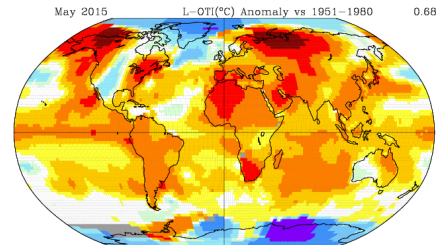


NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - April 2019

Our Planet Matters

The past few years have seen a plethora of programmes on TV and radio warning us that the planet on which we live is suffering. As I write this, Blue Planet Live is reiterating this message and just this morning there was a piece on BBC Breakfast about the netting of trees and hedges by developers to stop birds nesting at what is a crucial time for them. I know I am not alone in wondering what on earth has happened to our society where developers will seemingly stop at nothing to get what they want regardless of the needs of nature. How many more warnings do we need before our leaders and those with power will sit up and take real notice of the damage being done in many and various ways. The modern consumerist approach to everything is damaging and in places destroying what God has given us to enjoy and to bring joy to our lives.



Yes, God has given us all this, but how seriously do we take the role of God as Creator of all that is? This was brought home to me when I came across a project by a group called Green Christian entitled 'Joy in Enough.' Here is part of that article, addressed to the Creator:

Our climate is changing, and we are changing it. We confess our carbon footprints, our failure to consider the consequences of our actions, our slowness to react. We are sorry for the times we knew the right thing to do, but chose convenience.

Your earth is exploited, and we are complicit in its exploitation. Species are lost, soil erodes, fish stocks decline, resources dwindle. We confess that many of us have taken too much, and not considered the needs of future generations.

We have become consumers. We have turned a blind eye to greed. We confess our hunger for more, and our failure to appreciate what we already have. We live in a time of unparalleled luxury, and we are sorry that we have not been more grateful.

The poor are left behind, even in this age of plenty. Human rights are pushed aside for profit. Wealth accumulates for the rich while the poorest still do not have what they need. We confess our apathy to injustice, our haste in judging others.

This is not who you made us to be. We have not been good caretakers of your garden Earth. We have not loved our neighbours. Forgive us, creator God.

As Lent continues and we travel towards the festival of New Life at Easter, I pray we will take these words to heart, think on them, and commit ourselves to looking after what life there is left in our world, so that we and successive generations can truly thrive in the abundance God has given us.

With every blessing

Father Tackin

Calendar - April

1st	7.00pm	Lent Group
3rd	7.30pm	Eucharist
5th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
6th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
7th	LENT 5	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	11.30am	APCM
8th	7.00pm	Lent Group
9th	6.00pm	Life Education AGM in Church
10th	7.30pm	Chrism Mass at St Hugh's
12th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
13th	10.00am	Coffee Stop
14th	PALM SUNDAY	
	9.45am	Procession of Palms (White House) Sung Eucharist & Dramatic Gospel
HOLY WEEK		
15th	7.30pm	Devotional Service
16th	7.30pm	Devotional Service
17th	7.30pm	Devotional Service
18th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	11.00am	Aaron Court Communion
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Footwashing & The Watch
19th	GOOD FRIDAY	
	10.30am	Messy Church
	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	The Liturgy
21st	EASTER DAY	
	5.00am	New Fire, Vigil & 1st Mass of Easter
	10.00am	Family Festival Eucharist
27th	10.00am	Flower Group
28th	EASTER 2	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

Daily Inspirational Bible Readings

“Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.”

1st	Psalm 14:1
2nd	Matthew 20:17-19
3rd	Hebrews 12:2
4th	Ephesians 1:7
5th	2 Corinthians 5:14-15
6th	1 John 3:16
7th	Galatians 2:20
8th	Romans 5:10
9th	Hebrews 1:3
10th	Romans 5:6-8
11th	1 Peter 2:24
12th	Luke 9:23-24
13th	Romans 3:23-24
14th	1 Corinthians 15:1
15th	Romans 13:6-7
16th	Romans 13:8
17th	1 Corinthians 1:18
18th	Romans 10:9-10
19th	1 Corinthians 15:20-22
20th	1 Corinthians 15:55-57
21st	John 10:28-30
22nd	Romans 1:20
23rd	Romans 14:11
24th	1 Peter 1:18-19
25th	Colossians 1:27-28
26th	Hebrews 7:25
27th	Luke 19:10
28th	Philippians 2:5-8
29th	Job 19:25
30th	Ephesians 4:15



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www.joyinenough.org