday 26th	7:00pm	Church Meeting in Blue Room and/or via Zoom Meeting ID: 881 4204 4106 Passcode: 158683
Sunday 29th	10:30am	Rejoicing: Harvest Worship led by Craig Muir
	12 noon	Harvest Lunch: See Sign up Sheet in Blue Room
October Calendar		
Tuesday 1st	2:00pm	Tuesdays@2.
	4:00pm	Prayers@4
Friday 4th	10:30am	Bible Study; Joshua 9 in Blue Room or via Zoom Meeting ID: 893 0123 3247 Passcode: 772397

Sunday 6th	10:30am	Worship led by Mike Playdon
	5pm	Living Well: Worship, discussion and Food in partnership with Trinity & LBC. Meeting at LBC
Wednesday 9th	10:30am	Nature & Nurture (place to be confirmed)
Saturday 12th	10:00am	East Midlands Synod Meeting at Abbots Road.
Sunday 13th	10:30am	Three Choirs: Communion Service in partnership with Trinity & LBC. Meeting at URC
Tuesday 15th	2:00pm	Tuesdays@2.
	4:00pm	Prayers@4
Thursday 17th	10:00am	Worship Group meeting in Vestry
	2:00pm	Elders' Meeting
Friday 18th	10:30am	Bible Study; Joshua 10 in Blue Room or via Zoom Meeting ID: 893 0123 3247 Passcode: 772397
Sunday 20th	10:30am	Worship led by Lesley Moseley
Tuesday 22nd	11:00am	Grub Club
Thursday 24th	11:00am	Grub Club
Sunday 27th	10:30am	Worship led by Mike Playdon
Monday 28th	All day	Synod Team on Tour at Christ Church, Leicester LE3 2EB
Tuesday 15th	2:00pm	Tuesdays@2.
	4:00pm	Prayers@4
Wednesday 30th	3pm	Wednesday Warm Welcome